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Windies back on top.

ICC Champions Trophy – Supporting the ICC’s Development Program

The ICC Development Program has helped the cricket world almost double in size over the last seven years. Launched in 1997 the idea was to develop cricket into a truly global sport through fostering the game in the existing Associate and Affiliate Member countries, while also attracting new Affiliate Members.

Due to the success of the Development Program, the number of ICC Members has increased by 41 over the past six years. There are now 92 member countries: 10 Full, 27 Associate and 55 Affiliate Members.

Although global in its objectives and aims, the program is delivered through five regional offices: Africa, Americas, Asia, East Asia-Pacific and Europe.

Key areas of the regional development work include coach and umpire education, provision of equipment, facilities, resources and promotional materials, elite player programs and tournaments on both a local and regional basis.

The Development Program is funded through the hosting of the ICC Champions Trophy (previously known as the ICC Knockout Tournament), which is held on a two year cycle amongst the Full Members and top two Associate Members.

2004 Champions Trophy

The West Indies in an incredible comeback captured the 2004 Champions Trophy by two wickets over favoured England. The victory moved the West Indies to 4th in the ODI Championship ranking.

Previous winners of this tournament, which started in 1998 to support the Development Fund, are:

1998 (ICC Knockout) - South Africa defeated West Indies

2000 (ICC Knockout) – New Zealand defeated India

2002 (Champions Trophy) – Sri Lanka vs India: Rain - no results

2004 (Champions Trophy) West Indies defeated England

For complete results, visit our website at www.icc-cricket.com

Players’ Contribution to ICC Champions Trophy 2004

ICC President Ehsan Mani has praised the contribution of the players competing in the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 for the spirit, support and generosity they have shown during the two weeks of the tournament.

In addition to their on-field performances, players have also given freely of their time, and in some cases their match fees, to support worthy projects. As part of international cricket’s partnership with the Joint United Nations

Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), players from Australia, South Africa and West Indies visited a HIV/AIDS centre in London to help draw attention to the cause.

Players from South Africa and West Indies were also prominent in their financial support for the Grenada Disaster Relief Fund, with both sets of players making personal donations to the appeal. The Fund, set up to assist the victims of Hurricane Ivan, also benefited from the ICC's decision to allow volunteer collectors to seek donations from spectators at the final at the Oval.



UNAIDS Partnership

Facts on HIV/AIDS and cricket

“The threat of HIV/AIDS in many of the countries in which cricket is played is acute and it is in keeping with the spirit of cricket that the ICC exercises this social responsibility”. (ICC President Ehsan Mani).

The cricket world and HIV/AIDS

- There are 40 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the world.
 - Of these, 12 million live in the main cricket-playing countries
 - Nearly nine million live in India and South Africa alone.
- In the West Indies, HIV is spreading rapidly.
- Despite current low levels of infection in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the potential for the spread of HIV is high without effective education.
- Current trends in the UK, Australia and New Zealand show a rise in sexually transmitted infections and in unsafe sex practices, signaling the need for renewed prevention efforts.
- Around 4,000 people become infected with HIV in South Asia alone during the time it takes to play a Test match.

Since September 2003, the ICC has implemented numerous awareness-raising initiatives to drive the level of understanding and education about HIV/AIDS.

At a national level, all of the ICC's Full Member countries have appointed HIV/AIDS Awareness Co-ordinators to work closely with UNAIDS officials in their countries to implement initiatives.

World Aids Day is December 1.

Global Cricket Academy

Dubai Sports City, the world's first integrated purpose-built sports city, announced it is to host the first International Cricket Council (ICC) Global Cricket Academy.

The ICC Global Cricket Academy will be an international centre of excellence for cricket, bringing together the skills and facilities to allow cricket players, including juniors, coaches, umpires, curators and administrators, to develop their abilities.

When finished in 2007 the Academy will have access to a 30,000 seat cricket stadium, three purpose built cricket grounds, indoor and outdoor training facilities, a gym, pool, lecture theatres and classrooms, sports science and sports medicine facilities, in place for the use of the Academy.

“With the facilities that are being put in place, the ICC Global Cricket Academy will be an outstanding resource for the ICC and our 92 members to use to continue the growth of the game.” (Ehsan Mani).

ICC Development Staff Conference

The ICC Development Staff Conference was held at Lord's Cricket Ground from September 22-27. For the first time all members of the department (18) from around the world were in attendance.

The staff was joined by individual managers of the other ICC departments and Mr. Malcolm Speed, CEO, ICC.

The main objectives of the Conference were achieved, namely:

- Sharing of proven successful practices between regions.
- A better understanding and working relationship with all other ICC departments
- To present the current state of the Development Program and its objectives for the next 12 months.
- To build a stronger sense of the “Development Team” working together towards shared goals.
- To allow regions to present specialist topics in order to effectively share knowledge while improving presentation skills.
- One on one discussion between central and regional staff to discuss regional problems and objectives.

