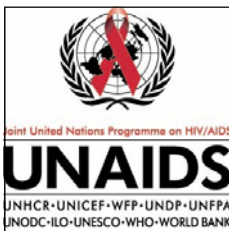


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EUROPEAN CRICKET ACADEMY

The squad for the 2005 European Cricket Academy has now been selected and all the successful players are busy preparing themselves for the intensive 3 week programme. From the large number of nominations received 15 players have been selected to make up the final squad. The players selected in the final squad are:

Zeeshan Bashir
(Clydesdale CC, Scotland)
Richard Berrington
(Greenock CC, Scotland)
Robert Cannon
(Forfarshire CCC, Scotland)
Sanjay Chawla
(Svanholm CC, Denmark)
Steven de Bruin
(Amsterdam CC, Netherlands)
Kasim Farid
(Clydesdale CC, Scotland)
James Hall
(Waringstown CC, Ireland)

Lakmal Kasturiarachige
(Austria CC Wien, Austria)
Alexei Kerzeev
(HBS, Holland)
Gary Kidd
(Waringstown CC, Ireland)
Gareth McKee
(Cliftonville CC, Ireland)
Gavin McKenna
(North Down CC, Ireland)
Jim Morgan
(Sporting Alfas CC, Spain)
Robert Rankin
(Bready CC, Ireland)
Rajeev Vohra
(Pak Alemi CC, Germany)

The program is to include 3 one-day games against England U17's and a two-day game against Warwickshire CB U19's.

On non match days the players will be put through their paces

by coaches and specialists including former England cricketers Mike Gatting, Jeremy Snape and David Richardson, former South African test player and now ICC General Manager – Cricket. Rod Marsh the current ECB National Academy Director will also be taking time out of his busy schedule to speak to the players prior to their first game against England U17's.

Below: National Academy



INTEGRATION OF WOMEN'S CRICKET

An exciting phase is emerging in the world of cricket following the integration of women's cricket with the International Cricket Council (ICC).

In an effort to widen the cricket market, increase the number of participants and provide opportunities for females to access the game, the ICC officially integrated with women's cricket following the eighth Women's World Cup held in South Africa in April 2005. Prior to integration, women's cricket had been governed by the International Women's Cricket Council (IWCC) from 1958 to 2005.

Integration is not only occurring at the International level – a number of member countries have also integrated with women's cricket with some very positive outcomes for the game. The perceived benefits that will result from the integration process include an increase in cricket participation, greater resources and an enhanced profile for women's cricket worldwide.

The ICC is committed to promoting and developing women's cricket and to providing opportu-

nities for females from the development level right through to the representative level. To show their dedication to women's cricket, Megan Smith was employed in the role of Women's Project Officer in March 2005. The focus of this role will be to work with key cricketing stakeholders including the ECC to develop women's cricket. This will include aligning the current ICC policies, playing conditions and code of conduct to the women's game, working on strategies to develop the game in all regions and enhancing performance standards of international players. Additionally it is important that the ICC is working towards developing young female cricketers in the ICC regions and ensuring females have access to cricket activities, competitions, facilities and equipment similar to their male counterparts.

Following integration an ICC Women's Committee was established to work in conjunction with the ICC to govern and manage women's cricket and provide recommendations to the ICC Development Commit-

tee. The Europe region representative on this committee is Gill McConway (ECB's Director of Women's Cricket) whose purpose will be to voice the women's cricket needs and requirements of the Europe region.

Below: Australian & Ireland Captains, Belinda Clarke and Clare Shillington, at the World Cup 2005



Megan is available to support and assist the regions and member countries with providing information on women's cricket, establishing development programs and providing a pathway for females to progress through the cricket structure to hopefully one day represent their country. No doubt there will be challenges ahead but it is definitely an exciting time not only for women's cricket but it is a bold move for cricket in general.

CRICKET TOURNAMENT IN BELARUS

The Annual SINTEZ-MM TROPHY opened on the 2nd of June 2005 for the 12th consecutive time in the capital city of Belarus, Minsk. On this auspicious occasion, Dr. Upendra Mahato, Consul general of Kingdom of Nepal to the Republic of Belarus, his Advisor Dr. Niraj Govind Shrestha and Dr. Akulich V.V. President of Sintez-MM Company were the guests of honour.

There were five teams participating in this tournament namely Gomel State Medical University's cricket team, Vitebsk State Medical University's cricket team, Crescent-11, Minsk-11 and SAARC-11.

