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WORLD CUP PREPARATIONS BEGIN

Players from Bermuda, Canada, the Netherlands, Ireland, Kenya and Scotland are set to feel the benefit of an 11-week Winter Training Camp (WTC) in South Africa as they step up preparations for the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2007.

The Camp, part of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) High Performance Program (HPP) for the five Associate countries that have qualified for the Caribbean, will take place between 10 October and 21 December 2005 at the University of Pretoria's high performance centre.

Under a coaching team led by Scotland coach Andy Moles, the attendees will receive an in-depth structured program of technical, tactical, physical and mental training as the build-up to the tournament continues.

The ICC's High Performance Manager Richard Done said: 'As each of these countries have similar needs in preparing for the ICC Cricket World Cup it makes perfect sense to share coaching and training resources in this way'.

Coaches include former England fast bowler and bowling coach Bob Cottam, Gus Logie, the Bermuda coach and former West Indies batsman, and Mark Lane, who previously coached with Moles in Kenya.

In addition to cricket-specific training, the WTC includes work on physical fitness, nutrition, vision, psychology and recovery as well as specialist sessions from current and former South Africa players. Each of the other National coaches not already present will also be invited to attend for two weeks.

The camp will be attended by eight players from Scotland, three each from Bermuda, Canada, Ireland and Kenya and one player from the Netherlands, although each of the five countries except Scotland has been granted an extra place if they wish. Scotland's additional numbers are based on the fact they had already planned to send players to South Africa before the WTC arrangements were confirmed, as well as Moles' presence to head up the program, a presence that is funded by Cricket Scotland.

The facilities available for use during the WTC include the accommodation, turf grounds and nets, a modern gymnasium, swimming pool and recovery, sports science and sports medicine areas. Players will also get the chance to complete their Level Two coaching awards.

The WTC has been financed by a combination of the ICC High Performance Program budget, the \$500,000 preparation grant afforded to each Associate country after they qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup and contributions from the countries.

Below: Andy Moles



Photo: Barry Chambers

ENGLAND HONOURS AT ICC AWARDS

England received several honours at the ICC Awards ceremony held in Sydney on 11th October. The event takes place to recognise cricket's star performers over a 12 month period. England's honours include:

The Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for Players of the Year
Joint winners Andrew Flintoff and Jacques Kallis

Spirit of Cricket Award
England

Emerging Player of the Year
Kevin Pietersen

ODI Player of the Year
Kevin Pietersen

World ODI Team included:
Andrew Flintoff and Kevin Pietersen

World Test XI included:
Andrew Flintoff

ICC President Ehsan Mani said 'On behalf of the ICC I wish to congratulate England on winning the Spirit of Cricket Award. Michael Vaughan's side has enjoyed considerable success on the field during the voting period and this award shows they have done so by upholding the traditional values of the game'.

Full details on the Awards can be found on
www.icc-cricket.com

Below: Andrew Flintoff with his award



Photo: Getty Images

WORLD & EUROPEAN YOUTH RANKINGS

The ICC have produced World rankings at U19 level and European rankings for European youth tournaments, as follows:

Global U19 rankings following U19 World Cup in Bangladesh 2004

- 1 Pakistan
- 2 West Indies
- 3 England
- 4 India
- 5 South Africa
- 6 Sri Lanka
- 7 Zimbabwe
- 8 New Zealand
- 9 Bangladesh
- 10 Australia
- 11 Scotland**
- 12 Ireland**
- 13 Nepal
- 14 Papua New Guinea
- 15 Uganda
- 16 Canada

European U19

- 1 Scotland
- 2 Ireland
- 3 Holland
- 4 Denmark
- 5 Gibraltar
- 6 Israel
- 7 Belgium
- 8 Italy
- 9 Germany
- 10 France

European U15

- 1 Ireland
- 2 Holland
- 3 Scotland
- 4 Denmark
- 5 Isle of Man
- 6 Belgium
- 7 Italy
- 8 Gibraltar
- 9 France
- 10 Spain
- 11 Germany
- 12 Hellas
- 13 Spain

European U17

- 1 Ireland
- 2 Holland
- 3 Scotland
- 4 Denmark
- 5 Israel
- 6 Gibraltar
- 7 Germany
- 8 Italy
- 9 France
- 10 Hellas
- 11 Belgium
- 12 Austria

