



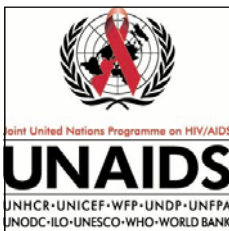
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IRELAND & SCOTLAND IN WORLD CUP

Ireland, Scotland, Bermuda and Canada have qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 in the West Indies after finishing in the top two positions in their respective groups of the ICC Trophy Ireland 2005. European Development Manager Richard Holdsworth commented 'This is a great day for European cricket. Scotland and Ireland both thoroughly deserve this, for all the efforts they have put in over the last two years. If Holland can defeat UAE in Clontarf on Monday this will give Europe three of the five places in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007, which will really show the strength and depth which the region has.'

Hosts Ireland confirmed first place in Group A after beating Denmark by 73 runs at Bangor. They then defeated Canada in the first semi-final on Saturday.

The final ICC Cricket World Cup qualifying spot will be awarded to the team that finishes fifth in the ICC Trophy. Holland and UAE

are still in contention and will play-off for this crucial spot on Monday.

Bermuda and Ireland both qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup for the first time with victories over USA and Denmark on Saturday.

The home side's victory over Denmark was built on a valuable 60-run contribution from star man Ed Joyce. The Middlesex batsman will return to his county side for a Championship match starting on Friday. But Ireland's next opponents will still have an in-form Joyce to contend with as younger brother Dominic overshadowed his more experienced sibling with a man-of-the-match winning 50 off only 37 balls.

Ireland's total of 222 all out looked a sufficient target in challenging conditions at Bangor and it proved to be so as Denmark were bowled out for 149.

Scotland went into its final group match against Holland as the only unbeaten side in Group B. Holland had to win the match to stand a chance of qualifying while Scotland would be through if they could come close to matching Holland's run rate.

Left: The World Cup with Holland & Denmark playing in the background



These circumstances made for a tense opening spell after Scotland were put into bat and when light rain disrupted play they were struggling at 138 for five. When play resumed, Scotland's middle-order all chipped in with valuable runs to lift the total to 221 all out.

Scotland's seam attack found the damp conditions to their liking and made early inroads into the Dutch batting line-up. A series of batsmen made steady starts but only Ryan ten Doeschate was able to pass 20 as the wickets continued to fall. Holland crumbled to 123 all out with Ryan Watson the chief destroyer with four wickets.

Below: Ed Joyce of Ireland batting against UAE at Stormont



ICC APPROVE NEW MEMBERS IN EUROPE

The ICC Annual Conference has approved applications from Guernsey, Jersey and Slovenia as Affiliate members and for Belgium to be upgraded from Affiliate to Associate status.

This takes European membership to 27 countries and the total membership of the ICC to 96 countries.

Welcoming the approval of the new member countries, ICC President Ehsan Mani said: "It is a tribute to the ICC Development Program that new members are being accepted into the ICC

family on a regular basis. For Guernsey, Jersey, Mali and Slovenia the reward is newly-acquired status as Affiliate members while Belgium, Botswana, Japan, Kuwait and Thailand have all demonstrated to our other members they have the necessary structures in place to take the step up to Associate member status."

ICC also announced that the top six Associates will now be able to play full one-day internationals against each other or any other full member country. The top 6 Associates will also benefit from additional funding

of US\$500,000 over four years which will help them build a solid foundation for future expansion.

Below: Mathew Kennedy, ICC Global Development Manager, Ashit Mehta, BCF Sponsor and HRH Tunku Imran at the ICC's inspection visit to Belgium in April



EUROPEAN ACADEMY UNDERWAY

The European Academy is in full swing at Loughborough and ICC Regional Development Officer Philip Hudson is very pleased with the progress being made by the players.

One of the Irish participants, Gareth McKee, has written a diary of the first week at the Academy. An excerpt is shown below and the full article can be found on the ECC Website: www.ecc-cricket.com

Monday 20th - The day started rather early with breakfast at eight am. This was followed by an introduction to the world class facilities at the E.C.B National Academy. Our first session came at 9.15 with E.C.B Academy physiologist Richard Smith talking to us about the physical attributes required to make it at the highest level. This was quite interesting and opened a few eyes. The next session was to be one of the hardest I have ever been involved in. The program wrote 'TEAM FITNESS CHALLENGE'. This was a series of gruelling physical exercises which pushed the body to its extreme with some boys not managing to complete it. But I can say that all the Irish lads completed it with Gavin McKenna coming third overall.

