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World Cricket Tsunami Appeal match raises over US\$11 million

Cricket world unites to help disaster-hit region.



Players from both teams gather together after the match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Only two weeks after the tragedy of the Asian tsunami, many of the world's best cricketers and over 70,000 fans joined forces at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to produce an unprecedented cricketing occasion.

The World Cricket Tsunami Appeal match between an ICC World XI and an ACC Asian XI was broadcast to television viewers in 122 countries around the world. Many companies donated time and money to

the appeal led by host broadcaster Channel 9 and event partner Travelex. The match was won by 112 runs by Ricky Ponting's ICC World XI side. The real winner, though, was the appeal fund which topped \$US 11 million.

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'Sport has the power to make a positive difference and I have been heartened by the way in which cricket has united across political divides to raise millions of dollars for the World Cricket Tsunami Appeal,'

ICC President Ehsan Mani

→ Cricket unites to support tsunami victims

Cricket Quarterly takes a look back at the way the cricket world reacted to the disaster that destroyed parts of the cricket-crazy countries of India and Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Cricket and prominent players, including Muttiah Muralitharan (pictured right), helped lead the relief efforts.

'As cricketers we are always being helped by the people because if there were no spectators there would be no cricket. Now the people need help and we have to give it,'
Muttiah Muralitharan



The tsunami had a devastating impact in the Indian city of Chennai, where a group of youngsters playing cricket on the beach were amongst the victims, and in Galle in Sri Lanka, home to one of the world's most beautiful cricket grounds, where thousands of lives were lost.

'Cricket fans across the world, let us never forget the cricketers of Chennai and Galle and all those lives that have been devastated by this disaster,'
ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed



The world's best players, including Ricky Ponting and Brian Lara, (both right) and the match officials all waived their fees for the match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

'The whole day has been very, very special. It's great that the cricket community around the world can play a huge part to raise some money to put a smile on some faces around the world,'
Australia captain Ricky Ponting



Over 70,000 fans bought tickets for the match as it sold out in less than a week. MCG members and media were also asked to pay the entrance fee.

'We are completely overwhelmed by the level of support from the Australian public for their support through attendance, by watching Channel Nine's telecast, through donations, and for helping create a wonderful atmosphere around the game,'
Cricket Australia Chief Executive James Sutherland



An update from World Vision

World Vision has already assisted more than 500,000 people in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Thailand and Myanmar, distributing essential items such as food, clothes, utensils and blankets. But as well as providing emergency relief, World Vision is using funds raised to rebuild infrastructure, aid economic recovery and assist with community and social rehabilitation.

It will take between five and 10 years for countries to recover from the tsunami, although the emotional scars will never go away. Many of those whose homes were destroyed do not want to return to where they once lived because they fear living by the sea. World Vision is providing temporary housing for thousands who have lost their homes.

Other projects include establishing sanitation systems and providing boats and nets for fishermen so they can start to earn a living again. Restoring life to the communities devastated by the tsunami is a long and complex operation. World Vision Australia looks forward to keeping the international cricket community updated of our progress throughout the years.

To donate to World Vision's disaster relief efforts visit www.wvi.org.



'The world has been hit by two waves. The first was the Indian Ocean; the second was the wave of generosity that had spread throughout the world. This event reminds us that we are all one global family,'

World Vision director Tim Costello.



Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series Selectors announced

Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series Selection Panel to pick initial squad in April.



Sunil Gavaskar (Chairman), Michael Atherton, Sir Richard Hadlee, Clive Lloyd, Jonty Rhodes and Aravinda de Silva will convene in April 2005 to select initial ICC World XI squads to take on Australia in the inaugural Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series.

The panel of cricket legends will be required to review the attributes and form of the world's best cricketers to produce squads of 30 One-Day International players and 30 Test players for the three one-day matches in Melbourne and one six-day match in Sydney against Australia in October 2005.

The Chairman of selectors Sunil Gavaskar said that the selection of the squads by a panel boasting 581 Tests and 917 ODI matches between them would be a fascinating process.

