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ICC LAUNCH DEVELOPMENT AWARDS 2007

Beyond cricket's traditional boundaries, in ICC's Associate and Affiliate Members, significant numbers of players, coaches, clubs and administrators work tirelessly to develop the game and make it accessible to more people.

In recognition of this fact, the ICC Development Program Annual Awards for 2007 have been launched to mark the efforts being made outside ICC's Full Members to improve overall standards of play and public interest in cricket.

With eligibility limited to the ICC's 91 Associate and Affiliate Members, these Awards – now in their sixth year – illustrate cricket's expanded reach and play an important role in sharing best practice.

The eight categories in the awards are:

Best Overall Cricket Development Program

Best Women's Cricket Initiative

Best Junior Cricket Initiative

Best Cricket Promotion and Marketing Program

Best Spirit of Cricket initiative in partnership with UNAIDS and UNICEF

Photo of the Year

Volunteer of the Year

Lifetime Service Award

Matthew Kennedy, ICC Global Development Manager, said: "These awards recognise the achievements of our Members – and their members – who work tirelessly to develop this great game in countries where cricket may be relatively young, but definitely on the move. The expansion of the Development Program and the quality of applications generated in these Awards in previous

years are an illustration of the establishment of cricket as a global game."

Nominations must first be submitted on a regional basis at which stage five regional winners will be selected in each category. These regional winners will then be judged by an esteemed panel in order for global winners to be decided. Details of the global judging panel will be announced in due course.

Entries close on 14 December 2007, with regional award winners being announced on 31 January 2008. Global award winners will then be announced on 13 March 2008.

This year's Global Winners will all receive a US\$2,000 ICC cricket equipment grant.

For further details please see: www.ecc-cricket.com.



Peter Power of Denmark took last year's Photo of the Year



▲ The Grange (photo Getty Images)

Scotland to play England at Citylets Grange

Scotland will play the full England cricket team in the first-ever ICC One-Day International between the two countries on Monday August 18 next year. The match will take place at the Citylets Grange in Edinburgh, where there will be a spectator capacity of 6,000. Tickets will be on sale early in the New Year.

Cricket Scotland looked at the possibilities for hosting the game in both Edinburgh and Glasgow. The decision to play the match in Edinburgh was based on the capacity of the ground, the strength of the capital's corporate hospitality market and the overall requirements of Cricket Scotland's spectator base and corporate partners, including principal sponsors Lloyds TSB Scotland.

Cricket Scotland will in due course announce venues for Scotland's other international matches next year, including the ODI against New Zealand, which will be one of a tri-series of three ODIs also involving Ireland.

Chief executive Roddy Smith said: "We are very lucky now in having two international venues capable of hosting big spectator matches, one in Edinburgh and another in Glasgow. The Citylets Grange is our best-known venue and has hosted such games in the past. It will be a fantastic event, with an anticipated sell-out crowd of 6,000".

Grange club secretary Gordon Tolland said: "This will be the biggest cricket match ever seen on Scottish soil and, obviously, the Grange Club is delighted to host such a prestigious and historic event."

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CROATIA CELEBRATES NEW WICKET

Some two and a half years after a group of Air Traffic Controllers working in Split, Croatia, founded the Sir Oliver Cricket Club, its members have installed an artificial grass wicket on its match and practice facility.

ICC Europe provided 75% of the costs and club members funded the remainder.

The first match on the new surface was held on a typical warm and sunny Croatian day on 16th September 2007.

Fittingly this was the first game in Croatia since the triumphant national side became European 3rd Division Champions by beating Spain in the final in Belgium on August 25th.

The contesting teams were "Sir Oliver" Cricket Club from Split and a Croatian Cricket Board Presidents XI comprised mainly of players from the Zagreb and the "Sir William Hoste" from Vis Cricket Club.

The President's XI won the toss and elected to bat. The President, Jasen Butkoviæ, and the national side Manager Zdenko Leko, made a brilliant and chanceless opening partnership of 96. Once the pair had departed the Sir Oliver bowlers came into their own and wickets fell rapidly. The rot was stopped by a last wicket partnership of 54 between, ironically, the Secretary and a founding member of the "Sir Oliver" Club, Željko Lipanoviæ and Siniša Vodopija a mainstay of the "Sir William Hoste" Club from the island of Vis. The President's XI finished on 179 for 9 in its allotted 30 overs. Pick of the Sir Oliver bowlers was Marko Ivkovic who bowled a good length at or just outside the stumps and was rewarded with 4 for 36.

