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LINE-UP FOR ICC U19 CRICKET WORLD CUP 2004 NOW COMPLETE

Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Uganda will fill the final two places at the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup after contesting the final of the ICC Africa/East Asia-Pacific U19 World Cup qualifier in Namibia in early October. The two sides will join the ICC's 10 Full Member countries, plus Canada, Ireland, Nepal and Scotland at the U19 CWC in Bangladesh from 15 February to 5 March next year.

PNG will face West Indies, Pakistan and Ireland (European U19 winners) in Pool D while Uganda will be in Pool B with South Africa, Eng-



European winners Ireland

land and Nepal. Holders Australia, are in Pool A with Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Canada, and hosts Bangladesh have been grouped with India, New Zealand and Scotland (European runners-up) in Pool C.

Preparations for the U19 CWC are already underway and the official launch will

take place in Dhaka on 11 November 2003, between the national team's second and third One Day Internationals against England.

In the meantime, the ICC Board discussed the 2007 ICC Cricket World Cup at its meeting in Barbados, and confirmed that the tournament will feature 16 teams but the final format for the event is still to be agreed.

ISLE OF MAN APPLY FOR ICC AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP



Manx Cricket has gone from strength to strength this year, and on 11 October Ian Stuart, attended the Isle of Man Cricket Association's 2003 Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation evening to collect the association's formal application for ICC Affiliate Membership from IoMCA

President Archdeacon Brian Partington OBE. The application was discussed on 28 October by the ECC Executive Committee, who agreed to support it, and, will be forwarded on to the ICC before the end of the year. The application will then be placed before the ICC's Annual Council in June 2004, where a final decision will be taken.

A successful application would take Manx cricket to new levels, with support from the ICC European De-

velopment Program for youth and senior development initiatives. IoMCA teams from U13 level upwards could participate in the European tournament programme, with the exciting possibility for the U19 and senior teams to progress through the regional qualifiers onto the international stage and, ultimately, to the ICC Cricket World Cup! This would make cricket the only mainstream sport on the Island competing at this high level.

ROLAND LEFEBVRE IN ISRAEL

A recent visit to Israel by coach Roland Lefebvre coincided with the weeklong festival of Succot, when schools are closed, allowing for almost non-stop activity.

Youth mini cricket tournaments have become regular events in Israel, but on 9 October 8 teams from the Tel Aviv area played in the carnival atmosphere of the first one played under lights. The next day, Israel's U17s took on an Invitation XI, including Lefebvre. The U17s were queuing up to bowl at their World Cup hero, whose stay at the wicket proved a short one, as Oren Chinchulkar claimed one wicket he is



Tournament under lights

sure to remember for a long time. The U17s performed superbly with the ball and in the field, but their batting was less impressive and the Invitation XI won by 40 runs.

After three days of intensive coaching sessions with the U17 and U13 national squads, U17 teams from the North and South played a 2-day

"test" match, which ended in a draw after two days of intense cricket, and the U13s played against a Negev XI in Dimona. A good all-round bowling and fielding performance by the youngsters was then followed by a brilliant batting display by Levy Penkar (41) and Gabi Schachat (44*), taking the U13s to a 5-wicket win.

Cricket has been developing fast in the Southern Negev desert, and a mini cricket tournament on October 19 gave new players from local schools their first taste of a tournament.

For the full story, see 'Coaching' on www.ecc.cricket.org

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RICHARD O'SULLIVAN IN ITALY

During a 16-day visit to Italy, EDP coach Richard O'Sullivan was involved with FCRI development initiatives in a wide variety of places. Trentino CC (Trento), Scaligero CC (Verona) and Maremma CC (Grosseto) all played host to Richard so that he was able to coach in local schools to provide the vital club/school link which can become the lifeblood of a club youth section. Overall, he conducted sessions at six different schools over 13 days for over 1000 children. These cricket introductions often then led to new players joining in with sessions that operated in the afternoons at the local clubs. Each club also has its own

unique development idea, with Scaligero CC creating a fantastic net facility for new young players to give cricket a try at their Festa Dello Sport, while Trentino CC have started a training section at Tione which is directly at the foot of the alps.

The culmination of Richard's visit was to umpire, coach and help officiate at the FCRI U13 finals held at Galliciano CC near Rome. The ground is



Maremma CC U13s in training



Euratom CC—U13 champions

newly earthed and, following a visit in February 2003, Richard was able to view the substantial progress that has been made with the ground. Euratom CC were the deserved eventual winners after two days in which Italian cricket showed definite progress towards sustainable development the long length of the country.

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SLOVENIAN NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Having visited primary schools and introduced students to Kwik cricket, members of Ljubljana CC decided to target children from 10 to 13 with the aim of putting together a representative U15 team in the next couple of years. 5 schools were also asked to take part in an 8-a-side competition, and were each allocated club members to help with coaching. 6 weeks later, on 19 October, the Kodeljvo Sports Hall in Ljubljana was full of the enthusiastic, the confused and the curious.

The youngsters took to bowling like ducks to water and the batting veered from the enterprising to the magnificent. A thrilling final between Škofija Loka and Martin Krpan saw both teams finish on 13 runs all out, mainly due to some outstanding fielding from both sides. After a 4 over replay, a delighted Martin Krpan side did a victory lap and collected 50,000 Slovenian tolar from sponsors Harvey Norman. Each school was given a full set of cricket equipment donated by the

British Ambassador, and trophies were provided for the best batsman (who was, in fact, female) and bowler. Ljubljana CC are hoping to repeat the effort next year and hold a similar carnival outdoors at their ground, as well as continuing to work with the country's schools. The future of Slovenian cricket is looking healthy, as it is clear that after the initial exposure to the game, the Slovenes are receptive, enthusiastic and talented.