The initial rounds saw some excellent cricket with GSMU doing well and showing fighting instinct. The semi finals saw GSMU v Crescent-11 and

SAARC-11 v Minsk-11. Rain interrupted the first semi final which GSMU eventually won by 4 wickets achieving the required runs in 12.5 overs.

The final was between GSMU and SAARC-11, a great match between 2 strong teams.

SAARC-11 batting first made 186 runs losing all the wickets in 24 overs in the 25 over match. In the reply GSMU lost 3 early wickets in the first 3 overs. But GSMU opening Batman Jitendra Singh Tomar managed to take the team up to a fighting score. After making 69 runs with his excellent two 6's and five 4's, he was caught at mid off in the 22nd over when the score was 143 runs. Other batsmen couldn't make the required runs and GSMU lost the match by 18 runs.

Jitendra Singh Tomar of GSMU was awarded Best Batman for his excellent performance in all the league and semi final matches, scoring a total of 229 runs. Best bowler award was picked up by Duminda Premaratne from Crescent-11 (dismissed a total of 11 batsmen) and Best all rounder by Nirav Patel of GSMU.

At the same time Double Wicket Cricket was also played. Two pairs one from GSMU (Shahir Khan+Eshaan Patel) and the other from Crescent-11 (Kifayat S. Maksud+Duminda Premaratne) reached the final, but due to bad weather the match couldn't be finished, so both pairs were announced winners. In this tournament Alexander Sunny Jaiswal, aged 7 years old, the youngest player from SAARC-11, played the first match in his early cricket career.

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Dr Mahato opening the tournament



SAARC-11

GROUNDSMAN OF THE YEAR FOR JERSEY

Ian le Marquand in Jersey was one of the winners of Cricket World and Pitchcare.com's Groundsman of the Year Awards in the Local Authority Ground section.

Ian received his presentation at Lord's on 20th April 2005 from Chris Wood, England & Wales Cricket Board's Pitches Consultant.

A photo of the presentation can

be seen on the right.

From L to R. Keith Exton (Oakham School), Ian Le Marquand (Jersey LA), Chris Westbrook (Hursley Park CC) and Chris Wood (ECB)



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GUERNSEY YOUTH TEST STANDARDS

U13 Tour Holland/Belgium

The Guernsey U13's came away from their tour of Holland & Belgium with three wins from three games, including two victories over a full strength Dutch outfit.

"We organised this tour to find out what standards we need to reach going forwards into our ICC commitments", said development coach Jason Shambrook. "The tour went very well. The fielding was exceptional but the highlight was the bowling". "What I find incredible is that we used eight bowlers during the tour and none of them conceded more than three and a half runs per over", said Jason.

In the first game against the Antwerp Indians, Guernsey set an imposing 258/5 in 40 overs. Tim Ravenscroft starred with the bat scoring 103 with useful contributions from Adam Clark,

Andrew Dawson Ball & Charlie Wilkes Green. The Indians were dismissed for 104 with the pick of the bowlers being Andrew Hutchinson 7/4/19/4.

In the second game in Utrecht against Holland, Guernsey bowled well and restricted their hosts to just 97 from 40 overs. Left arm spinner, Max Ellis returned figures of 8/0/23/2. Chasing small totals is never easy but with Tim Ravenscroft scoring another half century victory came with the loss of 4 wickets.

The third game was a rain reduced affair in Amsterdam. Guernsey batted first and made 113/5 in 22 overs. Adam Hindle showed his undoubted class with an unbeaten 33. The Dutch were never really up with the run rate and finished on 80/6, Andrew Hutchinson 4/2/5/1 and Tom Still 4/1/9/0.

U14 v Dorset

A Guernsey representative record partnership of 307 gave Guernsey victory against Dorset in the seasonal county match.

Guernsey batted first and initially found it hard going against a well drilled Dorset side. Opener, Richard Angliss was dismissed early in the game which brought the partnership of Tim Ravenscroft & Chris Whitworth together. The brutal strength of Ravenscroft with the careful shot placement of Whitworth combined well. The partnership was finally broken when Whitworth fell for 110 (11x 4's).

Ravenscroft finishing unbeaten on 193 not out (9x 6's, 18x 4's).

A target of 358 in 50 overs was always going to prove difficult and Dorset ended on 208/7 falling 150 runs short. The pick of the Guernsey bowlers was Joshua Kendal 6/2/13/2.



