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## ICC DEVELOPMENT STAFF CONFERENCE

For the first time, all 18 members of the ICC Development team came together at Lord's for a staff conference. Over 5 days in late September, the development staff from all 5 regions, led by Global Development Manager Matthew Kennedy, undertook a busy conference program which discussed and debated a number

of wide ranging issues affecting the development program and the ICC as a whole.

As well as discussing operational issues, it was an opportunity for staff to share proven good practice and development ideas. A number of presentations from other ICC depart-

ments strengthened understanding of the wider picture and presented staff with a clearer idea of the current state of the program and plans for the future.

*Below: the Development Team*



## A FIRST FOR COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

From the 29<sup>th</sup> November to the 3<sup>rd</sup> December the EDP will be hosting a Coaching and Development Conference in the wonderful facilities of the MCC Indoor Cricket School at Lord's Cricket Ground.

The conference is the first of its type to be run in the region and will provide an opportunity for an exciting team of talented coaches and development officers from European Associate and Affiliate member countries to meet and discuss different coaching practices and learn new coaching skills.

The main content of the programme will consist of the newly launched ICC Introduction to Cricket Course, Instructor Training. The four regions of the ICC Development Program have agreed to implement a training

methodology aimed at developing a high standard of local instructors within countries to run the new ICC course.

The overall aim of the ICC Introduction to Cricket Course is to provide participants with a basic understanding of the game of cricket, a basic education in three components (playing/coaching, umpiring and scoring) and the skills and resources to conduct a cricket session with children. Participants who attend the instructor training at Lord's will be able to conduct this course back in their home countries.

Throughout the conference attendees will also be involved in active sessions and informative lectures on many different areas of the game. These sessions are to be run by highly

experienced ECC Staff Coaches and ECB coaching and development staff.

Each country has been asked to nominate up to two coaches/development officers, who are active within the country. Nominated individuals must either be a minimum ECB Level II coach or work in development for that County Board/Association.

Countries should be reminded that the deadline for nominations is the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

# ICC GLOBAL CRICKET ACADEMY, DUBAI

Dubai Sports City, the world's first integrated purpose-built sports city, announced today 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 class-

rooms, sports science and sports medicine facilities in place for the use of the Academy.

ICC President, Ehsan Mani, said that Dubai Sport City project offered cricket a unique opportunity to establish a world-class development centre that will be a key element in the ICC's push to develop the game. "The Global Academy is a very exciting development not only for the ICC but also for cricket globally. Dubai is an ideal location with its ease of access for the cricket playing world and climate offering a perfect setting for this facility. "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."

The Academy will be a foundation tenant of the innovative Dubai Sports City project that will see a multitude of sports brought together in a development of 50 million square feet. The ICC Global Cricket Academy joins leading names such as Manchester United Soccer Schools, an Ernie Els Signature Golf Course, a David Lloyd Tennis Academy and a Butch Harmon School of Golf that have already committed to this exciting development.

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*Ehsan Mani*

## EUROPE ON THE UMPIRES' PANEL

Umpire development is an important part of the ICC Development Program and to this end, the ICC has established a panel of Associate and Affiliate Umpires.

Each region was asked to nominate their four best Umpires and these twenty Regional Umpires will officiate the WCQS Division Two Tournament in Malaysia in February 2005.

Europe's nominated Umpires are Trevor Henry (Ireland), Paul

Baldwin (Germany), Niels Bagh (Denmark) and Eric Cooke (Ireland).

Prior to and during this tournament, Chris Kelly, ICC Umpires and Referees Manager, will conduct a fast track Umpire development course and the Umpires will be evaluated. Following the Malaysia tournament, selections will be made for the 12/16 Umpires who will make up the final Panel and also the 4/6 Umpires to officiate in the ICC Trophy in 2005.

The Panel will be required to

attend an ongoing programme of education and assessment during 2005-06 and also to officiate at Regional Inter-continental matches. The opportunity for further nominations for the Panel will be given at a date to be determined. The process will be overseen by an ICC Development Umpires Sub-committee consisting of Chris Kelly, Graham Cooper (ECC Umpires Consultant), a member of the ICC Elite Umpires Panel and Chris Briers (ICC Operations Manager).



