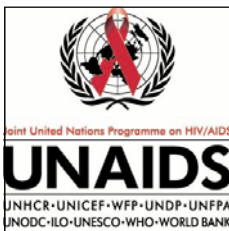


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## DANES TAKE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Denmark beat Championship holders Hellas by 41 runs in the final at Lord's this weekend to become the ECC European Indoor Champions 2006. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that Denmark have taken the title, their previous successes coming in 2003 and 2004.

Denmark made 103-5 in their 10 overs and Hellas replied with 62-5 from 6.2 overs.

Denmark, undefeated in the tournament, headed the following final table:

- 1st -- Denmark
- 2nd - Hellas
- 3rd – Portugal
- 4th – France
- 5th – Belgium
- 6th – Finland
- 7th – The Netherlands
- 8th – Luxembourg

The MCC Spirit of Cricket Team Award was won by Finland.

Player of the Tournament was awarded to Georgios Stogianos, Hellas Captain.

Below: ECC Chairman Doug Insole presents the Salver to Danish Captain Bilal Ali



Photos: Peter Power



Above: Roger Knight presents the MCC Spirit of Cricket Award to Finnish Captain Timo Ilva

Below: Winning Danish squad with the Trophy and Salver



## A TRIBUTE TO TREVOR HENRY

International Cricket Council President Ehsan Mani has paid tribute to Trevor Henry, the distinguished Irish international umpire, who has passed away at the age of 51. Mr Mani said: "I am deeply saddened to hear of Trevor's death and I would like to pass on sincere condolences on behalf of everyone at the ICC to his wife, family and friends.

"Trevor was a highly respected umpire who showed tremendous commitment and skill to rise to the very top of his profession. He was one of only 10 umpires selected for the inaugural ICC Associates and Affiliates Umpires Panel after performing well at the ICC World Cup Qualifying Series event in Malaysia in 2005."

"His good performances in important matches in the ICC Trophy and ICC Intercontinental Cup then earned him an invitation to officiate at the ICC U19 Cricket

World Cup currently taking place in Sri Lanka. This was the first time that we had selected non-Full Member umpires to officiate in this prestigious event on merit and this should be a source of great pride for all those that were close to Trevor. It is very sad that illness prevented him from standing in the event but it is the contributions of people like Trevor that underpin the success of the sport and help make cricket a truly international game."

ICC European Development Manager Richard Holdsworth commented: "Trevor was an easy-going likeable man and will be sorely missed throughout the wider cricket community. His expertise, professionalism and down-to-earth character brought much enjoyment to the many people in Europe who knew him".

A minute's silence was observed by teams and officials at the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup match between Ireland and England in Colombo as a mark of respect.

Trevor's distinguished umpiring career included over a decade of officiating in international matches. As well as ICC events, he stood in matches between Ireland and Australia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.



## BELGIUM VISITS INDIA

On December 20th, Simon Newport, Jamie Farmiloe and Ken Farmiloe left Zaventem for Mumbai. The rest of the team, boys from Antwerp Indians CC, had already left to stay in their own accommodation. The squad was made up of boys ranging from 14 yrs to 19 yrs.

With no time to acclimatise, the first match took place the next day at the lovely Bombay Gymkhana ground. The strong home side notched up a formidable 294 off 35 overs helped by many dropped catches and a lot of sloppy fielding. However, Belgium started their reply in splendid fashion with openers Nirvam Shah (53) and Vishal Shah (49) putting on 59 off the first 6 overs. Rachin Shah (38) and Abhishek Mehta (33) kept Belgium in the hunt but the run-rate slowed and wickets fell at regular intervals with Belgium ending on 223 all out.

The second match on 22nd December was hosted by PJ Hindhu Gymkhana. Belgium batted first and totalled 226 in 30 overs with Nirvam Shah (65), Rachin Shah (71), Simon Newport (25) and Arpan Meha (21\*) starring with the bat. A much improved fielding and bowling performance gave Belgium a good chance of winning but a last wicket partnership of 64 runs guided PJ

Hindhu Gymkhana to a 1 wicket win.

