

ICC Americas

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Development Staff Conference Nairobi, Kenya – September 2003



The Development Staff Conference, recently concluded in Nairobi, discussed the challenges ahead of the Development Program under a wide range of headings including Planning and Policy, Finance, High Performance, Tournaments, Participation, Widening the Market and Spirit of Cricket. Details will be released in the coming weeks but two topics require immediate action by all member countries.

1. ICC Development Program Annual Awards

Last month we devoted the entire front page of our Newsflash to this topic. Again we are reminding you to get your nominations back to the regional office as soon as possible. Application forms are available from the ICC website or from the regional office.

2. Research Data Survey

Please note all delegates to the Development Forum were given a folder and floppy disk

on this topic. The research data is of great importance to the ICC development. We urge all members to familiarize themselves with the questionnaire and contact the regional office for assistance. Please pay attention to the deadline for submission.

Good Luck!

The countries of the Americas Region extend to all members of the Development Staff moving on to new careers, success in their future endeavours

We would like to thank Andrew Eade, GDM, for his past assistance and wish him well in his new career as CEO, Auckland Cricket Association.

Welcome to Richard Holdsworth who replaces Ian Stuart as Europe's Regional Development Manager.

Good luck Andrew and Ian, and best wishes from the Americas.

UNAIDS and ICC Partnership

For the first time in cricket, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has joined forces with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) to take up the fight against HIV/AIDS in cricket playing countries, some of which are hardest hit by the epidemic. The partnership announcement was made by ICC President Ehsan Mani in Mumbai. Mr. Mani was joined by Mahesh Mahalingam, Communications Adviser in UNAIDS Geneva, and Jagmohan Dalmiya, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The partnership's primary aim is to use cricket to raise public awareness of HIV/AIDS in the cricket-playing world. Other objectives are to incorporate UNAIDS education and training messages and materials in the ICC's own global Development Programme and encourage National Cricket Boards to support HIV/AIDS issues.



Argentina

The ACA held a Development Forum at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Centre in Buenos Aires, which was attended by approximately 40 delegates from clubs and schools. The four main themes presented and discussed at the three-hour forum were Coaching, Competition, Participation and Administration. The event was very successful and hopefully the ideas exchanged and messages delivered will be taken on board for the forthcoming season, and seasons ahead.

A presentation was made to the delegates of ESSARP, the English Speaking Scholastic Association of the River Plate, which drew a positive response from the schools represented. It is hoped that this presentation will precipitate a wider involvement of traditional schools in Buenos Aires in the ACA development program.

The second of a series of seminars, involving the Argentina senior national squad, was held in September at the offices of the ACA. These seminars are designed to educate and prepare national team players for the challenges ahead, as they prepare for

future regional and international competition. Each seminar is interactive and designed around a specific topic, the first two being "How to make yourself a better player, and how to improve the players you play with", and "How to select a balanced cricket team, and how to manage that team to success".

The 2003/04 season gets underway in Argentina in October, with pre-season events and friendly matches, and is scheduled to end around the end of March 2004. Highlights include

- the 104th North v South three-day U19 match, the first ever of its kind
- the Carcamanes Cricket Festival for cricketers aged 40 and over (which has attracted teams from around the world)
- visits from touring teams
- re-launching of a schools cricket league which has been inactive for many years amongst various cricket activities on and off the field.

Belize

The MCC "B" team recently concluded a most successful tour of Belize. Their visit helped in promoting and encouraging the game within a country at an early stage of its cricket development. The tour provided a much needed focus to rekindle interest in the game and to provide encouragement to those working to building the sport.

The MCC tour party held a very successful coaching clinic attended by about seventy young boys and girls.

Game 1: MCC "B" 231-5 Belize 117
Game 2: MCC "B" 174-9 Belize 120
Improvement of playing surfaces, equipment and coaching are among the most needed requirement to improve the level of cricket in Belize. The ICC Americas Development is assisting the Belize Cricket Association with a grant to purchase cricket equipment.

Bermuda

Hurricane Fabian forced the cancellation of two major Cup tournaments as the Island concentrated on the restoration work needed after the unwelcome visitor departed.

The Barbados National team completed a successful tour of Bermuda with matches being played against a League Select X1, the BCB Select and Cup invitational teams.

The Premier league wound up with the Willow Cuts, defeating Cleveland to secure a spot in the top flight next season. Somerset was relegated to the 1st Division

Brazil

Plans are underway for the first South American Invitational Tournament, to be held at the picturesque HSBC ground, November 27-30 in Curitiba, southern Brazil. Held on alternate years to the South American Championships, the Invitational is designed to involve as many players as possible, particularly those who are unable to compete in the SAC (to be held December 2004 in Santiago, Chile). The Chilean national team will be squaring off against 3 different versions of the Brazilian national team, who are looking to avenge their narrow defeat against Chile last December in Buenos Aires. This will mark the first international cricket matches to be held in Brazil outside of Sao Paulo or Rio de Janeiro. Rounding out the four days of cricket will be an interstate match between Parana and the Federal District who, after several years at the bottom of the Brazilian league table, have turned into a powerhouse, routing perennial champs Sao Paulo and Parana earlier this year. The team's change in fortune is due in no small part to its popular new practice facilities – floodlit nets on the grounds of the Australian Embassy in Brasilia. Meanwhile, cricket in Sao Paulo continues to grow, with new teams being added and a new ground in heavy use at the HSBC sports complex.

