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ICC Americas



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Champions Trophy

The Qualifier round of the Champions Trophy began on October 7, 2006. The defending champions West Indies must qualify from among Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. Two qualifiers will join the following:

Group A

Australia
India
England
+ QW 2

Group B

South Africa
Pakistan
New Zealand
+ QW 1

The competition starts on October 15 with India taking on England.

ICC Annual Awards

It was announced that the date of this year's ICC Awards is set to change from October 23 to November 3. This year's ICC Awards will be the third staging of the event after previous ICC Awards ceremonies in London (2004) and Sydney (2005).

This year's event will see individual awards for Test Player of the Year, ODI Player of the Year, Emerging Player of the Year, Umpire of the Year, and Cricketer of the Year (who will receive the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy) as well as two new awards for Captain of the Year and Women's Cricketer of the Year.

The long list of nominations for the individual awards has already been chosen by the ICC's selection panel and can be seen at the ICC website.

The short list for those prizes which are voted for by the ICC Academy of 56 members, as well as the venue for the ICC Awards, will be announced in due course as the date for this year's ceremony draws nearer.

ICC – Americas

ICC Americas Coaching and Umpiring Seminars are now tentatively set for November 2006.

The Coaching Seminar will include the ICC Introduction to Cricket and a WICB Level 1 session, scheduled to take place in Costa Rica mid November.

Late November an Umpiring Seminar for Development Panel umpires is scheduled for Argentina.

In the summer, the Elite and some “A” Panel umpires attended an upgrade session in Toronto at which Jamaica and W.I. umpire Norman Malcolm was the instructor.

Mr. Malcolm also officiated at the Intercontinental Cup match between Bermuda and Canada.



ARGENTINA

The 2006/07 cricket season officially kicked off late September with the annual school/club trios which were hosted by Bedes Grammar School. The Trios consisted of two divisions, an Open and U15 section with five teams participating in each group.

The Open section consisted of teams from Belgrano A.C, Hurlingham, Bedes Grammar, Lomas A.C. and St. Albans College. The final was a closely contested match with Belgrano A.C. batting first and making 32 runs in their 3 overs with Lucas and Sebastian Fennell making useful contributions of 8 runs each. St. Albans ended up pulling off a dramatic victory with Lucas Campbell hitting a four off the final ball of the match. Lomas A.C. finished in third place.

The U15 section consisted of two teams from Bedes Grammar, Lomas A.C, Belgrano A.C. and St. Albans College. St. Albans College proved too strong for Bedes “B”, winning the final comfortably by 2 wickets and with 6 balls to spare. Bedes “A” finished in third place.

Coming Events

October promises to be an important month for Argentine cricket with the 200th anniversary celebrations taking place on October 21 at San Antonio de Arreco. It will also see the start of the School and Club junior league fixtures, Lincoln Academy’s visit from Chile, and the annual Senior Sixes tournament taking place October 29.

For more information on Argentine cricket, please check the website www.cricketarjentina.com.



4th Carcamanes Cricket Festival

Entries will be closing shortly for this festival to be held from March 3 to 10, 2007 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

This great annual event is for teams and clubs of cricketers at least 40 years young and is open to teams, individual players, umpires and partners. Teams from Botswana, Australia, Turks & Caicos, Anguilla, England, UAE and Argentina have already showed interest in the festival.

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practices under their belts, the group showed they have been quick learners, proving yet again that the version of street cricket played across the country dramatically increases the learning curve. As an example, Lucas Licheski (pictured) only took up bowling a short while ago but now bowls like he's been playing for years.



At the senior level, Brazil will be hosting the MCC in mid-March 2007 in Sao Paulo, and plans are well underway to field a very strong local side and treat the visitors to some great Brazilian hospitality.

BRAZIL

Cricket in Brasilia continues to grow. A new club, Candangos CC, was formed recently and played its first match against Brasilia CC on September 23. Seven Brazilians took part, which is a very good sign for the future of cricket in Brazil's capital, particularly as several of the players will be key members of the women's team which is being formed. Several of the participants were playing in their first proper game, although they have been practicing hard over the past several months, and coach Vince Bastick was more than satisfied with the level of batting, bowling, fielding and above all, sportsmanship on display.

On the same afternoon down in Curitiba, coach Paul Tobitt was putting a mixed group of 11 and 12 year olds through their paces, many of whom were also on a cricket ground for the first time. Despite having only a few

CANADA

Maple Leaf CC now ODI venue

The Maple Leaf Cricket Club at King City, Ontario has been certified by the International Cricket Council as an official venue for one-day international matches. The certification follows inspections by ICC match referees Chris Broad of England in May and Jeff Crowe of New Zealand in August, after extensive refurbishing of the facility.

Elvin Pompey, President of Maple Leaf CC, said he was thrilled at the news which had the potential to allow the facility, owned by the cricketers of the Toronto & District Cricket Association, to earn revenue from renting it out for major international matches.

Mr. Pompey noted that the refurbishing had been made possible by funds from the Ontario government channeled through the Ontario Cricket Association.

Errol Townshend, President of Ontario Cricket Association, said the challenge now was to convince the various national and international cricket organizations to stage ODIs at King City and to be able to generate revenue from such matches.

The cost of upgrading was approximately \$250,000 to satisfy all the ICC requirements. The first major event expected to test the facility was the India-West Indies series this September. However, this tournament was subsequently shifted to Malaysia after the CCA advised the Indian and West Indies cricket boards back in July that Canada was unable to host the series.