That night we got a talk from Richard Done (ICC High Performance Manager), who is an Australian who has worked on the Australian Cricket Academy and for the state of Queen-

sland. This was an extremely interesting session and helped us understand what is going on in other ICC development regions around the world.

Wednesday 22nd - The day started with another bowling session giving us the chance to work on a few things with the seamers. Again we worked with Roland Lefebvre which was great as he was passing on his knowledge of the game whilst also adding in how he had Matt Hayden out lbw in the world cup but the umpire never gave it.

Thursday 23rd - Saw the arrival of Brian O Rourke, Ireland's U19 coach. Brian has a good knowledge of most of the players at this year's Academy and wasted no time in setting up fitness and fielding sessions that proved hard work for all of us. Perhaps the biggest arrival of the day was that of former England captain Mike Gatting. The morning session consisted of Mike taking a session on how to play spin! This was great for both the batters and bowlers as the batsmen got an insight on his thoughts on playing spin whilst the spinners got to bowl at him although he did make them look very average!! As he would. In the evening he also took a session on captaincy and leadership. We also had a session on playing fast bowling which was quite funny seeing all the guys ducking and diving with balls flying past their noses. The session was run by

Gordon Lord has been working with all the batsmen. The information that Gordon has passed onto all the batsmen will definitely make us all better players.

Friday 24th The morning session started off with a session with Joce on Lifestyle Management. Throughout the week we had seen England fast bowler Simon Jones doing his rehab work with the Academy physio's. One of the physio's asked Philip Hudson whether Simon could have a bowl to prove his fitness for the remaining games against Australia and Bangladesh in the one-day series currently being played. For the next 15 minutes I had the pleasure of facing Simon as I was currently one of the guys batting at the time. The first ball he bowled was only off a few steps and that flew past at a good pace. The next thing he did made me slightly nervous as he got the tape measure out and measured his full run-up! A few of the guys looked at each other and chuckled. Cheers guys. It was a great experience and one I will never forget.

That night we had a player's forum where we were asked to provide our views on the week currently passed. So far it has been a great experience and we are all enjoying ever moment of it. My highlight has definitely been the opportunity I was given to face Simon Jones and I am looking forward to our games commencing over the next couple of days.



Mike Gatting demonstrates



Simon Jones gives some tips



EUROPEAN PRESIDENTS' DAY

A number of representatives from European cricket boards gathered at Lord's on the 3rd day of the Bangladesh Test for European Presidents' Day.

With the Board representatives were a number of guests including sponsors and government officials who as well as seeing the final play of the Test had a chance to experience Lord's and meet other like-minded cricket enthusiasts.

The day also gave the opportunity for ICC European Development Manager Richard Holdsworth to present a number of the ICC Development Awards. Matthew Kennedy, ICC Global Development Manager, pre-

sented trophies to the following countries:

- Scotland – Best Overall Cricket Development Programme (Global), Women's Cricket Initiative, Best Cricket Promotional Programme.
- Ireland – Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative
- Isle of Man – Photo of the Year
- Switzerland – Flicx Junior Cricket Initiative
- Belgium – UNAIDS/Tsunami Fundraising Event

Ken Sainsbury, Spain (Lifetime Service Award) and Andrew Armitage, Finland (Volunteer of the Year Award) had their awards presented at the ECC AGM on 25th June, Maja Sca-

mans accepting the award on Andrew's behalf.

Below: Matthew Kennedy and Syed Nayyar (Switzerland)



Matthew Kennedy & Roddy Smith (Scotland)



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EUROPEAN UMPIRE NEWS

European Umpire at ICC Trophy

Trevor Henry from Ireland was one of six members of the recently constituted ICC Associate and Affiliate Umpires Panel selected to stand in the ICC Trophy in Ireland.

All six of these officials also officiated in the ICC World Cup Qualifying Series Division Two event in Malaysia in February 2005 and their performances at that event helped earn them a place on the Panel.

