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Women's Cricket a hit in Brazil



Stadium in Florida set to open November 9th, 2007



Central Broward Regional Park
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ARGENTINA

Women's cricket continued to dominate the headlines for Argentina in September with the Argentine Development team competing in a three match series against Brazil in Curitiba.

The Argentine team was made up of a number of younger players from some local schools and clubs with only Veronica Vasquez and Catalina Greloni remaining from the national tour to Canada.

The Brazilian team proved to be a strong challenge in all of the matches. The tour was a resounding success proving that there are a number of talented players amongst both the Brazilian and Argentine teams. This is, hopefully, the first step towards both countries reaching their development goals and no doubt there is great potential for the future.

The Argentine Cricket Association would like to thank the Brazilian Cricket Association (especially Norman Baldwin) for all the work that was put into making this series possible. It was an amazing effort!

Argentina is looking forward to hosting them in the near future.

For more information on the three matches, please check out the Argentine website: www.cricketargentina.com.

Women's National Team



Argentine Senior National Team

The Argentine national team is hard at work preparing for a tough challenge ahead in the ICC WCL Division 2 tournament which is scheduled to be held in Windhoek, Namibia from November 24 to December 2. Esteban "Billy" MacDermott, named MVP of the WCL Division 3 competition, will again be skipper of the squad. National Coach Hamish Barton and Manager Derek Culley will be in the tour party.



Carcamanes Cricket Festival

The Carcamanes Cricket Festival is played annually in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This great event is for teams and clubs of cricketers at least 40 years young. Don't miss this fantastic and unique cricket festival in 2008 (March 8 to 15) and the opportunity to experience magical Buenos Aires and amazing Argentina.

Teams from around the world will be part of the festival. Only a few places left!! Entries will be closing soon. For more information check out carcamanescricket@yahoo.com

BELIZE

Former West Indies Test player, Clayton Lambert, will arrive in Belize on Friday, September 28, along with a group of cricketers from the United States, to play two matches against the National Cricket Champion of Belize, Brilliant Cricket Club. The matches will be played on Saturday and Sunday in Crooked Tree Village. Lambert, who is no stranger to Belize, will also conduct one or more coaching sessions with youths in the area.



Clayton Lambert WI & USA

BERMUDA

U13 National Team

The Bermuda U13 national team recently returned from the 10th annual U13 Regional Invitational Cricket Festival, St. Kitts. In one of the only competition of its kind in the region, the team competed against nine other national teams from around the Caribbean, giving them the opportunity to play against and interact with their peers from throughout the islands. President of the BCB, Reginald Pearman, stated

"This is the first time the Bermuda National U13s have traveled to face international competition. We are very pleased with their performance both on and off the field. I would like to take this time to thank The Bermuda Security Group for their generous sponsorship of the Bermuda Security Group U13 League, which was integral to the formation of the U13 national squad in 2006. Under the guidance of Coach George Cannonier, the team has worked hard, training twice a week, in preparation for an event just like this. I think it is a wonderful opportunity for our youth whenever they are given the chance to compete internationally".

Premier Division Results

The BCB confirms that Southampton Rangers placed fourth and Somerset Cricket Club placed fifth in the Premier Division this year. Both clubs were tied with 16 points and because both teams had won one game each the net run rate had to be used.

The top three final placing in the Premier Division are:

1. Social Club
2. St. David's Cricket Club
3. St. George's Cricket Club

BRAZIL

Curitiba hosts South America's first Women's Internationals

The HSBC cricket ground in Curitiba, Brazil was the site of South America's first ever women's international matches, held on September 7-9, between Argentina and Brazil. The Argentina side was fresh off an appearance in the ICC Women's tournament in Toronto, while the Brazilian team was heading into its first games as a team. Formed as the result of a cricket course taught in the PE department at the University of Brasilia, the squad had been practicing hard for the past six months, but only a handful of players had actual game experience. On paper, it looked like things would be lopsided, but the bigger idea was to use this event to further the growth of women's cricket in the region. The teams became the first to use the ground's new net and artificial turf surface, both provided through a recent MCC grant.

Although Argentina took the series 2-1 (all statistics available on the ICC website), Brazil showed massive improvement over the event's 4 days, which should spur the development program in Brasilia. Both teams spared no energy to cheer on their team-mates and were singing and dancing at every opportunity. The sportsmanship, friendship and mutual respect on display captivated everyone in attendance. While the players were doing their best to win, mostly they were simply having the time of their lives playing cricket.

The Brazilian Cricket Association is proud to have hosted this event and invites other interested teams to contact us about playing in Curitiba.



