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ISLE OF MAN ELECTED 90th COUNTRY

The last week of June saw 89 countries from across the world attend the ICC Annual Conference at Lords. Many important discussions and decisions took place for the future development of cricket. One important decision was to accept three new member countries, one of which was the Isle of Man. The Island is a Crown Dependency, and although part of the British Isles is not part of the United Kingdom. The Isle of Man along with China and Mexico all qualify to ICC qualifications and were duly

elected, taking the total of ICC member countries to 92.

The week included the European Cricket Council Annual General Meeting where 20 of the 23 member countries were represented. Not only was it a great opportunity to catch up with news and issues from the countries, but it was an ideal time to plan ahead. Many new initiatives were taken on board by the countries and this will hopefully aid further development within Europe.



ICC INTERCONTINENTAL CUP

After the inaugural European match in Scotland in June, Holland now take on Ireland in Amsterdam on 13th July as part of the ICC Intercontinental Cup. The final match will be played in Dublin between Ireland and Scotland. The regional winners will travel to Dubai in November for the semi-finals. Scores can be found on www.ecc-cricket.com

ceiving a memento to mark the occasion from President, Tom Anderson.



Craig Wright, the Scotland Captain received his 100th cap for Scotland during the recent ICC Intercontinental match with Holland. Craig is pictured re-

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN

July sees the ICC World Cup Qualifying series played in Holland and Belgium. Five countries will play in the 1st Division in Holland, with the top four European sides qualifying for the ICC Trophy in Ireland next July and six countries will compete for the 2nd Division in Belgium, the winner of which will go to Malaysia in February 2005, the winner of which will also qualify for the ICC Trophy.

The European Championships 1st Division Tournament Website is now live: www.scorecentre.com



HISTORIC WIN FOR IRELAND v WINDIES

Ireland pulled off a famous win at Stormont on 17th June to beat West Indies by 6 wickets and record their greatest victory since they bowled West Indies out for 25 in 1969.

Following on from Ireland's 10 wicket win against Zimbabwe last year and putting Surrey out of the C&G Trophy earlier this season, the win against West Indies was an 'awesome result' in the words of jubilant Irish captain Jason Mollins.

The West Indies innings of 292 for seven from 50 overs included an unbeaten century from Dwane Bravo consisting of 12 boundaries and 3 sixes off just 65 balls. Set 293 to win,

the highest target that Ireland had ever had to chase in limited overs cricket, they reached the target with the loss of only 4 wickets and with 19 balls remaining. Openers Jason Mollins (66) and Jeremy Bray (71) got the innings off to a good start, their opening stand of 111 taking just 15 overs, and the game was finished by Niall O'Brien (58 no) and Andrew White (32 no).

O'Brien, Ireland's wicket keeper, was awarded Man of the Match by EDM Richard Holdsworth for his innings of 58 not out for 57 balls.



Ireland celebrate a wicket



Niall O'Brien & Andrew White

DUTCH PLAYER HITS RECORD HUNDRED

Daan van Bunge made history when he hit the fastest century in the MCC Young Cricketers' history.

Van Bunge's innings of 121 included a 38 ball hundred consisting of 14 fours and 9 sixes against Surrey U19 at Weybridge on 25th June. The MCC YC's went on to a 258 run victory.

Van Bunge, 21, is in his second year on the MCC staff and was the youngest member of the Holland side at the 2003 World Cup, having been part of their international side since 2002.

He made his mark in the World Cup with a score of 62 v India, his highest score in an international, and taking 3 for 16 v England, being the wickets of Nick Knight, Michael Vaughan and Andrew Flintoff.

Previous MCC Young Cricketers have included Ian Botham, Martin Crowe, Mark Waugh and ECC's very own Philip Hudson.

Hot news: Daan has been rewarded for his efforts by being selected by Middlesex CCC for their Twenty20 campaign in July. We wish him the best of luck.



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10/11 July 2004
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Poland
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ANNUAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME NEWS

At the recent AGM held in the Media Centre at Lord's, changes to the Annual Support Programme received backing from the member countries present. The changes that have been brought in are to be run over a 12 month trial period and have been introduced with the aim of allowing countries more opportunities to plan for the future

The Annual Support Programme allows all member and prospective member countries the opportunity

to receive support from the ICC European Development Program. The amount of support on offer will remain the same as in previous years.

