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## IRELAND BREAK INTO ICC LG ODI RANKINGS WITH HISTORIC WIN OVER BANGLADESH

Following its 74-run victory over Bangladesh in the ICC Cricket World Cup at Barbados, Ireland has earned the right to take its place on the LG ICC ODI Championship table.

Ireland's name will appear on the official rankings table following its final game in the Super Eight stage of the event, which will take place in Grenada against Sri Lanka on Wednesday.

Having made up part of the ICC Associate ODI Rankings Ireland now graduates to the LG ICC ODI Championship after defeating two Full Members, in accordance with the qualification regulations.

Once an Associate has played at least 10 ODIs in total, it has the opportunity to be promoted to the main table. To gain this promotion, the Associate must either achieve two wins against Full Members, as Ireland has done against Pakistan and Bangladesh, or achieve one win against a Full Member and also have won more than 60 per cent of matches against other Associates. Currently, the table is made up of the ten Full Members plus Kenya.

After registering the famous 74-run win over Bangladesh in their Super Eight match Irish skipper Trent Johnston said that his team were really enjoying being part of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

"We are having fun and learning a lot too. We have one more big game coming up against Sri Lanka and we'll work very hard for that," said an elated Johnston. The Ireland captain gave his opening batsmen William Porterfield and Jeremy Bray a lot of credit for the win. "The two were outstanding and set up the match very nicely for us."

Ireland's World Cup campaign was never going to be an easy one, as they fell into a group with host-nation West Indies, Zimbabwe and Paki-

stan, one of the tournament favourites. That said the Irish went into their opening match against Zimbabwe brimming with confidence after giving South Africa a shock during their warm-up game, reducing them to 91-8 before eventually losing by just 35 runs.

The match against Zimbabwe ended in a dramatic tie. On route to victory, with only 24 runs needed from 42 balls and five wickets in hand, Zimbabwe looked set to dampen the Irish spirits. But still needing nine to win off the last over Zimbabwe could only scramble eight to draw the game.

Little could Captain Trent Johnston have known that his team's next

▼ Trent Johnston celebrates the win over Bangladesh (photo: Getty Images)



▲ Niall O'Brien hits 72 from 107 balls v Pakistan (photo: Getty Images)

match against Pakistan would cause one of the biggest upsets in the history of the Cricket World Cup. Appropriately scheduled on St. Patrick's Day, the Irish gave their lively crowd of supporters something to celebrate when they defeated Pakistan by 3 wickets. Having won the toss, Johnston elected to field and dismissed Pakistan for just 132 in 45.4 overs. Boyd Rankin was the most successful Irish bowler with three wickets for 32 runs from nine overs, and Andre Botha supported with the flattering figures of 8-4-5-2, and McCallan collected two for 12 from 5.4 overs. Niall O'Brien hit a one-day international career best 72 from 107 balls to be the backbone of the Irish chase. He shared valuable partnerships of 47 with William Porterfield for the third wicket, and 38 with his brother Kevin for the fifth wicket. Johnston joined Niall's brother Kevin at the crease to score the match winning runs.

The win provisionally put Ireland in the lead of Group D with three points. In the final match of the group stages, Ireland lost to the West Indies, but still progressed through to the Super Eights thanks to Pakistan's defeat of Zimbabwe.

In their first Super Eight's match Ireland faced England, but were unable to pull off another shock victory. However they produced another strong performance losing by just 48 runs. They kept the opposition to just 172-4 after 40 overs, but then England's Paul Collingwood made 90 off just 82 balls bringing his side to a respectable 266-7. Ireland then found it hard to score against the English attack. Niall O'Brien made 63 and William Porterfield 31 but left-arm spinner Monty Panesar came on to take two quick wickets and ensured the Irish could not reach their target.

In the following matches the Irish side lost to South Africa, New Zealand and Australia before bouncing back with the historic win against Bangladesh. Sri Lanka will be their last game in

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## SCOTLAND & THE NETHERLANDS AT THE WORLD CUP

Three European Associates travelled to the West Indies to take on the world's top cricketing nations at the ICC Cricket World Cup. Here is a summary of Scotland and The Netherlands' progress.