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7TH ACC FUTURE CUP IN AUSTRIA

The Tegernsee Cricket Club of Germany visited the Austria Cricket Stadium in Vienna on the 7th and 8th of May for a thrilling Cricket Weekend. Together with the team from Tegernsee CC, three future teams from the Austria Cricket Club competed in the U-15 Tournament, ACC Red, White and Blue teams. ACC Blue was captained by Shivam Subhash, a leg-spinner who just returned from the ECC "Centre of Excellence" Cricket Camp in Bradford, England.

On the first day all teams faced each other but this day was absolutely dominated by ACC Red, reaching a score of 139 runs after 14 overs which was the highest score ever in the tournament. One bowler stood out, Shivam Subhash took 6 wickets in only 8 overs.

On day two, the semi finals were played with ACC Red and ACC White reaching the final.

With a strong bowling attack and very tight and disciplined fielding, ACC White could restrict ACC Red to 81 runs after 14 overs, the early dismissal of Rojin Noel Philip a big advantage for ACC White. But still ACC Red kept fighting and got two early wickets. Rohan Dickinson, who opened the innings together with his captain, showed some great nerve and kept the situation under control. Together with Ciju Puthupally he was there until the end, fighting the bowling attack and not giving away any chance. In the last over, 4 runs out of 5 balls were needed, which Rohan Dickinson finished off by hitting a great boundary and leading his team to victory,

earning the Man of the Match Award.

All together it was a great weekend for cricket and we can only watch out to see the next performances of those youngsters.

Future CUP Awards:

Man of the series
Bawa Kronen-Sharma
Best Allrounder:
Rohan Dickinson
Best Fielder:
Paul Miskulnig
Best Batsman:
Sridhar Bulusu
Best Bowler:
Shivam Subhash
Best Newcomer:
Stefan Reisinger

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ACC U15 Team

ICC TROPHY

Four countries will be representing Europe at the ICC Trophy which begins in Ireland on 1st July for 2 weeks.

Scotland, Ireland, Holland and Denmark will compete against a further 8 countries for the title (Bermuda, Canada, USA, Namibia, Uganda, Oman, UAE and Papua New Guinea). The top five teams will qualify for the World Cup in the West Indies in 2007.

The full match schedule can be found on www.ecc-cricket.com.

NEW POPE JOINS UMPIRE COURSE

Pope Benedict XVI not only celebrated his first Mass on April 24th but he also found time to visit the ECC/ACU&S GL6 Umpires Course being held in the Hotel Casa Bonus Pastor in Vatican City (well, we can dream can't we!!!)

Following the success of the ECC Introductory Course held in November 2004 the GIAC (Italian Umpires Association) requested that the next level Course be run so that they could sit their GL6 Exam. Graham Cooper was duly despatched to Rome to run this event. 13 keen umpires attended and were enthralled as Graham took them through the vagaries of Injured Striker's and

Runners; Substitutes; Handled the Ball; Hit the ball twice, and various other 'obscure' Laws. Interspersed with this 'new' work was revision of some areas that they had covered during the Introductory Course.

Since English was not always fully understood Graham was expertly helped by Franco Esposito who managed to translate, almost word for word, everything Graham said – not an easy task but one that contributed greatly to the success of the weekend.

With such a busy schedule there was little time for any sightseeing but 5 of the group did manage to stroll down to

St.Peter's Square on the Saturday evening to watch the last minute preparations for the Pope's first Mass the next day – no glimpse of the Pope but it was nice to see, in person, the place where so much of the world's attention had been focused during the past few weeks.

At the time of writing the results of the GL6 Exam were not known but we wish each and every one of the umpires every success in this area.

CYPRUS VISITS CORFU

Corfu is famous for its special Easter celebrations. Corfu is also the home of cricket in Hellas.

Played at the Marina Ground but also at the Main Square (Esplanade) Ground in the heart of historic Corfu Town, it is the perfect venue.

History was made in Easter Week 2005 by the first ever visit by a Cyprus cricket team to an overseas country. 17 young cricketers from Foleys School, accompanied by their teachers

and parents, arrived in Corfu on 23rd April.

They spent 5 days in the island and played two games against youth Hellenic teams. On the 25th took place a coaching clinic where young Corfiot & Cyprus cricketers had the opportunity to practice with Hellenic coaches.

Youth development of cricket in Cyprus started only 6 years ago but already Cyprus has a team in the U13 age group.

The visit to Corfu to play

"friendly" cricket matches was to help Cyprus get experience and of course the Cyprus cricketers made new friends in Hellas.

Below: Action in Corfu Town



Cyprus and Corfu squads



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EUROPE OFFICE NEWS

Jon Mahood has joined the Europe Office staff for the summer.