Canada

U19 Team



The Canadian U19 Team was presented to the Canadian High Commissioner to Guyana, Mr. Serge Marcoux, prior to their game against the host nation at the recently completed WICB U19 TCL Championship. Mr. Chetram Singh, President of Guyana Cricket Board, made the presentation.



The Canadian U19 Youth Team at Bourda, Georgetown, Guyana

It was Canada's most successful showing at the annual WICB U19 Championship, with a victory over Leeward Islands in the one-day competition and first innings victory over Barbados in the three-day competition.

U17 Eastern Canada Camp

Over 70 youngsters from Quebec and Ontario attended this development camp, with morning coaching sessions and afternoon games.



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Red Stripe Bowl

The WICB in their continuing effort to assist in the development progress has again invited Canada to take part in the annual one-day competition – the Red Stripe Bowl. The first game is on October 2nd against the Windward Islands. Stiff competition in a tough Group A must be expected, but as Sir Garfield Sobers and others advocate, exposure of young players is required as part of the learning curve and national team development.

Several CWC 2003 players were unavailable due to work commitments, retirements or to injury. Two of the invited newcomers, players Karun Jethi and Umar Bhatti who were members of the gold medal Canada team in the U19 Americas tournament, participated in the recent WICB U19 tournament in Guyana, and are part of a base of younger recruits whose successful performances and potential can significantly impact on Canada team performances and future development.

Karun Jethi was a leading wicket taker in the U19 WICB event, and Umar Bhatti, a graduate of the WICB U19 St. George's class of 2002, will again be testing skills against some of his Academy class. Ishwar Maraj takes over the captaincy from the recently retired Joe Harris, and together with Ashish Bagai (w/k), Ashish Patel, Austin Codrington (Man of the Match vs Bangladesh) and Abdool Samad are the only members of the 2003 World Cup team. The rest of the team are Ashif Mulla, Sandeep Jyoti, Sunil Dhaniram, Kevin Sandher,

Aftab Shamsudeen, Donovan Maxwell and Zahid Hussain.

Mike Henry, the newly elected CCA Senior Coordinator and Canada's umpire at the recent CWC 2003 in South Africa, is Manager of the squad.

Phillip Service and Andre Coley (WICB Development) will join the team in Jamaica as Coach and Assistant Coach, respectively.

Canada's Red Stripe Schedule

October 2 vs Windward Islands
October 4 vs Trinidad & Tobago
October 8 vs Jamaica

Cuba

Leona Ford, President of the Cuba Cricket commission, expresses her association's gratitude to the Canadian Cricket Association and Mr. Austin Ward, proprietor of Dixie Sports, Toronto, Canada for his kind donation of cricket equipment and a computer to assist in the development of Cuban cricket.

On September 12 the first national meeting was held with 27 representatives from 9 provinces together with two representatives of the National and Provincial Recreational Department of Sport (INDER). The new executive is Leona Ford (President), Adolfo Tratman (VP), Hermes Cuevas (Secretary), Melba Smith (Treasurer) and Reina Mendez (Asst.Sec./Treas.).

The planned triangular tournament between Panama, Belize and Cuba was cancelled due to the unavailability of the two countries.

The Cuban Cricket Commission would like to remind Clubs that the deadline to register for their Club Festival to be held July 29 to August 1, 2004, is November 15, 2003.

Those interested should register by contacting Enrique Iglesias
(agenciaco@cubadeportes.cu)

Mexico

A new developing territory is working closely with our RDO, Grant Dugmore, as they come closer to applying for affiliate status. The Mexicans are looking forward to a proposed tour from Belize later this year.

WICB

Teddy Griffith is the new WICB President.
Barbadian Teddy Griffith is the new President of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) following Tuesday's vote to fill the position left vacant by Rev. Wes Hall.

Griffith was elected to the post of President over the only other candidate, former Vice-President, Clarvis Joseph.

Vice-President Val Banks had already been re-elected at the Annual General Meeting in Dominica on July 12.

Griffith, who has played cricket for Barbados and Jamaica, is also Chairman of the WICB Marketing committee. Over the last decade, he has led the development of the WICB's Strategic Plans as well as a number of successful marketing strategies, particularly in the area of international television rights.

The new President has had a distinguished career in the private sector, having held leadership positions within corporations in his homeland as well as in Jamaica where he resided for many years.

REMINDER



Just a few places left. If you still haven't confirmed your participation, here's your invitation.

Carcamanes Cricket Festival Buenos Aires, Argentina February 28 -March 5,2004

Teams Confirmed

Namibia Knightwatchman	- Namibia
Pakistan Golden Oldies	- Pakistan
The Troubadours	-England
Buckingham Cavalliers	-England
Tawa Turtles	-New Zealand
Sarasota Cricket Club	-USA
Caribbean Masters of Florida	-USA-West Indies
CBC Golden Oldies	-Australia
Guanacos on the River	-Argentina
Silver Foxes X1	-Argentina

Contact by October 31, 2003

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