ICC General Manager – Cricket, David Richardson, said it was a good opportunity for the appointed umpires to develop their experience. It will give these umpires an opportunity to demonstrate their ability and stake a claim for further international appointments."

The umpires will be assessed during the ICC Trophy with

the top officials from the early phases selected to stand in the high profile matches towards the tournament's conclusion on 13 July.

European Umpires at Maccabi Games

The 17th Maccabiah, to be held between 10-21 July and 4 ICC Development Program European Umpires, Ken Amos, Richard Smith, Niels Bagh and Steve Tovey, will be joining local Umpires (Naor Gudker, Norman Sankar and Hillel Awaskar) to officiate at the tournament. The tournament will include over 65,000 athletes, of which approximately 4,500 will be coming from abroad, from 45 different countries. The largest delegation will be coming from the United States, approximately 800 athletes. 103 events in the different categories (senior, youth, masters, male, female) will be held at venues across the country. Many sports, like cricket, will be bringing expert

officials to officiate in the tournament.

Although competition starts on 10 July, the official opening ceremony will be held on Monday evening, 11 July, in front of a crowd of 45,000 including many dignitaries.

The cricket will be played at two venues – Hadar Yosef which is in Tel Aviv, and Ashdod, which is a 40-minute drive south of Tel Aviv along the coast. There are two grounds at both locations that will be used. The schedule includes teams from Australia, Great Britain, South Africa, India and Israel who will compete in the senior section, and all the above except for India in the youth (U18) section. Australia and South Africa traditionally send very strong teams, and the biggest name in the tournament will be South African Adam Bacher. The Israeli junior side, which has achieved excellent results in European tournaments, is eagerly awaiting the challenge expected from their peers from abroad.



Trevor Henry

Photo: Barry Chambers



Ole with Development Officer Siva Nadarajah



Ole Mortensen in Vienna



STAN VISITS AUSTRIA

Ole "Stan" Mortensen was in Vienna over the weekend (4-5 June) for a reconnaissance and coaching visit, which had originally come about following the ICC Introduction to Cricket Course and Coaching Forum in Lords last November. Even the slightly temperamental weather was unable to dampen spirits, with Stan conducting sessions with younger players from Austria CC Wien and Lords CC, as well as the ACA's Development squad - drawn from Austrian-qualified players from various Open League clubs to give them an insight into the more high performance side of cricket, away from the environs of their own clubs.

On the Saturday, there were two training sessions, with one for youth players and the other

for the development squad - sadly the latter was curtailed by a torrential rainstorm, but nevertheless the group had enjoyed a very productive session and it was clear that Stan's complete motivation had rubbed off on those in attendance and they have doubtless all profited from the session. In the evening the Sri Lankan Cricket Club's Summer Nights party allowed Stan a chance to enjoy some very spicy Sri Lankan cuisine.

On the Sunday, there was another extended practice session, with some of those attending playing in the subsequent Austria CC Youth match against Lords Cricket Club's development team - with some more experienced players helping to make up the numbers -

although there are encouraging signs that Lords CC will soon have a very strong young team. Stan was able to see the start of the game, and it was clear to see that some of his imparted wisdom had already been taken on board and was being put into practice. It was also pleasing to see some of the more senior players volunteering to umpire and supervise the game - and it is hopefully a very encouraging sign for the future.

On behalf of the ACA and all those who attended coaching sessions, thanks go to Stan for fitting a visit into Vienna into his busy schedule, as well as to all the parents and players who assisted in ensuring a very successful weekend for nurturing young talent.

ISLE OF MAN PRESENTS ICC AWARD

On the right is a photo taken at the MCC reception held at the Cronkbourne Pavilion, Tro-mode, Douglas, Isle of Man on the evening of Wednesday 15 June 2005 in the presence of Isle of Man resident MCC members, members of the MCC touring party to the Isle of Man and past / present officials of

the Isle of Man Cricket Association. The reception was arranged with the support of the Standard Bank to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the formation of the governing body for cricket on the Isle of Man (founded in 1930). The picture shows the patron of the Isle of

Man Cricket Association (His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man) presenting the ICC Development Award certificate with a framed copy of winning photo to Simon Watson (the subject player of the photo). Also in the photo is Dougie Hind, Chairman, Isle of Man CA.