European U13

- 1 Ireland
- 2 Scotland
- 3 Holland
- 4 Denmark
- 5 Belgium
- 6 Israel
- 7 Italy
- 8 Gibraltar
- 9 Germany
- 10 France

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Ireland U17 Captain Greg Thompson receives the ECC U17 Championship trophy

More from Finland

For a full diary of Timo Ilva's visit to Gloucestershire CCC go to www.ecc-cricket.com

FINLAND'S SHAW JOINS MCC CAMP

I arrived in England on Saturday, August the 20th, and stayed till the 28th taking part in the MCC Spirit of Cricket coaching camp for 8 to 12 year olds, and having the opportunity to play some cricket myself. I was invited to work as a cricket coach on an MCC cricket camp organised by the Lewisham Sports Academy. The invitation came about on the back of a meeting between the FCA and the LSA where they are investigating the possibility of developing cricket links and sharing development strategies and ideas with each other. The LSA is run by Glynn Abbott and Ross Walker. It delivers cricket and other sports courses to primary schools in the London borough of Lewisham; grassroots delivery of cricket, much like our situation here in Finland. My visit was the first example of the FCA and the LSA co-operating.

On Sunday I travelled to Old Dartfordians CC to play a Sunday League game for Bromley Common Cricket Club (BCCC). Playing on grass was definitely a learning experience, having played and learnt most of my cricket on gravel pitches and artificial wickets; I found playing on grass much easier and a more dynamic game, the larger ground made the game more

active and boundaries harder to come by. BCCC won the game comfortably and it was an incredible experience and taste of cricket on proper pitches in a developed cricketing environment. I kept wicket during the game and found the carry to be better and more consistent, making keeping somewhat easier, however on grass wickets the ball swung more and tended to swing after it had gone past the batsmen meaning that more concentration was required to follow the ball all the way into the gloves. Batting was more difficult too and your technique is far more tested on a wicket where the ball moved off the seam, so I found more application and resolve was required than batting on Finnish wickets. However I enjoyed the challenge and hopefully acquitted myself well managing to bat through the innings finishing 38 not out.

On Monday I travelled with Julian Roach, a level 1 coach and former player/coach of the Finnish national team, to the LSA (Lewisham Sports Academy) offices to meet Ross Walker and Glynn Abbott who run the academy. We did an inventory of equipment and planning for the forthcoming MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club) Spirit of Cricket camp

which was taking place over the next 3 days.

Tuesday morning we arrived early at the Kent County Cricket Ground in Beckenham, South London to prepare for the forthcoming 3 days. The children were aged 8 to 12, and the camp mainly revolved around getting kids involved with cricket and developing them at a grassroots level. I was paired with another coach, James Clarke (a former Kent academy player), and we had a group of 24 children, who were further divided into a subgroup of 12; this was my group. We played a number of cricket based games which the kids all seemed to thoroughly enjoy and were very positive through out the day. We finished the games with the group playing two small kwik-cricket games, my group winning both games. All of the teams were named after the main cricketing nations... Ireland and Finland were also represented! Hyvaa Suomi! One kid thought Finland was near Germany...but the others knew about the World Championships. They wondered if it rained everyday in Finland. By the way, the facilities were fantastic. Would I have loved to have played on that wicket! (Michael Shaw)

Read the rest of Michael's diary on www.ecc-cricket.com



Michael Shaw with the MCC Spirit of Cricket camp attendees



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TOURNAMENT REPORT - ECC U13 1ST DIV

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The ECC Under 13 First Division Championship was held in Dublin in glorious weather from Tuesday 19th to Thursday 21st July.

Tuesday saw Ireland take on Holland at Clontarf CC on the wicket which had been used for the ICC Trophy final the week before. Holland won the toss and batted and scored 188/8 with Coster scoring 75 and de la Mar 36. For Ireland Fleming took 3/26. Ireland won by 5 wickets in the 37th over. Their 190/5 contained 60 from Getkate, 37 from Delany and 30 not out from Fleming. Scotland won the toss and batted against Denmark at Railway Union CC and scored 307/7 in their 40 overs. Smith with 83 not out, Bailwal with 54 and Chalmers and Coleman with 49 and 47 respectively were the main contributors. Denmark batted out their 40 overs scoring 114/9 leaving Scotland winners by 193 runs.