The next match at Fort Vijay on 24th December was an amazing experience. The wicket looked good but the outfield looked like a rubbish dump with paper, cans, and stones covering it. An effort was made to clean it up a bit but it was not an outfield to dive on! The boundary was difficult to fathom out but there were two experienced local umpires to judge the fours and sixes. The ground is part of an enormous green belt with plenty of official and unofficial games going on. During the game hundreds of locals wandered aimlessly across the outfield, sometimes even through the slip cordon!

Fort Vijay batted first scoring 234 in 30 overs. Shalin Shah (2-24) bowled superbly off his 6 overs. Belgium's reply started badly with their star batsman, Nirvam Shah, out off the second ball. Wickets fell regularly and only Jamie Farmiloe (25) batted well in the final total of 103.

Roland Lefebvre and his Dutch Under 17 squad arrived on Boxing Day and stayed at the impressive Cricket Club of India (CCI). The stadium is by far the best cricket location in Bombay, but due to differences with the

Bombay Cricket Federation, One-day Internationals are played at the nearby run-down Wankhede stadium. CCI hosts the World Cricket Academy, so the Dutch took full advantage of the excellent intensive training with at least 20 net bowlers.

The last match of the tour was played on December 28th at the Police Gymkhana ground as a day/night match under floodlights. Holland Under 17s batted first and were soon in trouble due to a fine opening spell from Shashank Kothari (3-13). He claimed the three top order batsmen, including Alexei Kervezee, the talented Dutch National player for 1. Bob Entrop (63) and Ollie Lodder (39) rescued the Dutch from real embarrassment ending on 162 for 7 in 30 overs. A fine performance by the young Belgian team.

Belgium started slowly in their reply and progressed to 123 all out due to some reckless batting and some accurate bowling. Only Shalin Shah (26) and Simon Newport (33\*) batted well.

Although the Belgium boys lost all their matches, the experience gained was immeasurable.

Many thanks must go to Naresh Shah who arranged the matches and to all those who made the visit so enjoyable.



The Toss



Belgium & Holland Squads



Belgian Team v Bombay Gymkhana

## EUROPEAN COACHING CONFERENCE

The ECC Coaches Conference recently took place at the University of Warwick. Coinciding with the ECB Coaches Conference around 28 coaches from various European member countries were invited to travel to the UK for three days in January. The first day of the conference was a one day seminar with the main them covering national junior and senior squad training and team preparation.

Presentations were carried out throughout the day by European coaches and ECC staff coaches. The programme included presentations from Richard Cox and Stuart Barnes, Academy Directors for Warwickshire CCC and Gloucestershire CCC. Several coaches in attendance were due to take their sides to the 2006 ICC Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka

while all other attendees work closely with national squads back in their countries. Christian Steriopulos, from the Isle of Man, said 'the content was of great use for my role in developing junior players in the Isle of Man and working as part of the senior Island squad.

Days 2 and 3 took up the main body of the conference organised by the ECB. The programme included sessions from guest speakers such as Nasser Hussain (ex-England Captain), Matthew Maynard (England Batting Coach), Terry Jenner (Shane Warne's leg-spin coach), Nick Knight and Peter Moores (ECB Academy Director). This all-star cast was of great use to all the European attendees, as they joined coaches from county cricket boards and clubs across the UK in soaking up the informa-

tion passed on. With the continued strong relationship between the ECC and the England and Wales Cricket Board, conferences such as these are becoming more accessible for European based coaches and players and this can only bode well for the future of cricket on an international level in our region.

Below: Peter Moores



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Richard Cox



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## PAULO REPORTS FROM MIDDLESEX

Over the last couple of seasons I have looked to develop my coaching skills in the hope of taking my ECB Level II Coaching Award sometime in the future. Due to a shortage of numbers of qualified coaches in Portugal it has not been possible to arrange a Level II course. While working with the Portuguese national coach Graeme West, during the Affiliates Championship, he suggested that it might be possible for me to attend a Level II course in January held by Graeme's employer Middlesex CCC.