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CRICKET 'WORLD CUP' IN CYPRUS

The picture on the right shows the winners and other competitors in the "Under 13's World Cup Cricket League" held over the last month at Happy Valley, Cyprus. The League was won by triumphant New Zealand with disappointed Australia finishing bottom. Could this be an omen for Australia?!

The competition was organised by Colin Relton (Foleys School) and John Mills (St Johns School). Both are school teachers who recently qualified as Level 1 Coaches funded by the European Cricket Council.

The teams were named after International Cricket Teams. The players in each team were selected to create evenly balanced teams not only on ability but so that each team

had players from both schools.

The aim was to give the young cricketers the opportunity to play competitive cricket and also to create friendship between pupils from both schools. These youngsters form the back bone of Cyprus Junior Cricket and some of them will be selected in the near future to represent Cyprus against other International Teams. However pupils from other schools will also be given the opportunity to be selected.

The Cyprus Cricket Association have invited Israel and Greece to Cyprus to play in an under 15's Triangular Competition later this year and are hopeful that this will go ahead in October. Also if finances allow it is hoped that Cyprus

will enter an "Under 15 team" in the 2006 ECC European Championships.

Some of them already have had international cricket experience. "Foleys Phantoms" lead by their PE Teacher Colin Relton played matches in Corfu against junior players representing Greece. The visit was a huge success and proved that Cyprus can do well in future Junior European Competitions.

Youth Cricket in Cyprus is developing strongly with over 100 young cricketers from age 6 upwards taking part in a Youth Cricket Course. It is hoped that in a few years time as these young players mature that Cyprus will have a Senior International Cricket Team.

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Cyprus U13 W.Cup League



Bilkent Team with the new pitch



Ambassador Iftikhar Ahmed Shah and Rector Ali Dogramaci

TOURNAMENT FIRST FOR TURKEY

The first cricket tournament of 2005 opened on the 18th June in the capital city of Turkey, Ankara, thanks to the ECC funding of a new flixc pitch for the Turkey Cricket Association. On this occasion, Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed Shah, Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Turkey and Mr. Ali Dogramaci, Rector Bilkent University, were the chief guests.

There were four teams participating in this tournament namely Bilkent University, Middle East Technical University, Ankara Stars and Desi of Istanbul.

The first round was based on knockout basis with Ankara Stars taking on Bilkent University in the first match and Desi of Istanbul against Middle East Technical University in the second. Bilkent University and Middle East Technical University qualified for the finals.

We saw some great cricket in the final match. Bilkent University batting first made 139 in 20 overs for the loss of 8 wickets with Asim Shah highest scorer with 40 runs. Asad Ghalib was the most successful bowler from the METU side taking 5 wickets, 4 of them coming on

consecutive deliveries. In reply, METU reached the target in 16 overs with Farhan Ali showing some great stroke play and making 49 (not out). At one stage it looked as if Bilkent could win the match, METU had lost 7 wickets and needed another 53 runs. However, METU won the match by 3 wickets.

Farhan Ali was named Man of the Tournament for his impressive 5 wickets from 4 overs giving just 13 runs against Desi of Istanbul and his match winning innings in the final game against Bilkent University.

GERMANY SPREADS THE WORD

Cricket in Germany is steadily becoming more and more popular. Nevertheless promoting this beautiful sport has to involve a lot of effort. Some people like press officer of DCB Carsten Höfinghoff take every chance of placing cricket into the focus of public interest. As President of the VfB Oldenburg CC, a club known for its long cricket tradition (first report of cricket being played is mentioned 1897) Höfinghoff initiated a revival of cricket in the north western region of Germany.

Working closely with the regional newspapers Höfinghoff got a stand at the annual family-fair of the NWZ (Nordwest-

Zeitung) at Oldenburg-Hatten Airfield. The newspaper has a circulation of 275.000 per day.

The NWZ-Family-Fair took place on 28-29 May. About 17,000 visitors came to the airfield to participate in attractions like kiting, steam engines, circus, parachuting, fireworks and many others. Amongst the program was the VfB Oldenburg CC with a mobile net, a flixc pitch and a bowling machine. Prominently placed next to the main stage, many of the visitors came to the net, watched VfB cricketers and were invited to put on protection gear, pick up a bat and play some strokes.