Steve Bucknor and Simon Taufel of the ICC Elite Umpires Panel

## ICC WORKING WITH UNAIDS

In September 2003, the ICC became the first international sporting organisation to develop a special link with the joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), when it launched its strategic partnership and a 'Run Out AIDS' campaign. The aim of the ICC-UNAIDS 'Run Out AIDS' partnership is to help raise awareness in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the cricket-playing world. Of an estimated 40 million people infected worldwide with HIV, over 12 million live in the main cricket-playing nations.

In India and South Africa alone, over nine million people are living with HIV or AIDS. Despite the current low HIV prevalence in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the potential for HIV to spread is high if prevention efforts are not scaled up quickly. In Australia, New Zea-

land and the United Kingdom, current trends indicate a rise in sexually transmitted infections and unsafe sex, increasing the risk of HIV. In the West Indies, HIV is spreading rapidly.

The ICC is in the process of integrating the 'Run Out AIDS' campaign through its Development Program, and by driving various awareness-raising initiatives since the ICC-UNAIDS alliance was launched in 2003. The ICC's Full Members have also been encouraged to support the cause and a senior staff member at each national cricket board has been appointed as a co-ordinator to work locally with UNAIDS officials to implement initiatives at a national level.

ICC President Ehsan Mani announced the ICC-UNAIDS alliance in Mumbai in 2003, along with the President of the

Board of Control for Cricket in India, Jagmohan Dalmiya, and Mahesh Mahalingam from UNAIDS. Mr Mani said the ICC and cricket had a role to play in helping to address the AIDS epidemic by raising awareness and education levels in the cricket community. "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," said Mr Mani.

The ICC continues to implement various awareness-raising initiatives – such as the wearing of red ribbons at September's ICC Champions Trophy in England. The European Development Program will from now on have participants wearing red ribbons at all events.



ICC President Ehsan Mani at UNAids in Dhaka



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## TIM LAMB LEAVES ECB

Tim Lamb, Chief Executive of the ECB, left his position at the end of September. Tim had represented Europe on the ICC Development Committee and had been a member of the ECC Executive Committee since the ECC's inception in 1997.

Just before Tim left, the Europe Office staff presented him with a print of Lord's to thank him on

behalf of the ECC for all his support for cricket in Europe. Tim thanked everyone and expressed the hope that cricket continued to go from strength to strength throughout Europe.

Until the new Chief Executive is appointed, Keith Pont, ECB Director of Development, will take Tim's place on the ECC Executive Committee and John

Wright Secretary of the Irish Cricket Union, will represent Europe on the ICC Development Committee.

We all hope Tim enjoys a well earned break from cricket and wish him well for the future.

*Right: Tim Lamb*

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## FINLAND'S BEST SEASON YET...

The 2004 season contained the largest restructuring of the league that cricket in Finland has ever seen, with an introduction of 2 innings cricket in group B to encourage developmental teams taking part in the FCA League. The season was also kicked off for the first time with a Twenty20 tournament which was claimed by Helsinki CC, beating Espoo CC in the final in a successful finish to the first two weekends of cricket in May.



In its early stages, the league was keenly contested though heavily rain affected. The result was that the final, at Kaisaniemi ground in Helsinki, was between SKK1 and Tampere. SKK1 set 186 from their 45 overs despite a tremendous bowling spell by S. Diagala (9 overs, 3 for 12) in an innings including equally good knocks by Petteri Moilanen (64) and Jonathan October (41). All was set for a dramatic final innings and Tampere started strong with E. Kuchey scoring 16 off the first over alone. Tampere, despite their strong start, became unstuck, losing their middle order rapidly and looking dire at 87 for 8. This is where the tide changed yet again, as Usama Rauf hit a quick fire 25

off 15, putting Tampere back in the game, as the lower order batsmen carried Tampere closer and closer to the required runs. A successful bowling change in Julian Roach managed to finish off the tail with figures of 3 for 16 and SKK1 (shown above) won the game by a mere 22 runs.

In the plate contest, Empire, in their maiden season managed to beat MTS/MKK in the final in a rain plagued game on Suomenlinna and was a tribute to keen, developing sides attempting to establish themselves in the FCA League.