- Associate Members
Up to 50%
- Affiliate Members
Up to 75%
- Prospective Members
Up to 100%

All member countries will be receiving information on the

changes to the scheme over the coming week. Any clubs or regional associations who require further information must contact their national association. If contact is made direct to the Europe Office, support won't be granted.

Before sending through any requests, national associations should be aware that all delivery/freight costs will not be covered by the EDP.



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LAST BALL THRILLER IN "WORLD CUP"

The reason for organising the first Viennese Cricket World Cup (26/27 June) was to provide two days of exciting cricket and cultural activities to the cricket teams as well as the cricket fans in Austria. The main aim was to generate a high standard of cricket to boost Austrian cricket, which was achieved beyond all expectation.

The initial group matches started on a beautiful Saturday morning, competing teams being England, Sri Lankan Blues, India, Austria, Sri Lankan Reds and Pakistan.

A special thanks goes out to Chief Guest, the honourable Sri Lankan Ambassador, his Excellency Dr. D.L. Mendis and his

wife, who was very much impressed with the idea of having world Cup in Vienna and promised his support to Cricket and future Tournaments at the Austria Cricket Stadium.

The first day ended with a Gala Dinner, with a special thanks to Mrs. Helga Nadarajah, treasurer of the Club, for her organisation and work and the soft drinks were sponsored by Steve Dwobeng from Coca Cola.

The feature of the second day was the eagerly awaited semi finals which got Under way with the Sri Lankan "Reds" team meeting the Pakistan "Whites" team and a second semi final featured the Pakistan "Green" Vs Sri Lankan "Blues". The

thrilling Final was contested between Sri Lankan Reds and Pakistan and came down to Pakistan needing 1 run from the last ball. They achieved this and were crowned the first Viennese World Cup Champions.

At the end of the thrilling final, a presentation ceremony was held to thank all who participated and supported the event. The Chairman of Austria Cricket Club Wien and Organiser of the Tournament Mr. Siva Nadarajah also promised to make the event an even bigger success next year by attracting sponsors for all participating teams.

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Pakistan, the winning team

AUSTRIAN YOUTH STRIKES AGAIN

On the 10th & 11th June, German youth teams once again visited Austria for another cricket filled tournament including a new team in this year's tournament, the Beilengeries and Passau boys travelled the whole way with Teggensee and provided some great cricket.

The first day kicked off with the first game for the Under 13 teams. ACC U13 against the Beilengeries U13. The Captain's younger brother was star of the game, Elliot Dickinson came in to bat after the loss of some early wickets and batted through the last overs. After a total of 57 runs for the team, he bowled 3 overs taking 3 wick-

ets! ACC bowled them all out and won their first game!

The second game was played by Teggensee U15 against ACC U15. After losing some early wickets, Teggensee played very hard with Stroibl scoring 42 runs and Julian hitting a 6. But Teggensee ended up with 99 all out in the 22nd over. ACC U15 won by 6 wickets.

The last game of the day was the second game of the U13's. The Beilengeries showed some aggressive fielding keeping the ball inside the circle but still ACC managed to score 43 runs in the 15 overs. In the 2nd innings, the bowling for ACC

went well with Elliot taking his 4th wicket, but still the Beilengeries easily achieved the score and equalled the series.

The next day, the second match of the U15's was held, but with a mixed best of Bavaria U15 against the ACC U15 team. Scoring almost 5 runs an over, ACC reached a score of 112 for 4 after 25 overs. In the second innings, Bawa took 5 wickets, Asif achieved 4 and Joan finished the game obtaining the last one in the 10th over and getting them all out for 18 runs.

So a great weekend of cricket ended once again.



H/UMPS IN ISRAEL

In a second visit to Israel recently, EDP Umpire Instructor Ken Amos led several umpire education courses.

The first seminar was well supported by twenty umpires who had been well trained by Sammy Bamnolker and Eli Jacob in their course prior to Ken's visit. Using the Powerpoint presentation proved to be very successful and adding demonstrations to the seminars

gave another dimension for the non-English speaking students. The second seminar on the Monday was equally successful, with question and answers being the most popular and enjoyable way to see if the student umpires had understood the course content.

They know what to do when it rains or bad light stops play. But the question to Ken was, 'what should happen when

camels stop play?' Ken's answer was 'award five penalty runs to both h/umps and signal it by giving the h/umps a pat on the back!!'

Joking aside, the questions answered in the oral and visual exams were full and in most cases accurate answers. So well done to all umpires and thanks for making Ken's visit so worthwhile.