Jon will be covering for Denise O'Neill who begins maternity leave at the end of May. Jon will be with the Europe Office until the beginning of August and will cover the Accounts role and undertake other project work.



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HISTORIC MOMENT IN ITALIAN COACHING

On Saturday 9th of April, Pianoro near Bologna hosted a meeting of 17 Italian cricket coaches. Also on hand to witness the historic moment when these coaches formed the Italian Coaches Association, 'Gruppo Italiano Tecnici Cricket' (GITC) were key members of the FCrl, National Coach Joe Scuderi and ECC Coach Richard O'Sullivan.

Empowering coaches to take a direct hand in planning their country's development is so important and Richard and Joe were able to assist Patrick Leech, the coaches representative in the main FCrl committee, in delivering an ambitious and challenging two day programme specifically designed to help these new GITC coaches become more effective in their delivery at schools and clubs. Issues covered were sections of

the new ECB Coach Award 'How to Coach' modules, along with Long Term Athlete Development and Net Coaching. The feedback received on the formation of the group focused on greater co-operation between clubs and the comforting fact whilst often isolated coaches were not alone.

Richard was then able to spend the rest a rainy week in Italy continuing to assess and help deliver grassroots initiatives in Rome and Euratom in Ispra, Lombardia. At PGS in Rome he witnessed and assisted the end of an ambitious in school and after school competitive programme which culminated in a fantastic prize-giving where no young player went unrewarded for their efforts.

At Euratom again new ground

was broken when Richard delivered in school introductory sessions to children at the local European School and for the first time the local Italian Media School in Ispra (photo below). The teachers and children at both schools received the program with great enthusiasm and with further contact planned by Euratom officials it is the hope that this is the beginning of new era in cricket at Euratom. Quite a challenge to other clubs in the Italian federation, one which all the new members of the GITC are hopefully better equipped to take on.



Gordon Goudie (Scotland) bowling to Graham Thorpe



Gordon Goudie (Scotland) and Freddie Klokker (Denmark)

The MCC Young Cricketers, including several European players, helped with the pre-match preparation at the 1st Test at Lord's on 26th May, bowling in the nets to both the England and Bangladesh sides.



YOUTH CRICKET GROWS IN DUSSELDORF

On the 1st May 2005 DSC 99 in Duesseldorf had their annual open day. Their cricket stand had a batting net, some cricket equipment, pads, bats, balls etc and a Kwick Cricket set.

During the course of the day, the interest level in Cricket grew considerably especially amongst children. Parents had brought their kids down to the open day in order for their children to get involved in sport.

So with the help of Richard Stock, James Hall, John Horsington and a few other 1st X1 players they organised some fielding drills and a game of continuous cricket. Most of the kids had never played before but after teaching them the basics, they quickly found their feet and there was no stopping them. Everyone wanted to bat, bowl and run after the ball.

It was great to see, and the parents got involved as well, it was a

great advert for Cricket in Germany and from here they will hopefully build. The next step is to get more kids interested in playing and try to introduce cricket into schools. This of course will take time, but the open day on the 1st of May will go a long way to speeding this process up. They would like to thank all the guys who helped out on Saturday as well as their parents. Here's to the future of Cricket in Germany.

FRANCE - FIRST U15 CHALLENGE

The first ever Siddalls Junior Cup was played at Damazan on 15th May and was the first U15 game in the south of France (between Aquitaine and PACA).

As a first it was a good one with excellent cricket from both sides.

Special mention goes to young Daniel from Aquitaine. As a 9 year old it was fantastic to watch him as a fielder, a first class player-like, nodding his head, watching the scoreboard to check the run rate, walking in with the bowler, diving and throw-

ing beautifully. A very special mention to the PACA squad parents for driving a 7 hours journey to get their players to this game. Thanks also to both coaches from Aquitaine and PACA (respectively Tim Williams and John Cook) for the hard work done with the juniors.

Results:
PACA won the toss and elected to bat. 132 for 4 in 25 overs. (Christy Parkes 27 not out, Tom Rawlins 25 not out; Ben Martell 1-11, Ben Shearson 2-11, John Harding 2-25)

Aquitaine 96 for 5 in 25 overs (Ben Shearson 25 not out, Ben Martell 25 not out; Ryan Wield 2-1, Charlie Razimbaud 1-11, Spencer Bamborough 1-0). PACA won by 36 runs.

Below: PACA Captain Tom Rawlins