In the play offs, Turku, who arguably came closest to per-

forming the upset of the season against Helsinki in the semi's, beat Espoo in Turku to reach the 5th-6th play off final against SKK2 who had beaten Vantaa in their play off game. Turku eventually edged SKK2 by 15 runs in another close game, and Turku arguably performed the best turn around of the season despite under-performing in the group stages.

This season's development owes many thanks to the people who got up early on Saturday and Sunday mornings, be it to play, travel long distances, officiate and even watch the games on offer, and it's thanks to all of them that this biggest season ever in Finland was possible!



Mike Procter looks doubtful as Tim Buisseret explains his decision to bat first at the Memorial Trophy

## ROGER SHORT MEMORIAL TROPHY

On 26th September Jeremy Hill, the British Ambassador to Sofia, Bulgaria, led an Embassy team against a Sofia Representative team in the inaugural match for the Roger Short Memorial Trophy - named for the former Ambassador who was tragically killed in a terrorist attack in Istanbul last year.

The Rep team included several young Bulgarian players who took part in the ECC Notts

Sport Representative Championships in Slovenia in August, and the game was played at the National Sports Academy with kind permission of Nikolai Kolev, President of the Bulgarian Cricket Federation.

The ragtag bunch of expats and young Bulgarians batted well against a determined Embassy team, reaching 154 off 25 overs. In response the Embassy looked well placed at one

point on 100-3, with Jeremy Hill and Mark Stevens batting well and plenty of overs left. However, Jeremy gracefully retired at 30 runs, Murray Te Huki's off-breaks applied the squeeze on the tail, and the Embassy eventually finished on 111.

It was a great afternoon all round, and a fitting tribute to Roger Short who loved the game.



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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tournament Rules Sub-Committee Meeting  
8/9/10 October, Dublin

RDM visits Slovenia  
16/17 October

ECC Executive Meeting  
28 October, Lord's

EDP Coaching & Development Conference  
29 November to 3 December, Lord's

Courses:

ECB Level I Coaching Course – Finland  
16th – 17th October  
30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October

ECB Young Leaders Course – Leinster Cricket Union  
29th October

Introductory Course – Leinster Cricket Union  
30th October

Introductory Course – Leinster Cricket Union  
4<sup>th</sup> December

ECB Level II Coaching Course – Leinster Cricket Union  
6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November  
20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November  
28th November

ECC Introductory Umpiring Course – Italy  
19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November

## HISTORIC DAY FOR MALAGA CRICKET

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October when the Men's and Junior Under 14 Colts teams of the Combined Colleges Cricket Club took to the field to play in their respective leagues, they became the only cricket club to have Senior & Junior teams playing in leagues at the same time in the Kingdom of Spain.

The Club, formed in 1986 by Gregory Gomez, son of former West Indies Cricket Captain, Gerry Gomez, is the oldest Officially Registered active Cricket Club in Spain. As the name suggests, the Club is made up of Parents, Teachers, Students and Friends of the International Schools on the Costa Del Sol, and to date is still the most successful Cricket Club in Spain. On the field, as far as silverware goes, they have won every trophy available to them in Spain, Gibraltar and Malaga. Off the field, it has attracted a wonderful social gathering of people brought together with the welfare of Children in mind.

Due to the Constitutional Aims and Objectives, the Club is responsible for the Malaga Youth Cricket Development Programme, and has managed to generate a tremendous amount of interest at Senior and at school levels recently (since Greg Gomez's return last year) and will be responsible for the organising and running of the Malaga Under 14 Junior Cricket League taking place for the first time after 15 years this season. The Clubs Junior Teams are made of Students from Spanish and English Schools not involved with Cricket at this time.

The Marlborough Trust Company Limited, a Guernsey based company, has recently linked with the Programme and the league will now be known as the Marlborough Under 14 Junior League.

The Club is expanding at a controlled rate and is almost in a position to enjoy seeing areas like Sotogrande and Fuengirola branch away with their respective Cricket Clubs to ensure a wider offering of Cricket to more players in the Region.

Hampering one of the ultimate goals of the Club is the lack of a permanent Cricket Ground. Until now all grounds available for Cricket have been privately owned and Cricket has struggled to take firm root, when the sale of the land became necessary. The Combined Colleges Cricket Club is therefore looking for a suitable area of land to develop with its own funding for the establishment of a Permanent Cricket Ground that will ensure the future and continuity of cricket in the Region of Malaga.