On the second day Ireland took on Denmark at Malahide CC. Denmark won the toss and invited Ireland to bat. In their 40 overs they scored 263/8 with Russell scoring 63, Fleming 54, McBrine 50 and Dockrell 41. Denmark were all out for 103 in 36 overs with Shah scoring 32 and Conway taking 3/10 leaving Ireland winners by 160 runs. At Rush CC Holland won the toss and batted against Scotland and totalled 194/9. Coster scored 36 and Chalmers took 3/28. In reply Scotland reached 164/3 but collapsed against the bowling of Tewarie who took 6/33 and were all out for 188. Bailwal with 71 and Coleman with 55 were the pick of the Scottish batsmen.

On the final day Holland played Denmark at North County CC. They won the toss and batted and the highlight of their 251/6 was a partnership of 156 between Coster (93) and Worries (43). De Graauw contributed 37

not out at the end. In reply Denmark could only manage 90 with Tewarie taking 6/24 from his 8 overs. In the other game Ireland won the toss and batted against Scotland at The Hills CC. In a low scoring game Ireland were all out for 122 with Getkate scoring 30 and Cowan taking 4/10 and Oliver 3/27. Scotland totalled 123/9 for a one wicket win. Coleman scored 40 and Getkate took 3/12 and Andrews 3/19.

These results left Ireland, Scotland and Holland all with 2 wins and on Net Run Rate Ireland won with Scotland second and Holland third.

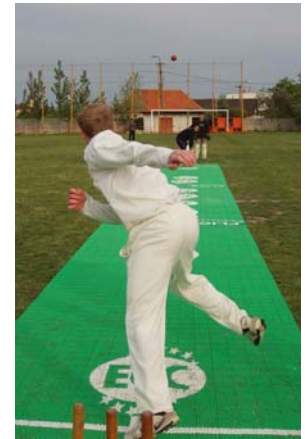
The Spirit of Cricket Award went to Denmark.

The player of the Tournament was Vinoo Tewarie from Holland.

The tournament was played in a great spirit and the umpires were pleased they had no incidents to report. (B. O'Sullivan, TD)



John Wright presents the U13 trophy



Angus Bell - spinning against the Slovaks

For more information on Angus Bell's tour and his books see www.angusjbell.com

SCOTSMAN TOURS EASTERN EUROPE

Compelled to play international cricket, Angus Bell, 24, from Coulter in the Scottish Borders, recently completed an 8,000-mile cricket tour in his Sköda of 15 central and Eastern European nations.

Beginning with a tournament on ice in Estonia, his journey took him to Slovenian Alps, Slovak villages, Croatian military islands, and dictator-led Belarus in search of his first century. "I couldn't believe it when I came across the teams on the ECC website," he said. "It was a great opportunity to boost my batting average, and to witness the talent in the lesser-known cricketing nations. The standard was frightening. Australia should be more worried than they are."

Bell is currently writing a book about his trip, called *Slogging The Slavs*, which he hopes will be released at the end of 2006 in time for the next Ashes. "The stories were off-the-wall," he said. "There were reports of fingerless Tamils taking catches in Prague, bomb plotters in the Austrian Alps, an MI6 secret agent, and a ghost and an orgy on the cricket field. There was even a murdered corpse in one pavilion. I learned there is nothing innocent about the Slavic game."

Bell ended up captain of an international cricket team, and was accused of shoplifting in the biggest Tesco in the universe in Hungary. He became the first man to hit a ball between continents, and formed a

new cricket club in Serbia, who hope to make it to the London 2012 Olympics. "My arms are still tingling from the drive," he said. "I would encourage any team to tour central and Eastern Europe, maybe in smaller excursions, though. The hospitality and quality of play throughout the season was unrivalled." "As for that hundred," he added, "you'll just have to wait for the book to find out what happened."



Carsten Höfinghoff presenting the donation to Rixte Eckhard

GERMAN TSUNAMI DONATION

A donation of €4160 was presented to the President of the German Conference of Welfare and Social Work (Diakonie) in Germany Mrs Rixte Eckhard.

Press-officer of the German Cricket Federation Carsten Höfinghoff handed over a cricket-ball and a bat to remind the conference that cricket is a sport overcoming boundaries,

language and social status. The money goes to an organization run by the conference, the Katastrophenhilfe (Catastrophy-Aid). €1.6 million has been collected so far for projects run by the Katastrophenhilfe.