'I think we've got a great balance of international experience on the panel and I'm sure there will be a

lively debate when we convene to pick the teams,' said Mr Gavaskar.

Clive Lloyd, another selector, was captain of the West Indies in the late 1970s and 1980s, the last team to enjoy a similar level of dominance to that exerted by the current Australian side.

'I was fortunate enough to captain the West Indies when we were the best side in the world and I would have relished the opportunity to take on the best of the rest on home soil as Australia will do in October,' said Mr Lloyd.

Initial squads of 30 for the ICC World XI teams will be selected in April 2005. The selectors will then reconvene to reduce this squad to 20 players in June, before the final squads are announced in mid-August.

The Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series one-day matches will take place

▲ ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed announced the selection panel at the Telstra Dome in Melbourne.

at the Telstra Dome, Melbourne, on 5, 7 and 9 October and the six-day Super Test will be at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney, from 14-19 October. 🏏

Selection criteria:

- Panel must select the best available players
- Panel must nominate captains for both teams
- Panel must nominate vice-captains for both teams
- Panel is free to select the make-up of the side in the most effective way
- No team has an automatic right to have its players selected in the ICC World XI sides
- Every player will be considered on their merits and their on-field performances
- The only basis for not considering a player for selection is if he is suspended, banned or injured
- Cricketing performances are to be the only consideration taken into account
- LG ICC Player Rankings will provide a guide to assist the Panel in their deliberations
- Final XI will be selected by the Chairman of Selectors in consultation with the team director, the coach and team captain

Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series ticket details can be found on P12



Issues in brief

Issues in brief recaps some of the headlines and issues which have arisen in international cricket since the last edition of **Cricket Quarterly**, and outlines the background and rationale behind the ICC's position.

ICC CWC 2007 groups to be decided in April

The groups for the ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007 will be determined by the standings of teams in the LG ICC ODI Championship on 1 April 2005. Sides will be placed in groups dependent on their official ranking with Australia already confirmed as the top seed as it holds an unassailable lead.

ICC Position: Although the LG ICC Rankings will be used to seed the teams it has been decided to keep Australia, England, India and West Indies in separate groups for logistical reasons as these teams are expected to attract the largest spectator followings.

What next? The match schedule will be announced shortly after the ICC Trophy in Ireland from 1-13 July.

► England is likely to have the most travelling fans at the ICC CWC 2007.



ICC launch Associates and Affiliates Panel of Umpires

The ICC World Cup Qualifying Series Division 2 tournament in Malaysia saw the first step towards the development of an ICC Associates and Affiliates Umpires Panel.

The ICC invited 20 umpires from the ICC's Associate and Affiliate member countries to attend a pre-tournament seminar with Darrell Hair from the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires and the ICC Umpires and Referees Manager, Chris Kelly, before assessing these officials on their performances in the tournament.

ICC Position: Less than three years after the introduction of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires as an independent panel for Test match and One-Day International cricket, the ICC has opened up the pathway to top level umpiring for officials from its 82 Associate and Affiliate Member countries.

What next? The most promising umpires from the ICC WCQS Div 2 tournament will be invited to join the Panel from which members will be appointed to ICC Intercontinental Cup matches and other Associate and Affiliate tournaments.

► Darrell Hair (right) provided advice to the Associate tournaments.



ICC Cricket World second series

The second series of the ICC Cricket World television show kicked off in January 2005 with a review of 2004 and highlights of the first cricket matches of 2005.

Keeping cricket fans around the world in touch with the latest cricket news, the weekly show covers recent cricket action including all Test and One-Day International matches, as well as exclusive off-field features and interviews.

ICC Position: The show helps boost the international promotion of the sport as it is broadcast in 110 countries reaching a global audience of over 95 million households.

What next? This is the second year of a four-year agreement that the ICC has with Sportsbrand Media Group to produce and distribute the show worldwide.