Maple Leaf Cricket Club, King City, Canada

CHILE

Chile's 2006-07 cricket season was officially launched late September with an exciting 34-over match between a team from the visiting British Navy's HMS Chatham, docked in Valparaiso port, and the Chilean Condors led by captain Clive Marriott. This was the first match between a Chilean side and a visiting British navy side since 1996, and the match was eagerly anticipated by Chilean cricketers keen to test their mettle against the best Her Majesty's Royal navy could muster.

The Chilean Condors, numbering about 13 including a mixture of national squad members, Chileans and new recruits, knew they had a tough match ahead but they also knew they had the home advantage and some fine players, any one of whom could determine the outcome of a match on his own.

The Condors got off to a good start with their opening bowlers Dowling and Walker both bowling well and using the new ball to good effect, but the sailors settled down and showed they were determined to weather the storm of Chile's bowling attack. The heat of the Chilean midday sun bore down on the pitch, sending the English lads scurrying for water and sun cream, but with several notable contributions from key players, they hung on to scrape out a respectable 140 for 8 after 35 overs.

Chile's opening batsmen, Hooper and Williams, were pegged down by the tight English bowling in the first few overs. Wickets began to fall quickly however, as the Chilean batsmen tried to accelerate the run rate. Williams, Naresh and Scott all fell cheaply before Hooper (28) and Wollocombe (68), both ex-pat Englishmen themselves, settled things down in the middle of the innings.

The old adage that "the sun never sets on the British Empire" was proved spectacularly wrong as the evening twilight bathed the Andes in a glorious pink sunset, and the English fielders could not be blamed for losing concentration as the end of the match neared and Chile quickly got the remaining runs required in the 31st over.

Other News

Highlights of the upcoming 2006-07 season include several more touring sides scheduled to play in Chile, and the South American Championship to be held in Lima next Easter.

Unfortunately, Chilean cricket will soon bid farewell to the redoubtable **Clive Marriott** who has been a stalwart of Chilean cricket for years, captaining Las Condes in the Metropolitan Cup and managing numerous tours and events as President of the Chilean Cricket Association. He will be sorely missed, and we wish him well in his new life in Brazil.

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Association, **Guy Hooper** was elected as the new President.

New NDO arrives in Chile

Chile's new National Development Officer, John Davies, arrived in Chile on September 13 after a busy season in England with the Sussex Cricket Board. Davies, a Level 111 coach from the south of England, brings a wealth of experience to the Chilean development program having played county cricket with Surrey, coached with the England ladies team and worked with the ECB as a staff coach.

The new NDO will be charged with carrying on the momentum that has been built up by Chile's development staff over the past three years. His main duties over the next seven months will be to consolidate cricket in the ACC's 15 member schools, select and coach the national junior teams and act as head coach for the Chilean senior national team ahead of their appearance at the 7th South American Championship in 2007.

Lincoln International set for Argentina

Lincoln International Academy will become the second Chilean school to send a cricket team abroad when their fifth grade boys and girls travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina on October 17. The group of 16 young cricketers will be accompanied by their coaches Joseph Williams and Claudio Abett de la Torre, and play three games against local schools.

Senior Season begins

The long-awaited 2006-07 cricket season kicks off with an opener between the Chilean

Condors and the crew of HMS Chatham. The game will be played on Sunday, September 24 at The Grange School and is a farewell game for outgoing ACC President Clive Marriott who leaves for Brasil in October.

The 2006-07 season looks set to be a momentous one for the Chilean senior national team with the 7th South American Championship being held in Peru over the Easter weekend and the MCC visiting in March.

USA

Lauderhill, Trelawny partner for cricket

The City of Lauderhill in Florida has commenced a sister city relationship with Falmouth, Jamaica to use the newly constructed stadium in Trelawny to promote cricket in Jamaica and the USA. The new partnership kicked off with the very first match at the Trelawny Multipurpose Stadium on Saturday, September 30 with the first annual Air Jamaica Cup.



The inaugural match is an international competition between a USA Invitational X1 and the Jamaican national team. A sister city match also took place on Friday, September 29 between the Lauderhill X1 and the Trelawny X1.

The Broward County Regional Park, also with a multi-purpose stadium, is an economic development engine where state football competitions and international soccer and cricket tournaments will take place, drawing thousands of visitors to the area.

The Lauderhill facility is expected to open sometime late 2007.



Free Youth Cricket Clinic

The City of Lauderhill runs a special Free Cricket Clinic for boys and girls, ages 7 – 13. The sessions are held in the evenings under lights at the Lauderhill Sports Park and conducted by coach Peter Mason, assisted by local cricketers.

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New Territories

Venezuela and Curacao (Dutch Antilles) recently staged a two game series which ended in a split. The games were played in Willemstad, Curacao.

Game 1 - Caracas won by 2 wickets
Curacao 85 (Sunil 4/13)
Caracas (Venezuela) 86-8 (Jason 5/9)

Game 2 - Curacao won by 50 runs
Curacao 214/6 (Deepak 75) Caracas 164



Openers Mike and Ashok (CSC) ready to start the historic game.

Dominican Republic reports they are inundated with requests from cricket clubs in the Caribbean and Latin American countries to visit the Dominican Republic. This is very encouraging for their young team and they look forward to having an international cricket match in the very near future. They are also taking the initiative to apply for ICC Affiliate Membership.

The first of their special Training Sessions was held on September 24 with a DVD under the leadership of Executive Vice President, Alan Buckley. Alan is very qualified to teach cricket, having been a life-long player with MCC and having written a book about cricket.

A campaign is planned to start in October to make Dominicans aware of the game of cricket and begin concentrated efforts to attract new players and fans.

Data Surveys now due. To date only four countries have submitted their returns - Belize, Brazil, Chile and Argentina. **Deadline is OCTOBER 15th, 2006**

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