This event was successful in many aspects. First of all some of the visitors got a brief insight into a sport they have heard of but never have seen it being played. Second: some visitor were surprised cricket being played by non-commonwealth citizens. Third: youngsters played the ball and were absolutely surprised about the fun batting can be. But the major point is that some of the young asked for training times and showed up at the local sports ground the day after!

To all developers in Europe we can only encourage you to present yourself on such occasions. It is worth it.



VfB Oldenburg CC's stand



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Congratulations to Denise

ICC Accounts Officer
Denise O'Neill and husband
Michael are the proud parents
of a baby girl.

Rhiannon arrived on
Friday 24th June
weighing 7lbs 14oz.



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FIRST JUNIOR MATCHES IN SWITZERLAND

The first junior cricket matches between teams from Switzerland took place at the end of June when the 'Zurich Crickets' Under 11 and Under 8 teams were hosted by Geneva teams at Cern cricket ground, in France.

26 children, augmented by several youth cricketers, met for the afternoon to contest 2 matches. The older participants played in mixed teams to even out the sides in a match which saw a good number of boundaries, while the younger children played a full-of-surprises and keenly contested eight-a-side game, which was narrowly won by Cern. Needless to say, the 'Zurich Crickets' are already looking forward to the return match on their home ground later this summer.

This year has seen a leap forward for Swiss cricket now that there are junior teams

capable of competing against each other. The teams are mixed and include children from a number of different nationalities, and although the 'other' nationalities still dominate, the Swiss contingent in Zurich accounts for 90% of the Under 8 team. Other matches are already scheduled for this summer, with, besides a return Geneva-Zurich match, matches against Basel and a showpiece match at the final of the Swiss League Cup in Cossonay in mid September. The juniors will be given a boost in August when 3 former Pakistani test players will spend a week each in the Zurich and Geneva areas coaching in a summer camp atmosphere. This winter should also see some interesting developments in indoor cricket as three schools in the Zurich area have now decided to include cricket in their sports programs, and there is hope

that something similar will emerge in Geneva.

To keep abreast of the increase in young cricketers the Swiss Cricket Association is organising an ECC/ECB Level 1 coaching course, sponsored in part by the ICC Development Program, which has already attracted an encouraging number of participants, including parents. With at least ten more coaches willing to put time and effort into training these young enthusiasts next year augurs well for Swiss cricket.

Below: Action from the matches



AMBASSADORS AT SLOVAK CRICKET DAY

On Saturday, 14th May, Slovak cricket club organized a Cricket Day in Hajske and thus carried on the tradition of the European Spirit of Cricket Weekend. It is still a opportunity to highlight cricket in Slovakia where cricket is developing and doesn't have a long tradition.

This year's day was unique; we were honoured to welcome the British Ambassador in Austria John Macgregor, British Ambassador in Slovakia Judith Macgregor and Indian Ambassador in Slovakia MK Lokesh, and we were pleased to welcome many other foreigners and guests living in Slovakia.

The programme was full of competitions and sporting activities for children like bowling,

batting and catching the ball. Children were divided into 3 groups: boys under 11, boys over 11 and girls. When the competition finished, many of them were rewarded with prizes. After this activity, a children's match started and all of the kids were playing with great enthusiasm which surprised and pleased everyone. The children then had a picnic.

Below: Ambassadors with teams



In the afternoon, a match took place, International Team v Slovak Cricket Club. The International Team was represented by players from England, India, Scotland, South Africa and New Zealand. The whole match was held in a friendly atmosphere. And during the innings break the players could rest and enjoy a tasteful lunch. The Internationals won the match but the result was not so important. After a raffle drawn by the Ambassadors, play continued with India v England which the Indians won.

At the end of the day all the players sat around a big table and enjoyed Slovak goulash and the traditional slovak meal "bryndzove halusky". More than 150 spectators attended the day and it was hailed a great success.

IRELAND'S ICC AWARD

Left:



Brian O'Rourke presents the Award Certificate at the Muslim School, for which Ireland won the ICC Development Program award for Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative.

Online Charity Auction

The DCB and the DCUSA announce the first online auction of cricket memorabilia to support the Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe tsunami charity.

International Test scorer Bill Frindall MBE has donated one of his last original charts of Brian Lara's World Test record "400 not out" for auction

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