Duckworth/Lewis retained as preferred method

The ICC Chief Executives' Committee (CEC) reviewed a comparative analysis of a range of systems for adjusting target scores in interrupted one-day cricket matches at its meeting in Melbourne in February.

ICC Position: After considering the merits of four different systems the CEC voted to retain the Duckworth/Lewis method.

What next? The Duckworth/Lewis Professional method remains the ICC-approved system to use for all One-Day International cricket.



Coloured clothing in ICC Trophy 2005

The 12 competing teams at the ICC Trophy 2005, including holders Holland (pictured here at the ICC CWC 2003), will wear coloured clothing for the first time in the event's 26-year history. The top five teams at the tournament in Ireland from 1-13 July will qualify for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

→ ICC approves radical overhaul to illegal bowling process

New protocols proposed by former cricketers to be adopted from 1 March 2005.

The way cricket deals with bowlers with illegal actions will undergo the most radical change in the history of the game after the ICC Chief Executives' Committee (CEC) approved proposals by a panel of former international cricketers, chaired by cricket legend, Sunil Gavaskar, to overhaul the current system.

The new regulations will deal with the reality established during the ICC research program that most bowlers are likely to straighten their arm to a level undetectable by the naked eye during the bowling action.

ICC Chief Executive, Malcolm Speed, said that the radical overhaul provided the best opportunity for the game to deal with an issue that has affected cricket for decades.

'This issue has afflicted the game for over sixty years,' said Mr Speed.

'Every time it comes up there are emotional reactions from people around the world based on fear and ignorance and I've no doubt we will see them all again this time.

'The reality is that this new process provides the game with a sensible



◀ The fourth ODI between New Zealand and Australia will be the first match under the new protocols.

way forward to properly protect against people breaking the rules while providing every opportunity for players with illegal actions to remedy any problems and return to the game.'

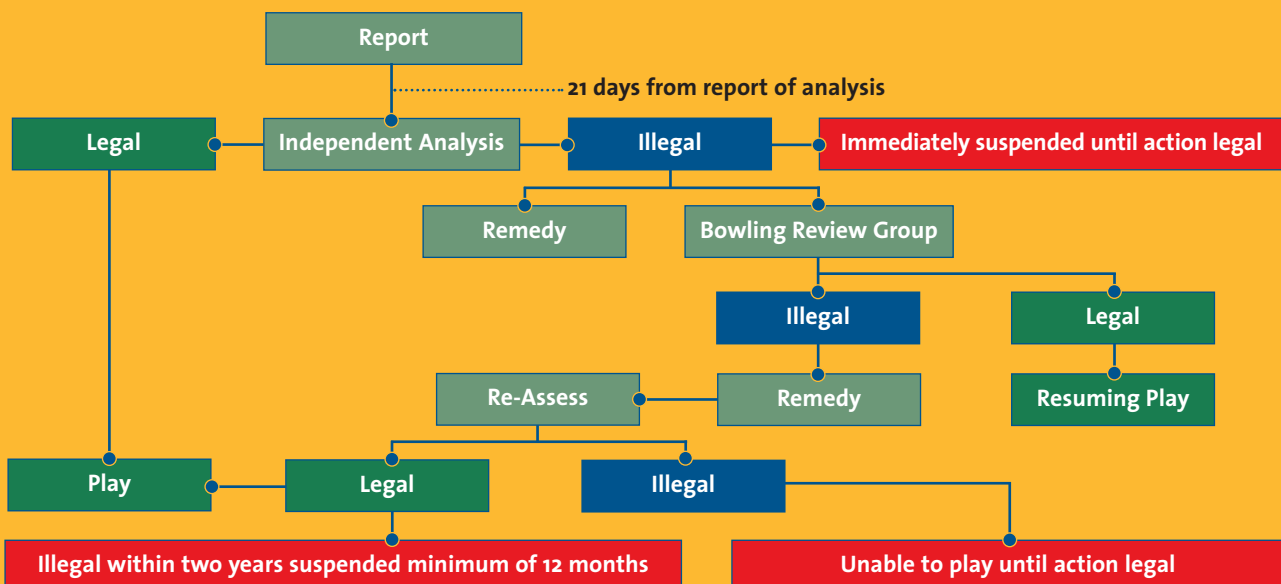
Changes to the process were initially proposed by an expert cricket panel comprising Aravinda de Silva, Angus Fraser, Michael Holding, Tony Lewis and Tim May along with the former South African vice-captain and ICC General Manager - Cricket, David Richardson.