The Sir Oliver innings began well with Ivan Biliæ dominating the bowling, unfortunately for Sir Oliver he was well caught when he had reached 20 and beginning to look dangerous. Mate Maroviæ and Mate Jukiæ both members of the all conquering national side came together and scored 28 and 39 respectively, but once they had departed the Sir Oliver team capitulated and were all out for 144, 35 runs short of their target.

The consensus of opinion was that the new artificial wicket had emerged well from its first 'test', 323 runs being scored in 54 overs for the loss of

19 wickets. On balance the wicket probably favoured the bowlers more than the batsman, the occasional ball rising sharply just short of a length. The club will monitor the performance of the wicket and take remedial action if it should become necessary.

Sir Oliver Cricket Club is indebted to Philip Hudson, ICC Europe Regional Development Officer, for his patience and advice in the planning phase of the artificial wicket project, to the Croatian Cricket Board for its wholehearted support of the project and to the "Sir William Hoste" Cricket Club Vis for its unstinting support of our activities before the artificial wicket was laid.

Any side wishing to arrange a fixture with Sir Oliver Cricket Club, Split should contact Ken Ford, the club coach on 00385/(0)91-170-94-08, or by e-mail, k.ford@vip.hr.



▶ Howzat and Maremma after a training session



Capanelle take Italian U13 title

Seven teams took part in the annual Italian Cricket Federation (FCrI) 8-a-side tournament which was played at the Ponte Verde ground in Rome on the 29th and 30th September.

The seven competitors Bologna, Capanelle, Euratom, Gallicano, Howzat, Maremma and Lux played a 2 group round robin and the top two teams from each group then played semi finals. This saw Capanelle (97) beat Euratom (72) to take their place in the final against Lux who made 74 to beat Bologna's 72 in the other semi. Capanelle then went on to beat Lux by 18 runs and take the FCrI U13 title.

ICC Europe Coach Richard O'Sullivan, who helped to run the competition, put both his umpiring and coaching skills to good use throughout the weekend and he was assisted by Peter Petricola, an Australian who is also running a number of FCrI teachers' courses this winter. O'Sullivan commented on the tournament, saying, "The U13 age group in Italy is improving year on year and Ponte Verde has provided a good ground to host this tournament."

O'Sullivan also took time out during the weekend to speak with James Cheyne, the Italian Academy Director, and other FCrI representatives to discuss and plan the future of cricket development in Italy. "The coming together of all of the FCrI cricket gives me a great opportunity to assist in planning and development discussions" said O'Sullivan. He also noted "It is clear that one area that Italy must look into if they are to improve on the global scale is youth development and bringing Kwik Cricket into schools to make a sustainable club-school system. This can be achieved by helping and encouraging the best clubs to play and develop the younger talented players rather than focusing solely in winning titles."

◀ Capanelle Captain receives the U13 trophy from FCrI President Simone Gambino

▼ The first game on Croatia's New Pitch



MCC TOUR TO CYPRUS

The MCC embarked on its fifth and final tour of 2007 on 11th October and the chosen destination for the team was ICC Affiliate Member Cyprus. This is the first time that MCC have toured to Cyprus and the team played three 50 over matches at two different grounds against three different Cypriot teams.

The MCC team included some influential cricketing figures including ICC European Development Manager Richard Holdsworth, Warwickshire CCC Academy Director Richard Cox, and the former England Captain Mike Gatting who has just taken up a new role with the ECB as Managing Director of Cricket Partnerships.

The MCC tour got off to a flying start with two victories over their Cypriot hosts.

The first match was played against the Cyprus National Team on Saturday at Dhekelia Garrison. Batting first the MCC side made 197-5 from 40 overs. Chris Corlett reached 93 and Mike Gatting was the second highest scorer with 44. In a close finish, MCC managed to bowl out the Cypriots for 193 on the second to last ball of the 40th over.

The second match, at Happy Valley Ground in Episkopi, the MCC side triumphed once again beating a Cyprus Island XI by 30 runs. The visitors made 169-9 from 40 overs, to which Richard Holdsworth contributed a highest score of 58 off 64 balls and Chris Salmons added 47. The islanders were all out for 139, MCC's Johny Hughes picked up excellent bowling figures of 6-24.