Graeme who is employed by the Middlesex Cricket Board as their Cricket Development Officer spoke to both the MCB and the ECC to confirm that my participation on this Level II course could go ahead. The course was due to take place over 2 weekends. Thanks to a lot of behind the scenes negotiating between Philip Hudson at the European Cricket Council and Graeme West at Middlesex

CB, they managed to produce a program, which provided me the opportunity to attend the course and participate in coaching sessions held by Middlesex CCC during the week.

The ECB Level 2 Coaching Course was held at the Indoor School in Finchley, and was every bit as challenging as it was made out to be. It covered a wide range of coaching skills, net sessions and video analysis of both batting and bowling and a First Aid course all jam packed into two Sundays. To prevent spending an extra week awaiting assessment I was assessed on the Monday and Tuesday before returning to Lisbon. During the week the arranged program allowed me to assist a Middlesex coach in his role of coaching at various schools in the area, attend Middlesex CCC Academy sessions, have some one on one coaching from Graeme West and help out at the ICC Re-

gional Office at Lord's.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time with Middlesex CCC. I have learnt a great deal, and a large number of the new skills I was taught will allow me to improve the coaching sessions that I run back home. The whole trip reinforced in my mind the massive gap that exists between cricket in Portugal and cricket in a leading English county. Although this gap was huge our aim in Portugal must be to try and close this gap over the next 5-10 years and opportunities such as my visit to the UK can only help. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Europe Office and Graeme West especially for all their hard work in arranging my visit. I would also like to thank everyone at the MCCC Indoor School who made me feel at home throughout my stay. I look forward to returning to Middlesex CCC in the future.

Paulo Buccimazza, Development Officer, Portugal

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Graeme West

## BELGIUM HOSTS TRIANGULAR

Over recent years, it has been BCF policy to blood junior players in the Indoor squad. Although Belgium lost their two matches against France and a Kent team, the experience for the youngsters was immeasurable. In the squad of eight players, four of them are 15 years old.

The triangular tournament has been going for some years now and had recently been held in Le Touquet. However, on the 4th February 2006 Belgium hosted the event at the Schepers Institute in Mechelen for the first time.

The Kent CCC Supporters

Club, ably led by Long John Bray, brought 58 people over by coach including the Canterbury Indoor team. The purpose of the visit, apart from the cricket, is to raise funds for this year's beneficiary, David Fulton. In previous years, the beneficiary has played and brought a star-studded Kent CC team. Due to other engagements the Canterbury team stepped in. They were a very friendly and professional outfit and a credit to Kent.

It was also great to again welcome David Bordes and his squad. Belgian cricket has a special relationship with the French and enjoy their com-

pany both on and off the field. There is always a healthy rivalry between the two countries.

The Kent team won both their matches and France beat Belgium but the young Belgians put up a good fight.

During the evening, the teams and supporters enjoyed a tremendous buffet at the Corinthia Hotel (including a number of speeches by John Bray!!). The Kent group took a guided tour round Antwerp on the Sunday morning and then left for home after an enjoyable lunch at the hotel.

## SWISS CLUB IN ICE CRICKET WIN

Arguably the most prestigious event in the Swiss cricketing calendar, Cricket-On-Ice is the only cricket competition that takes place on a frozen lake (in St. Moritz) at 6,000ft above sea level.

The 17th edition of the tournament was held on 3rd & 4th February.

Winterthur finished winners of the tournament for the second

time in three years.

In temperatures of -20C, Winterthur's two victories came against the Old Cholmeleians (WCC 98 *ao in 17 overs*, OCC 91 - 6 *in 20 overs*) and against the Lyceum Alpinum CC XI (LACC 127 - 7 *in 20 overs*, WCC 128 - 6 *in 18.5 overs*).

The 18th edition is scheduled for 2-3 February 2007.

Below: The matted wicket laid onto the snow covered frozen St. Moritz lake



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# ICC INTERCONTINENTAL CUP 2006

The ICC has announced the schedule for the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2006. This third season of the first class tournament for non-Test playing countries will consist of 14 matches scheduled to take place across four continents.