Last 12 months highlights of the Development Program:

- Participation/activity growth 26%.
- 3 new Affiliates (Mexico in the Americas) – Total members 92.
- Full member support increase.
- Introduction of first-class competition – Intercontinental Cup (Bermuda, Canada, USA).
- ICC/USA cricket special project – Gary Hopkins appointed CEO.
- Planned coaching instructors courses in Mexico City, November 2004 – joint program with WICB.
- Membership audit – all countries in the Americas in compliance.
- Data survey – 100% Americas Region response.
- USA wins Six Nations Challenge – takes part in Champions Trophy, England 2004.
- WCQS Tournament successfully staged. Bahamas wins Affiliates, Canada wins Associates.
Canada, USA, Bermuda qualify for ICC Trophy 2005
Cayman Islands to Division 2 in Malaysia, Feb. 2005
- Conway Young (Belize) attends Cricket Academy in Trinidad & Tobago

MEET THE REGIONS

In the next four issues we will introduce you to our staff around the globe. This month we feature the entire Global Development Team pictured here at Lord's Cricket Ground



ARGENTINA



2004/05 Cricket Season

The Argentina Cricket Association is getting itself ready for what is going to be a very busy 2004/05 season. The cricket season will officially start on Sunday, 31st October with a six-a-side tournament for the Junior clubs and schools during the morning, followed by the Seniors with the 1st and 2nd Division clubs taking part.

The Second Division and Robin Stuart Shield (1st Division Cup) will start on the 6th and 7th November respectively. The Junior club leagues will be played every Saturday morning at the respective clubs, starting in November and finishing in the middle of December.

The Youth Tournament (Under 15) will be held in Buenos Aires from the 5th-11th December and will be hosted by St. George's College. The tournament will comprise of the following teams: Natal Midlands (South Africa), Emu Chicks (Australia), St. George's College (Argentina) and the A.C.A. Invitation XI! (Argentina). This will be a yearly tournament and is open to all schools and district teams. For more information on next year's event, please contact Gary Savage at garysavage@sion.com or cricketargentina2004@yahoo.com

The Argentine "A" team will take part in the South American Championships, which is due to be held in Santiago de Chile from the 8th-12th December. The final squad will be announced on the 31st October.

The Argentine Under 15 team will be touring South Africa in February 2005 where they have seven matches organized against schools along the Garden Route.

Senior tours to Argentina scheduled for the 2004/05 season are:

Chilean Development X1 (Chile) – January 2005
Menorca Cricket Club (Spain) – February 2005
Wanderers Cricket Club (UK) – March 2005
St. Andrews University (Scotland) – April 2005 (to be confirmed)
Antigua Masters – Antigua, Kookaburra CC (Australia), Botswana Bushmen (Botswana), The Caribs (Trinidad & Tobago), River Plate Barbarians (Argentina), Wanderers Windhoek (Namibia).



The yearly **Carcamanes Festival** (over 40s) will be held from the 5th-12th March 2005 in Buenos Aires. For more information on this year's festival, please contact Christian Tunon on carcamanescricket@yahoo.com or check the website: www.baimax.com

TCL WI Under 19 Tournament

Martin Hemmingsen recently represented Argentina as part of the Rest of the Americas team that took part in the TCL West Indies Under 19 Tournament, which was held in Kingston, Jamaica. The following is what the coach, Philip Service had to say about Martin's performance in the tournament. "*Martin is a developing all rounder. He is what I call a "game tough player" who knows what to do in tough situations. He needs to be encouraged as he continues to improve*".

New Offices

Please note that the Argentine Cricket Association has moved into new offices. Details are as follows:

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The Argentine Cricket Association would like to wish the Cayman Cricket Association and all our friends in the Cayman Islands a speedy recovery and to let you know that you are in our thoughts. Please don't hesitate to approach us if you require any assistance.

Please submit articles and photos for the NewsFlash by 25th of each month.



Semi- Finals

16-18 Nov 1st semi-final Abu Dhabi,UAE
Scotland vs Kenya

16-18 Nov 2nd semi-final Sharjah , UAE
Canada vs UAE

21-23 Nov Final UAE

Bermuda's National Coach Mark Harper departs on winning note.

From the Royal Gazette, Bermuda:

Bermuda's memorable cricket victory over Barbados brought a smile to the lips of one man in particular – outgoing national coach Mark Harper.

In his eyes, the six- run triumph over the Caribbean powerhouse is a well-deserved reward for a consistent campaign to improve the Island's results at the national level. For it to come on the eve of his departure after a three-year contract here is very heartening.

"It's a great victory; a special occasion for Bermuda's cricket. It's no mean feat to achieve such an outstanding result against an outstanding team, especially following on the heels of Barbados' victory over the West Indies." said Harper. "I think it is a well-deserved victory by our boys. We worked very hard this year and I think we have shown improvement without getting any credit for it. I'm proud of how these guys have played this year"

It's an outcome, he added, that will certainly boost player confidence as Clay Smith and company look ahead to the ICC Trophy competition next summer in Ireland. Five teams from there will qualify for the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies.



Clay Smith (Capt) Bermuda batting vs Barbados