On the Monday afternoon, 15th October, young cricketers were invited to



a free Coaching Session with the MCC Players at Happy Valley. The MCC players offered expert advice and at the same time anyone interested in umpiring or learning how to score would be able to seek help and advice from the MCC official umpire and scorer.

The third and final fixture of MCC's tour of Cyprus was played at Happy Valley Ground in Episkopi. The visitors produced an emphatic 8-wicket victory over a Cyprus Combined Services XI making it 3 wins out of 3. The scorecard would suggest that MCC player R Barlow could have taken the Cyprus side on single handedly, his figures of 5 wickets for just 19 runs and a score of 49 not out with bat, carrying his side to victory.

Cricket in Cyprus has been developing steadily in recent years. The Cyprus Cricket Committee has been working hard to establish Cyprus on the World Cricketing Map and the MCC tour will surely help to further develop the game there. Earlier this year the Cyprus National Team competed in the ICC European Division 3 in Belgium in August beating Belgium and Finland, and the Cyprus Under 15 squad gained experience playing in a European Tournament in Spain.

Other destinations that MCC has toured in 2007 include Papua New Guinea & New Zealand, Brazil & Chile, Belgium and Tanzania & Malawi.

▲ Dhekelia Garrison in Cyprus

MORGAN & RANKIN SUCCESS FOR IRELAND

Ireland stars, Eoin Morgan and Boyd Rankin, have been announced by the ECB as 2 of the 54 players selected to attend the 2007 Skill Set Programme at the National Cricket Performance Centre (NCPC) in Loughborough. The programme will be fronted by John Abrahams, the ECB's Elite Player Development Manager and runs from October 22nd to December 21st.

Morgan has had a flourishing cricket career to date representing Ireland at every level from the Under-13s. He is a talented left-handed middle-order batsman for Middlesex, performing well at the 2007 Intercontinental Cup and in Kenya at the World Cricket League. Rankin, a 6ft 8ins cattle and sheep farmer from Londonderry, showed impressive composure in the 2007 World Cup and finished the tournament as Ireland's leading wicket-taker with 12 wickets.

The Skill Set Programme has been borne out of the success of the Fast Bowling project overseen by Kevin Shine and the Spin Bowling programme developed by David Parsons. The sessions will be designed to fit into the players overall programme with their County and their inclusion means they have been identified as a player with outstanding promise in their specialist field.

◄ Richard Holdsworth bowling

◄ Mike Gatting coaches young cricketers in Cyprus



MADRID CC SUPPORTS UNICEF CAMPAIGN

Madrid Cricket Club was delighted to host the 1st Solidarity Cricket Tournament, which was held at the "Cantarranas" sports facilities at the Complutense University in central Madrid on Saturday October 6th.

Madrid Cricket Club has teamed up with UNICEF Madrid to support its global "Unite for Children, Unite for Aids" campaign aimed at combating HIV/AIDS among children. The Madrid tournament ties in with the recent global agreement reached by the International Cricket Council and UNICEF.

Four teams and players from eight countries took part in a Twenty20 tournament: Great Britain, Pakistan, Bangladesh and a Rest of the World Select XI featuring players from five countries including South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, India and Spain. The aim of the tournament, apart from a great day of cricket, was to raise funds for the Unicef campaign and awareness of the plight of thousands of children worldwide who suffer from HIV and/or Aids.

Madrid Cricket Club provided the equipment and logistical know-how to host the tournament and also provided umpires, scorers and support staff on the day. In addition, a raffle was held to raise funds, and sponsorship from event partners such as British Airways, EasyJet, Kukri Sports, Estudiafuera and The Food Hall was secured.

The day was a great success and the organizers, players and spectators enjoyed a wonderful day of cricket, made perfect by constant sunshine and spring-like temperatures.

The final results were:

- 1st Pakistan
- 2nd Bangladesh
- 3rd Rest of World
- 4th Great Britain



DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

- 9-11th** Introductory Umpire Course/Exam, Malta
- 18th** Israel v Croatia, Division 2 Play-off Tel Aviv, Israel
- 19th-25th** Women's World Cup Qualifier, Lahore Pakistan
- 23-25th** Introductory Umpire Course/Exam, Finland

For further dates visit:

<http://www.cricketeurope.net/ECC/GENERAL/CALENDAR/index.shtml>

▲ Pakistan receive the Solidarity Cricket Tournament trophy

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