Höfinghoff spoke to 200 representatives from church to art and politics about the work of the DCB and the impact that the

tsunami made on every cricketer in Germany. In her speech, The Special Representative of the German Chancellor for the Tsunami Victims, Prof. Christine Rau, wife of former German President Johannes Rau, gave some brief information about the progress of the projects. She appreciated the work and effort that was involved in the fund raising and thanked the DCB for the donation.



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Rhiannon O'Neill,
Denise's new baby



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NEWS IN BRIEF...

'Signals' is launched!

Regional Umpire Consultant Graham Cooper has produced the first ECC Umpire's Newsletter, called 'Signals'. It is intended this will be a quarterly publication. A copy can be viewed on www.ecc-cricket.com

Baldwin to stand in Intercontinental Cup Semi Finals

ECC Umpire Paul Baldwin (right) has been called up to officiate in the ICC Intercontinental Cup Semi Finals in Namibia. He will stand in the Kenya v Bermuda game on 23/24/25 October at the United Sports Club, Windhoek. Based in Germany, Paul was one of the four initial European members of the ICC Associate and Affiliate Panel of Umpires and following his appointment to Umpire in the WCQS Division 2 tournament in Malaysia, has also stood in the Scotland v Ireland Intercontinental Cup regional game this summer and the Notts Sport ECC Affiliate Championship in Belgium.



Scots bowled over by the Ashes

Channel 4's official viewing statistics for the Ashes coverage show that up to 18% of its UK audience was north of the border despite the fact that Scots make up less than a tenth of the population, showing that the Scots actually did give a XXXX for the Ashes...

Belgium to hold fundraising event

The Belgian Cricket Federation are arranging an Asian earthquake fundraising event on 15th October (juniors) and 16th October (seniors). The juniors will have sessions at U11, U13 and U15 levels. The seniors are holding a sixes competition with 20 teams paying 120 euros per team for the privilege of playing!

Coaching news

Forthcoming coaching courses are as follows:
ICC Introduction to Cricket : 14-17 October : Corfu
ECB Level I - Europe : 28-30 October : Jersey
ECB Level II - Europe : 28-30 October : Jersey

First Umpire course in Holland

4-6 November will see the first official ECC umpire course to be held in The Netherlands. The GL6 course will be run by Ray Holyer in conjunction with Steve Tovey.

100TH ANNIVERSARY MATCH

It seems incredible that August 27th, 2005 was the 100th anniversary of the first International match between Belgium and Holland.

Selfishly, Ken Farniloe and Alex de la Mar decided to organise an Over 40s match so that they both could play. Belgium attempted unsuccessfully to make it an Over 43s match so that Roland Lefebvre would be too old to play!

Holland won the toss and decided to bat and could only

muster 145 off 40 overs. Lefebvre showed why he was picked for Holland as a bowler by using agricultural tactics in his short innings. However, when Belgium batted, his accurate bowling was the difference between the two teams as Belgium failed by 7 runs ending on 138-7.

After the match, the teams enjoyed a wonderful curry pot and Alex de la Mar gloatingly presented himself with De Telegraaf Cup.

As everyone enjoyed the day so much, it was agreed to make it an

annual fixture.

Holland excelled during the evening and into the early hours in the many bars visited in the centre of Antwerp.

Below: Holland relax after the win



ICC QUARTERLY NOW ONLINE

The twelfth issue of Cricket Quarterly previews the Johnnie Walker Super Series and ICC Awards 2005 - both of which are taking place in Australia during October.

The official ICC newsletter also outlines the new structure of one-day cricket for the ICC's 86 Associate and Affiliate member countries. The newly introduced World Cricket League will bring more regular and structured international competition to these countries than ever before. The

countdown to the ICC Cricket World Cup also begins with a review of cricket in Scotland, the first of a six-part series on the non-Full Member sides that will be present in the West Indies in 2007.

Other features in issue 12 will include:

Profile of the new ICC Global Cricket Academy Director of Coaching Rod Marsh; Review of the group stage of the ICC Intercontinental Cup; Introduc-

tion to the new ICC premises in Dubai; LG ICC Test and ODI Championship updates; Launch of the logo for ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

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