Pitted together in Group A, alongside South Africa - currently ranked as the world number one ODI nation, and Australia who entered the competition on the back of a 5-0 Ashes victory, Netherlands and Scotland would have to produce some outstanding cricket if they were to progress through to the Super Eight series.

Scotland's World Cup campaign began against Australia in a game which they lost by 203 runs. The Australians made an impressive 334-6 in their 50 overs and bowled Scotland out for just 131 in 40.1 overs.

Elsewhere The Netherlands suffered a 221 run defeat to South Africa. Herschelle Gibbs made history when he became only the 3<sup>rd</sup> man in history to hit six sixes off six consecutive bowls delivered by Daan van Bunge, who then held a catch in the deep in the next over to remove Gibbs from the field on 72.

It was all change for the second matches in the group stage as Scotland took its turn to face the South Africans, whilst The Netherlands took on Australia.

Despite a gutsy performance with the bat by veteran Dougie Brown, making a 45 run contribution to Scotland's 168-8 total (their highest in World Cup history), Scotland could not match the might of the South African's. Captain Graeme Smith made 91 off 85 balls to lead his team to a seven-wicket win.

Unfortunately The Netherlands did not fair much better against the Australians, losing by 229 runs as Australia reached 358-5 after electing to bat. The Netherlands were then unable to cope with the Australian bowling attack and were dismissed for 129 in 26.5 overs.

In their final match of the group stage Netherlands and Scotland came head to head, and with both unable to progress through to the Super Eights, there was much pride at stake.

The Netherlands regular Captain Luuk van Troost dropped himself for the match after his team's losses to Australia and South Africa. Stand in

Captain, wicket keeper Jeroen Smits, won the toss and elected to field and dismissed Scotland for just 136 off 34.1 overs. In the field John Blain had given the Scots a good start by dismissing Darron Reekers for 9 and Eric Szwarczynski for 12 but Ryan ten Doeschate and Bas Zuiderent formed a 103 third wicket partnership to reach the Scots 137-run target. Ten Doeschate hit off-spinner Majid Haq for three consecutive boundaries for the winning runs to loud applause from the 1,000 Dutch fans who had come to see their team's last match of the tournament.

Jeroen Smits said the toss had a part to play in his team's victory against Scotland, "It was an important toss to win. Having lost badly twice to Australia and South Africa it was important that we did well here" he said, adding, "we showed the world we can play cricket".



▶ The Quattro Mille Project and below, Coaches and attendees at the GITC Annual Conference



◀ Ryan ten Doeschate and Scotland wk Colin Smith

◀ Neil McCallum & Dutch cpt/wk Jeroen Smits

◀ Daan van Bunge of The Netherlands

(photos: Getty Images)

### Roman Field of Dreams

Quattro Mille is the exciting new project in Roman Cricket. When ICC Development Coach Consultant Richard O'Sullivan visited a couple of years ago, an overgrown undulating field with trees and boulders was what he saw. Two years on he was able to witness the grounds first match! Whilst there is still some work to do and grass to grow the site offers an excellent opportunity for home team PGS to develop something truly from scratch. This has an even greater chance of success as the whole project is in alliance with Manlio DeAmicis's, who on behalf of the federation has a major program in local schools

During his weekend visit on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March Richard was able to attend his third 'Gruppo Italiano Tecnici Cricket' (GITC) Annual Conference. Seventeen coaches were in attendance including six teachers from schools wishing to promote cricket who have FCrl qualifications.

The program was delivered by a number of experienced Italian coaches and sessions included games and technique practices for clubs and schools and Richard was able to offer some 'How to Coach' principles to aid coaches in their everyday delivery. On the second day a number of local players provided the opportunity for the coaches to practice their skills.

With new pitches, the busiest season ever and the inaugural FCrl Academy fast approaching, Italy's coaches will certainly not be able to rest on their laurels!

## LA MANGA HOSTS EUROPEAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE & ACADEMY

This month the annual European Centre of Excellence and European Academy are taking place for the second successive year at La Manga Club, Spain. The Centre of Excellence is taking place from 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April and the Academy is following a week later from the 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.