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Action from the Slovenian National Primary School Championships

ANNUAL SUPPORT SCHEME

The circulation of the Annual Support Scheme information has been delayed this year, but in view of its importance to countries' development plans, EDO Philip Hudson has made it a priority, and confirms that the information will be sent out on 10 November, and countries will be informed of the deadline for requests for both coaching and umpiring visits and youth equipment for the

period December 2003 - March 2004.

Philip will be meeting existing and new suppliers to arrange new deals and renegotiate existing ones to improve the benefits to countries.

All orders for Readers junior equipment involving EDP subsidies should now go through the EDO, including the Product Codes from the

Readers price list and catalogue. Orders not involving EDP subsidies should be placed direct with the manufacturer. Special ECC prices have been offered by Readers, with orders no longer having to be placed by nominated individuals, so associations should inform their members of these prices. All orders placed direct with Readers will now have to be paid in full before goods are sent out.

IMPORTANT!

Start preparing your operations plans and requests for the next few months now!

REMINDERS!

Deadline for return of ICC research data 28 Nov.

Deadline for nominations for 2003 ICC Annual Awards 5 Dec.

MALAGA JUNIOR AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

According to organiser Greg Gomez, Malaga Cricket Development Officer, the Malaga Junior Age Group Championships being held on 9th November at Vacationcare's "Aloha Gardens" PE Sports Centre, Nueva Andalucia, will be the biggest Junior Cricket Championships to take place in Europe

outside the UK in 2003. 18 Junior Teams will be competing for the "Mears Group" Trophies at U16 level, and the "Diggers Direct" Trophies at U13.

Individual Trophies are being supplied by "The Los Boliches Junior Cricket Supporters Club" which includes a host of dedicated people who are

interested in the development of cricket in Southern Spain especially at junior level. Under the direction of Greg Gomez, the Championships are the final Junior Competition for 2003. Junior cricket has taken off incredibly rapidly in the area, and 21 nationalities will be involved in the 9th November Championships.



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Tournaments 2004

The dates and venues of all the ECC tournaments due to be held in 2004 have been finalised following the ECC Executive meeting on 28 October. The list, in chronological order, is as follows:

Indoor Championships:	13-15 February, Netherlands
U13 1st Division Championships:	16-18 July, Scotland
European Championships 2nd Division:	17-24 July, Belgium
European Championships 1st Division:	18-24 July, Netherlands
U19 Championships:	19-23 July, England
U17 1st Division Championships:	24-26 July, Ireland
U15 1st Division Championships:	30 July – 1 August, Denmark
U17 2nd Division Championships:	1-6 August, Italy
U23 Championships:	10-12 August, Scotland
Women's U21 Championships:	10-12 August, Ireland
Representative Championships:	15-20 August, Slovenia
U13-2nd Division Championships:	23-28 August, Gibraltar

An invitation to participate and reply form were circulated to the Principal Contacts listed on our database on Monday 3 November. All completed forms must be returned by **Friday 21 November** at the latest. A few significant changes to the existing Tournament Standard Operating Procedures were also agreed by the Executive Committee. The information on the Tournaments page of the website will be updated to reflect these changes as soon as possible, but in the meantime, here is a brief summary:

- No requests for special dispensation for overage players will be considered for any tournament with a stated maximum age limit (ie U13, U15, U17, U19, U21, U23 or Indoor Championships).
- Countries are encouraged to select players at U17 level who may not meet the ICC Nationality & Development Criteria at the time, but who will by the time they reach U19 level.
- Indoor Championships limited to 12 teams – those ranked 1-8 from the first phase of the 2003 Indoor Championships by invitation, plus applicants drawn at random to make up a total of 12.
- Special dispensation requirement for players with over 5 international caps lifted for U23 Championships.
- All teams playing in the Representative Championships must meet Nationality & Development Criteria.
- ECC to continue reimbursing percentage travel costs stated in Tournament SOPs to member country (participating or non-participating) umpires standing in ECC tournaments. Remaining percentage to be absorbed in tournament budget and divided between participating countries.
- Travel expense subsidies to be withheld for a) countries failing to meet payment deadlines set by tournament host, b) member country officials failing to attend Tournament Director briefing, c) players who are not eligible to play. The latter would also have to attend a disciplinary hearing along with the officials from his/her association.
- Member country coaches travelling to tournaments must be minimum ECB Level I qualified.
- No member country officials to be allowed on pitch, even during drinks breaks, except at U13 and U15 level.
- Host countries to produce comprehensive final profit and loss accounts following conclusion of tournaments, for circulation to participating countries.

ICC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES GUIDE

The ICC recently introduced a number of new pages to the Development section of its website, and we think these may be of interest to you. The Development Resources Guide provides useful links in various key areas including administration,

coaching, equipment, ICC resources, sports science, turf preparation & artificial pitches and umpiring & scoring. We hope that these links may provide answers to many of the questions we are regularly asked, so please take time to look through them and find out

what is available.

The pages can be found by selecting 'Development' on www.icc.cricket.org—the Resources guide is the last item on the menu in the middle of the page.