“Brazil and Argentina Women’s teams – Curitiba, Brazil

CANADA

Chief Executive Officer appointed

Mr. Atul Ahuja will assume the position of full-time CEO, effective November 1, 2007. University educated in his native India, Atul is a Canadian citizen and brings to the position an extensive commercial background. He has held senior level executive positions with several international companies in India, the United States and Canada. In addition, he brings considerable experience from volunteer positions within the Canadian business community, including his recent role as Marketing and Communications Director of the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty/20 Royal Cricket Cup 2007

A very successful Twenty/20 Royal Cricket Cup was staged in September at the Maple Leaf Cricket Club. Fourteen teams took part in the round robin format with the top prize of \$10,000 won by Popeye’s Cricket Club.

Women’s Cricket

Two players Helene Gaffney from Victoria, B.C. and Muneshri (Mona) Persaud of Ontario, members of the Canadian women’s team that recently defeated Bermuda to capture the inaugural ICC Americas Women’s Championship, will travel to Trinidad early October to participate in the 3rd Annual “Double Wicket Tournament” hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Women’s Cricket Board. The players will be managed by Claire Abbott, CCA Women’s Coordinator. The tournament will take place from October 12th to 15th.



Halene Gaffney



Mona Persaud

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Cayman Islands cricket has new champions this year. Police C.C. and West Bay C.C. won the Money Express sponsored Divisions 1 and 2 League competitions respectively. Major contributors for Police were leading national batsman Pearson Best who scored a total of 463 runs, including one century and three fifties, national captain Ryan Bovell who had credible performances with bat and ball, and young batting protégé Ramon Sealy. West Bay was well served by Ugal Sicard who scored 275 runs with one century and Alistair Ifill who gave yeoman service in all areas. Police is on the road for the double as they take on defending champions Prison for the Money Express Knockout title. In division 2, Greenies Too surprised West Bay, knocking them out to qualify for the final. Caledonian C.C. takes on C&W Schools for the other position.

Cayman Prisons Cricket team hosted Bermuda Corrections team in the annual Correction Services Tournament – September 23-30. Jamaica, the third team was unable to make the trip. In a closely contested 2 match series, Bermuda won both matches by 7 runs and 1 run respectively, thus gaining their first hold on the challenge trophy. Incidentally, it was Bermuda’s first win in 4 years (Cayman are gracious hosts!).

Magnificent Ramon scores first hundred

One of Cayman Islands most talented young cricketers, Ramon Sealy, scored a magnificent hundred against Caledonian C.C. during a Money Express Division 2 match recently. It was a fitting occasion as Cable & Wireless Schools completely dominated their opponents in the Knockout Semi Final, winning by a massive 154 runs. Sealy, only 16 years old and named Most Valuable Player at the recently concluded ICC Americas U19 World Cup Qualifier, hit 3 sixes and 4 fours in completing his first century of 101 runs.



Sixteen year old Ramon Sealy (Cayman Islands)

Police – Double Champions

All praises to the Police C.C. double champions in this Money Express sponsored Division 1 season. Police led by their captain’s (Ryan Bovell) brilliant all round performance, scoring 60 runs n.o. and taking 4 wickets, easily won the division official title.

Cable & Wireless Schools Champions

C&W Schools led by captain Ricardo Roach and Cayman Islands cricket "Wonder Boy" and ICC Americas U19 "Most Valuable Player" Ramon Sealy, defeated Greenies Too in an exciting match which changed directions on a number of occasions. It was however the calm influence of Ramon Sealy who guided his more experienced team mates to an outstanding victory.

Cayman 20/20 Tournament

Matches are scheduled for both divisions on Saturdays and Sundays (October 6-14) at Smith Road Oval beginning at 12 p.m. Fans could see their favorite local cricketers in cricket popular tournament 20/20 every weekend with 2 matches on each day.

CHILE

Umpiring Seminar

On September 20th, Cricket Chile's umpiring liaison officer, John Fecci, ran a short seminar for eight senior cricketers in preparation for the coming season. The seminar took place in the Prince of Wales Country Club and covered a range of topics including the Spirit of Cricket, wides, no balls and, of course, the LBW rule. It was an excellent opportunity for club captains to agree upon local rules for the 2007-08 season and proved to all who attended that the laws of cricket can still throw up the occasional surprise, even for the most experienced cricketer. The evening finished with a quiz based on the four original Metropolitan Cup sides to test what the participants had learnt from the evening, and was won by Santiago C.C.

Cricket Chile would like to thank John Fecci for the hard work he put in to preparing such an entertaining and educational evening.

Annual General Meeting

Cricket Chile held its AGM on September 6 at which the following Board of Directors was elected to a two year term: President: Guy Hooper, Vice-President: Carlos Prochelle, Secretary: Michael Meade, Treasurer: Simon Shalders, Director: Joan Mendez, General Members: Joseph Williams and John Fecci.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Positive news from the land down under

This is the winter off-season in the Falklands and follows the Association's tour to the UK in July. There was considerable media interest in the tour, with articles appearing in the London Times, CricInfo and Beyond the Test World. The BBC World Service and Test Match Special also ran pieces on the Association and the tour.