### Talented teenagers set to benefit from ICC Europe's Centre of Excellence

25 of Europe's most promising young cricketers will take part in the annual ICC European Development Program (EDP) Centre of Excellence.

It is the second successive year that the five-day camp has been held at the world-class leisure resort located in Murcia on south-eastern Spain's Costa Cálida. The club's cricket centre includes two pitches with artificial wickets and a four-bay artificial net facility.

The 25 young cricketers are aged between 13 and 17 and come from 13 European countries, including Europe's top three Associates, Scotland, Ireland and the Netherlands, whose senior sides have been showing off their talents at the ICC Cricket World Cup in the West Indies.

The Centre of Excellence has once again been organised by ICC Europe Development Officer Philip Hudson, who states that the philosophy behind it is "to identify and select the most talented young cricketers in Europe at this age group, and develop them through excellent coaching and support services in order for them to achieve their potential".

The coaching team includes Hudson and Centre of Excellence Director Richard O'Sullivan, who has been involved with the Centre of Excellence since it began in 1999. Both have extensive coaching experience at club, county and national level. Working alongside Hudson and O'Sullivan are three Europe-based coaches - Ryan Eagleson of the Northern Ireland Cricket Association as well as Pete Steindl and Craig Wright of Cricket Scotland. Wright has just returned home from the West Indies where he was captaining his country at the ICC Cricket World Cup.

In addition, 12 leaders from each of the participating country boards will

accompany the players on the camp and offer further support. At the same time they will take part in a separate program tailored to their needs as coaches within their own countries. The sessions for these participants include a series of seminars and presentations and the opportunity to work alongside and learn from the ICC Europe coaching team.

The ICC DPE Centre of Excellence has been running for nine years and the results are starting to show with several of the graduates now playing for their national sides, including Daan van Bunge and Alexei Kervezee of the Netherlands, young players who have both broken through to the senior team.

### La Manga European Academy

A crop of the finest cricketing talents from across Europe will gather together at La Manga Spain for the ICC European Development Program Cricket Academy later this month, following on from the Centre of Excellence.

The Academy sees a more mature age group of cricketers between the ages of 16-23 gather together for 8 days of cricket skills and team building prior to the 2007 season.

This is the second successive year that the Academy has been held in Spain



◀ Scenes from the 2006 Academy at La Manga: net practice, warming up, a session with Gordon Lord

and it will once again include two programs. The first part, a training program, will run from the 22-29 April in La Manga, while the playing program will follow in June at Loughborough University.

All of the participants will gain an insight into the preparation required when faced with the challenges of an International Match Program as they experience life as a professional cricketer for a week. They will then look forward to a series of matches in June including a match against a Loughborough University Centre of Cricketing Excellence XI (UCCE) and a 3-day game against Warwickshire Development XI – a first time fixture for the Academy Squad.

Although the Academy structure has not changed from that used in 2006, this year the coaching team has been strengthened with more specialist coaches being on hand in the areas of seam bowling, wicket keeping, fitness and fielding.

Once again the Academy has been put together by ICC European Development Officer Philip Hudson, who has brought together a coaching team including ICC Development coaches Roland Lefebvre (Holland), Craig Wright and Simon Smith (Scotland) to work with the participants. In addition ECB is sending out its Elite Coach Manager Gordon Lord and Sports Psychologist Joce Brooks to work with the players.

Richard Cox, Warwickshire County Cricket Club Academy Director, takes the role as Academy Director and will oversee the proceedings each day. He commented, "This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Academy intake and each year we have managed to enhance the content and personnel within the program. The outcomes are two fold. Firstly to prepare the lads for an international fixture program with their own countries as well as representing the Academy in matches later on and second to provide them with an insight to becoming a professional county cricketer".

"Already Alexi Kervezee (The Netherlands – Worcestershire) Callum Macleod (Scotland – Warwickshire) and James Hall (Ireland – Warwickshire) have graduated for the forthcoming county season and more are sure to follow".