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EXCITING FINISH IN BULGARIA

On the 5th & 6th June, the Bulgarian Cricket Federation held a 15 overs a side Tournament with four teams competing. Each team played each other once with a final played by the two highest scoring teams.

Some very good performances were seen during the first round, including Medical University of Sofia XI Captain Gill who made a very good half century with five boundaries and four 6's finishing on 54 not out in the first game and 59 in his second game.

The exciting 20 over final was played between Bulgarian Cricket Club and Medical University of

Sofia. MUS won the toss and batted first with Vikram making 62 runs not out and the Captain Gill making 44 runs not out. MUS finished their innings on 174 runs with the loss of 2 wickets. The openers for the BCC innings struggled but Saif-ur-Rehman played well, making his 62 runs with 5 sixes and 3 boundaries. The partnership of Faisal and Riaz were at the wicket for the final ball, BCC requiring 2 runs to win. Faisal was facing the ball and made the two runs to win the match and win the Tournament. BCC won the Final by 1 run.

For the first time, this Tourn-

ment had two Umpires who were new Bulgarian Umpires, Ivo and Marteen. These two new Umpires had last month passed their ECC Umpiring Course arranged by the Bulgarian Cricket Federation and ECC. The BCF are grateful to ECC's Umpire Consultant Graham Cooper for running such a good course in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Following this Tournament the BCF chose the 30 players for the first National Bulgarian squad who are now being coached and from whom will be chosen the 13 final players for the Bulgarian National team.

COSTA CRICKET KIDS

A very warm, Sunday 20th June saw the Malaga Age Group 6 - a - Side Soft Ball Cricket Competitions being staged at Aloha Gardens in Marbella. Eighty Two (82) young players turned out to represent a total of Sixteen Teams from Schools and Clubs along the coast (Malaga to Sotogrande) and put on a great showing in keenly contested competitions to decide the Champions of the Malaga Region in two age groups, Under 14 and Under 12. A great display of their young talent, it was nail biting stuff and highly entertaining for the large crowd in attendance.

Such was the closeness of the encounters in the round robin stages; the Under 14 Age Group had Sunland and Aloha Allstars locked on 4 points each points in Group A as well as Aloha Team One and Sotogrande Team One tied on 5 points in Group B. After the total Team scores were tallied up, Sunland and Sotogrande were declared group winners of their respective groups to contest that Final. In the Under 12 age group the English International College as winners of Group A played Sotogrande Team One as winners of Group B in their Final. Two very

exciting finals followed and showed some promising performances from all teams.

"This is what it is all about; serious fun for our kids", was what Greg Gomez, Competition Organiser, had to say at the Prize giving ceremony at the end of the day. Huge praise was heaped on the youngsters for their outstanding efforts and deportment. Thanks go to the Sponsors, the Officials, the Teachers, the Parents and everyone who assisted in making the day fantastic.

CRICKET FEVER IN LATVIA

On the 4th & 5th June, Latvian Cricket Club hosted a much anticipated two limited overs games with the visiting Old Bedfordian Cricket Club UK at the VEF stadium in Riga, Latvia.

The games were organized with great enthusiasm by Latvian Cricket Club members with a healthy attendance of local people who showed great interest in the fixtures.

After formal introductions and team photos, the first game started in the rare sunshine with both teams agreeing to play a 20 overs game with Latvian Cricket Club batting first. Some good performances were noted including Sumit's score of 79 runs including 11 boundaries for Latvia and Hollingsworth's 85 runs for Old Bedfordian CC. Latvia won

by 31 runs. The second game (30 overs) took place the following morning. The UK CC were bowled out for just 86 runs on the score board in the 19th over. With just 87 runs to get, Sumit scored the winning runs and LCC won the game by 2 wickets.

After the game, Mike Roberts congratulated the LCC for their deserved wins and awarded Sumit the winning trophy. Sumit & Samir thanked UK Club & Mike Roberts on behalf of the LCC & Latvian audience for visiting Riga and playing the games in such good cricket spirit. Mike & the other team members of UK club thanked LCC for their hospitality & excellent arrangements as they found Riga not only great for playing cricket but also for the historical sightseeing in old Riga.

The cricket fever in Riga finally ended but the enthusiasm that was witnessed during both games from the local authorities & audience has been tremendous. Latvian CC are looking forward to hosting more games with visiting sides from the region in July and August.

Sumit and Samir receive the winner's Trophy