**Dates**

23 – 26 Mar 2006  
28 - 31 Mar 2006  
12 - 15 May 2006  
18 - 21 May 2006  
29 July – 1 Aug 2006  
12 – 15 Aug 2006  
17 - 20 Aug 2006  
9 - 12 Nov 2006  
21 - 24 Nov 2006  
5 - 8 Dec 2006  
31 Jan – 3 Feb 2007  
9 – 12 Feb 2007  
tba (Nov 2006)  
tba (Mar 2007) Final

**Match**

Namibia v Nepal  
Kenya v Holland  
Scotland v Namibia/Nepal  
Ireland v Namibia/Nepal  
Canada v Kenya  
Canada v Bermuda  
Scotland v Ireland  
Kenya v Bermuda  
Holland v Bermuda  
Holland v Canada  
UAE v Scotland  
UAE v Ireland  
UAE v Namibia / Nepal  
tba

**Venue**

Namibia  
Kenya  
Scotland  
Ireland  
Canada  
Canada  
Scotland  
Kenya  
South Africa  
South Africa  
Sharjah UAE  
Abu Dhabi UAE  
Namibia/Nepal



"ICC Global Development Manager, Matthew Kennedy, said that the 2006 event would provide unprecedented four-day competitive opportunities for the teams. "All of the sides will play at least three four-day fixtures which will give them excellent exposure to the longer form of the game," said Mr Kennedy. "A glance at the groups shows what a truly global event the third season of the ICC Intercontinental Cup promises to be."

This year's event will be played under a new eight-team format with the teams divided into two groups and the winners of each group contesting the final.

## DUTCH COACHES UPGRADE

The KNCB recently undertook a series of coach education visits from Richard Cox (ECC/ECB Tutor and Academy Director at Warwickshire CCC), in order to refresh and upgrade the standard of coaches and coaching in Holland.

Two ECB Level 1 Courses ran over 2 separate weekends and involved 29 (3 female) coaches from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. The attendees were from all over The Nether-

lands, but the courses were held in Rotterdam and The Hague. Assisting on the course were Fazil Mahmoud and Ed de Moura Correia, both ECB Level III coaches.

Commenting on the courses Richard Cox said "a team of highly motivated individuals are now keen and ready to deliver coaching programmes in clubs and with the development teams on behalf of the KNCB. I am sure as a result of 29 new

coaches embarking in the grass roots of Dutch Cricket we will see increasing standards across the board as time moves on".

ICC Regional Development Officer, Philip Hudson travelled to Holland to assess the candidates over the weekend of 4/5 February. They underwent an assessment in Group Coaching, Technical Modelling (Demonstrations) and a Multiple Choice Question Paper.

## LEINSTER'S NEW YEAR COACHING

The New Year was welcomed in with a bang in Leinster Cricket as the first week of 2006 saw a full weeks coaching activities held at the impressive North County indoor centre of excellence North County have just invested further by installing air conditioning/heating and the cold outside temperatures could be forgotten as over 100 cricketers of various ages were put through their paces by Brian O'Rourke the Leinster Cricket Development Officer and his assembled coaching team.

Eoin Morgan (Ireland and Middlesex CCC) and Irish Senior Squad members Gary Wilson and Finton McAllister in conjunction with

various senior members of the Leinster Coaching and Management Team organised squad sessions for players from the Leinster U12's to U14's which included many important skill sessions along with nets and match play practice. As a result of the increased player base the U13's have had to be offered for first time both an A & B squad, true evidence of player commitment and development.

The Leinster Cricket Union (LCU) also flew in ECC Coach Richard O'Sullivan for two days during which the players and coaches experienced LTAD sessions which used cones and speed ladders in ways they may never have thought

possible. With the centre also providing the opportunity for Brian to utilise his new data projector the players could even compare themselves during the rest breaks with the Lara's, Flintoff's and Warne's as they watched the ICC coaching DVD 'This is Cricket.'

With the Irish U19's (presently competing in the ICC U19 World Cup in Sri Lanka) taking advantage of the facilities at various times during the week and the promising Sinead Lyons a transition year student who departs to play for a period in Australia in mid January spending an hour and half grooving all her batting shots with Brian, the centre was hardly ever empty.