See [www.ecc-cricket.com](http://www.ecc-cricket.com) for a full list of participants.

## BOOM TIME ON THE WAY FOR EUROPEAN CRICKET AS PARTICIPANTS DOUBLE IN 5 YEARS

The numbers of people participating in formal cricket competitions across 27 European countries has increased by 100 per cent in the past five years, according to recent research figures released by the ICC European Development Program. Europe's 27 Associate and Affiliate Members now have a combined total of 83,000 participants involved in formal cricket programs – double the 41,500 recorded when the regional research figures were first collected in 2002.

More than 50,000 of these participants are children who take part in cricket through youth initiatives in schools and clubs throughout the continent. In 2002 this figure stood at 21,700, clearly indicating an increase in popularity of cricket in schools. Indeed, in many areas it has even become part of the curriculum. A further 14,000 juniors play the sport as part of organised league and cup competitions, a figure which has increased by 70 per cent in the last five years.

The number of adults playing has also risen from 11,595 in 2002 to 18,985 in 2006. These senior players make up more than 1,260 teams regularly competing in local, regional, and national leagues.

"The findings of this research are a ringing endorsement of the ICC Regional Development Program," said Richard Holdsworth, the ICC Regional Development Manager – Europe. "We are delighted with how the popularity of cricket has been growing across the continent and we are determined to keep promoting the game in our 27 members in order to make sure that trend continues,"



(photo: B. Chambers)



(photo: Getty Images)

said Mr Holdsworth. "It's a great encouragement for all the people who are involved in developing cricket here and a measure of the hard work put in at grass-roots level by thousands of paid and – more often – unpaid enthusiasts from all corners of Europe," he said.

Participation numbers within the 10 Associate countries have more than doubled over the past four years from 32,276 in 2002 to 65,454 in 2006. A proportionally larger increase can be seen in the Affiliate countries where participants have more than tripled from 5,292 in 2002 to 17,659 in 2006, showing that cricket is spreading far and wide.

The increase in the popularity of the game is also reflected in the increase in the number of people involved at a coaching, officiating and administrative level. The European Associate and Affiliate members now have more than 1,800 qualified coaches in the game, a figure which increased by 18 per cent in just 12 months. This rise is largely due to the coaching courses run by the ICC Europe Development Program in conjunction with the England and Wales Cricket Board. The number of qualified umpires has more than doubled from 508 to 1,146 in the past five years, with a 28 per cent rise in 2006, suggesting that the increase is not letting up, and with the introduction of new elite umpire and referee panels this year, it is hoped that even more officials will be brought to the game.

▲ Ireland victorious against Pakistan on St Patrick's Day

### Irish Mourn Bob Kerr

Former Irish Cricket Union President Bob Kerr died recently while in Jamaica with Ireland as they were closing in on World Cup Super Eights qualification. He was 68.

Kerr was one of the most prominent officials in Irish cricket and has died while Ireland entered the most exciting period in their history, during their first World Cup.

"The details are a bit vague at the moment because he was staying with supporters in Ocho Rios," Ireland team manager Roy Torrens told Reuters. "We have reason to believe that he had a heart attack at 4am. We believe he died on the scene at the hotel." He was staying with his wife, Hope.

◀ Bob Kerr of Ireland

Kerr, from County Fermanagh, was a previous chairman of the Irish Cricket Union and President in 2004 and current chairman of Northwest Cricket Union since 2001.

ICC Regional Development Manager Richard Holdsworth commented "Bob was a wonderful and very kind man, and for this to happen during such a wonderful period in Irish Cricket is very sad - our thoughts are with his wife Hope, who was with him in Jamaica. Bob has given a great amount to Irish Cricket and he was a very liked and well respected man. He will be missed"

## NEWS

### Jersey v Italy Series

Jersey's cricketers returned triumphant from their ICC Bilateral series against Italy in March, winning two matches by 8 wickets with the third abandoned as a no-result. The matches took place in Grosseto, north of Rome, and Jersey were required to win one match and be highly competitive in another game to satisfy ICC playing criteria for Associate Membership.