Since the Association's return to the islands, there has been a considerable amount of administrative activity. Our development plan includes the development of a new cricket pitch, with pavilion and training facilities, in Stanley. A review of the Stanley Town Plan, coupled with the increased public awareness and enthusiasm following our admission to

the ICC and a successful tour to the U.K, means that there is a good possibility the Association will be offered a suitable piece of land by the government to develop.

The Association is also in discussion with the Education Department and it appears increasingly likely that cricket will be added to the sports curriculum and that a school cricket competition will be started this year. The newly-appointed sports teacher is willing to develop junior cricket to a basic level and then liaise with the Association's Junior Development Officer to identify those children with potential to play cricket at a higher level.

MEXICO

Can the climate change be affecting cricket? Because of the prolonged rainy season due to the climate changes (some say) the original start of season date (August 18) had to be delayed. The re-scheduled date was for Sunday, September 23 and this also had to be postponed.

MCA have a heavy program planned for the 2007/08 season, both at national and international levels. Highlight of the year will be the 2nd Central American Championship when teams from Belize (the present champions), Costa Rica, and the host club Mexico, will once again be doing their utmost to be the winners.

The annual tour to Houston has also been confirmed for mid-November. This fixture has a very long history and hopefully will continue to be part of our cricketing and social calendar for many more years to come.

We are also looking forward to hosting a team from El Salvador in early December. There are still several members of the MCA who were part of an unforgettable tour of El Salvador, of what was then Mexico City Cricket Club.

There is also an ambitious national program. The two league competitions will no doubt be fiercely contested. There is much discussion as to the format of these competitions. There has been talk of adopting rules similar to Twenty/20 cricket - at least for one of the competitions, the Brian Gay trophy. No doubt all of this will be confirmed by the time the actual playing season gets underway.

The highly successful Junior program is also eagerly awaited by the participating schools Edron, Lancaster, Lomas Atlas and Victoria. If we could have a repeat of last year, when the two teams who were in the final actually tied the game and agreed to share the J.Keith Foster trophy for six months each, then a lot of people would be very content. What a boost that was for our junior program.

As can be seen, the new MCA Chairman David Grant and also new MCA Captain James Garrity, along with their teams captains and hard working committee members, will be very busy people over the coming months.

TURKS & CAICOS

Police beat Cable & Wireless as Grand Turk cricket begins
Police got off to an impressive start in the Grand Turk 20/20 league when they beat C&W by 23 runs. Police were dismissed for 143 in 18 of the allotted 20 overs. When they replied, C&W could only muster 120 in 18.4 overs.

Meanwhile, the Grand Turk Cricket Association has released the names of 11 players who will continue training in preparation for the Stanford 20/20 tournament in Antigua. They are: Sidney Garland, Rohan Ash, Henry Saunders, Jeremy Jones, Carlton Saunders, Michael Baptiste, Wayne Williams, Dexter Roberts, Donovan Matthews, Teyrl Morrison and Jerome Caley.

Back Salina Brawlers beat Police in Grand Turk Twenty/20 cricket

The Back Salina Brawlers completed a comprehensive victory over Police as the Grand Turk Cricket Association Twenty/20 competition continued at the Parade Ground. Police were restricted to 140 for five from their allotted 20 overs. Back Salina, in reply, raced to 143 for two with more than four overs to spare.

U.S.A.

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce that Central Broward Regional Park, a 110-acre multipurpose facility located at Sunrise Boulevard and State Road 7 in Lauderhill, is scheduled to host its official opening ceremony on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 4 p.m. The park will be home to a new 560-foot diameter multipurpose main event field, which can host special events, concerts, festivals, and local and international sporting activities such as cricket (meeting International Cricket Council guidelines) and has 5,000 covered seats and additional seating for 15,000 to 25,000 spectators. A 17,000 square-foot main event field building will include a concession area, locker rooms, restrooms, and a press viewing room on the first floor, as well as a VIP viewing room, a VIP lounge, and a presidential viewing box on the second floor. Other park amenities include two lighted basketball courts, four lighted multipurpose fields that can be used as either two cricket fields or four soccer/football fields, two lighted netball courts with spectator seating, interactive aquatics playground area and teaching pool, paddleboat rentals, seven picnic shelters, two corporate pavilions, two ADA-accessible playgrounds, 1.5 mile nature trail, and an 80-foot high clock tower. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division will manage the facility.



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WOMEN'S CRICKET

The Trinidad and Tobago Women's Cricket Board of Control will stage their third annual Double Wicket competition from October 12 to 14 inclusive. Teams from several Caribbean Islands will be taking part, as well as two from the Americas Region – Bermuda and Canada.

Photo Gallery BRAZIL vs ARGENTINA



New Territories

EL SALVADOR

Regular league format competition continues in El Salvador, with following teams contesting the trophy – Cuscatlan Chiefs, Dell and Knights.

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