During the first match, opener Peter Gough and captain Matty Hague (not out) both scored exactly 100 runs and their second wicket partnership of 160 paved the way for Jersey's first win with 2.5 overs remaining. Italy had earlier won the toss, elected to bat and set Jersey a target of 267 for victory. Andy Northcote on 91 and Joe Scuderi on 64 were Italy's top scorers. Chris Jones was the pick of Jersey's bowlers, taking 4 for 39.

During the second match, Steve Carlyon and Chris Jones put on an unbroken 179-run second wicket partnership, guiding Jersey to victory chasing 215 to win. Carlyon (97 not out) hit ten boundaries and one six while Chris Jones (85 not out) struck ten 4s. Carlyon's half-century came from 70 deliveries while Jones notched his in 58. Peter Gough was top wicket-taker on day two with 3 wickets for 30 runs in his 10 overs, while Tony Carlyon and Tom Minty took 2 wickets apiece. Italy were restricted to 214 for 8 off their 50 overs (Thushara Kurukulasuriya 77) with Jersey reaching their target off 43.2 overs.

The final match of the series was abandoned due to rain.

Jersey Manager Chris Minty said, "I'm delighted and relieved! The players have been tremendous. They have done very well to win 2-0. My abiding memory from the series will be how hard the players have worked. They've performed superbly, they've trained really hard to get here and they pulled together to get the results that we were all looking for."

Jersey have now fulfilled the ICC's revised playing criteria for Associate Membership and will host an ICC inspection team this month who will be examining the Island's facilities together with the structure and organisation of Jersey cricket. Jersey's application will then go to ICC Annual Conference in June.



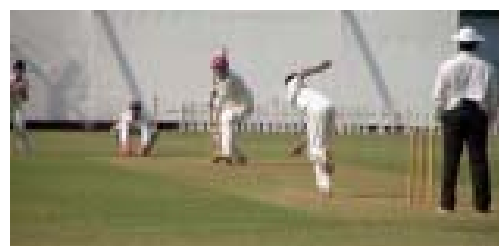
▲ Sergio Lorenzini, President of Maremma CC, presents the trophy to Jersey Captain Matt Hague

### Israel's Indian Adventure

The Israel youth team returned earlier this week from their historic tour of India which was financially supported by the ICC European Development Program. The tour was a phenomenal success in all regards. Off the field, the team was warmly received by the Board of Control for Cricket in India. Liaison officer, Mr. Avi Sule was thoroughly professional in taking care of the team's every wish. The team was based at the luxurious Cricket Club of India in Mumbai, where pictures of legends of the game line the walls. In a country where cricket borders on a religion, the players knew they had arrived in cricket heaven when going through passport control they were asked by the officials "Do you bat or bowl?"

On the field, the Israel team, made up of players aged 15 to 19, played Maharashtra U17 in their first game at the Bandra Kurla Complex. For many of the players it was their first time playing on a turf wicket, and add to that the quality of the opposition and it was always going to be tough. The idea of the tour was always to learn and gain experience, and playing against the finest players of their age and receiving tips and advice from the best coaches India has to offer would have benefited each and every player. Having played Maharashtra in two matches, the team then took on Mumbai U17's in a one-day game, and Mumbai U15's in a 2-day match. Both these matches were played at the Wankhede Stadium, which will host the 2011 World Cup final.

The team certainly improved from game to game, kept their morale high, and even managed to dominate for certain periods. As individuals, captain Gal Matz scored over 150 runs in 3 innings, Shai Hayun showed his talent with a half century against Maharashtra and 46 against Bombay, and Gabi Schachat displayed excellent temperament in spending hours at the crease. Off spinner Raz Ben Zaken would have benefitted enormously from bowling on wickets conducive to turn, and Levy Divekar showed good potential as a new ball bowler.



▲ Israel youth playing against Mumbai U17 at the Wankhede Stadium

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▲ Clockwise: Petteri Moilanen, Finnish Captain, receives the ECC Affiliates Trophy from Richard Avery, Cricket/Project Development Manager for Notts Sport; Action from the Affiliates Championship played on a Notts Sport artificial turf pitch; a typical Notts Sport installation

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