Mr Holding said: 'The scientific evidence was overwhelming and the game needs to deal with this reality.'

Key points

1. An acceptance that the focus of the Law is that it seeks to deal with the extension of the arm that is visible to the naked eye.
2. All bowlers will be permitted to straighten their bowling arm up to 15 degrees which has been established as the point at which any straightening will become visible to the naked eye.
3. The introduction of a shorter, independent review process under the central control of the ICC with immediate suspensions for bowlers found to have illegal actions.
4. The overhaul and standardisation of the bio-mechanical testing of bowlers to ensure that all tests in all laboratories are consistent in the way that they measure the degree of straightening.
5. Strengthening of the initiatives to deal with the issue at international and regional U/19 level.

Revised illegal bowling process



→ ICC and LG introduce official player rankings



Partnership also embraces official Test and ODI Championship tables.

The ICC has joined forces with the leading consumer durable brand LG to produce and promote the first ever official player rankings, the LG ICC Player Rankings.

There are six different tables in the LG ICC Player Rankings for batsmen, bowlers and all-rounders in Test match and One-Day International cricket.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said that he was delighted that LG's enthusiasm for cricket had helped the ICC to introduce official rankings for individual players alongside the well-established team tables.

'Since the introduction of the ICC Test Championship in May 2001 it has been our ambition to complement this with an ongoing championship table for One-Day International cricket and official player rankings,' said Mr Speed.

'The ICC ODI Championship was introduced in October 2002 and January's announcement means



that due to the support of LG we now have a full suite of official rankings,' added Mr Speed.

The LG ICC Player Rankings are based on the rankings produced by Ted Dexter Associates and sponsored by

▲ LG India Head of Marketing Salil Kapoor (left) with Sunil Gavaskar and Sourav Ganguly at the launch in New Delhi.

PwC over the last 17 years which have now been acquired by the ICC.

The ICC/LG agreement also encompasses the LG ICC Test Championship and the LG ICC One-Day International Championship. ♣

→ Player viewpoint



'It's certainly a positive move that all of the world rankings are now under the one banner and hold official status. They are a guide as to how teams and individuals are performing and, importantly, they're useful for cricket followers to get a feel for the state of the game around the world.'

Australia captain Ricky Ponting.



'The LG ICC Player Rankings are an integral part of the international game and are often discussed with great interest in the dressing room. The ratings give a clear indication of the form players in the game and the fact that they are now 'official' lends even more value to them.'

South Africa all-rounder Jacques Kallis.



'These player rankings have been tried and tested over many years and it is excellent news that they have now been officially recognised by the ICC and LG.'

India captain Sourav Ganguly.



How do they work?

The LG ICC Player Rankings are a sophisticated moving average. Players are rated on a scale of 0 to 1000 points. If a player's performance is improving on his past record, his points increase; if his performance is declining his points go down.

The value of each player's performance within a match is calculated using an algorithm, a series of calculations (all pre-programmed) based on various circumstances in the match.

All of the calculations are carried out using pre-programmed formulae, using the information published in a Test match scorecard. There is no human intervention in this calculation process, and no subjective assessment is made of the quality of the pitch or of the players. 🎯



The LG View

'This partnership consolidates the LG's long-standing involvement with international cricket as a global partner.

'LG's commitment towards cricket extends far beyond mere ads and sponsorships; we are truly committed to the development of the overall quality of the game in the long run. The association of LG and ICC strengthens the passion and commitment towards the game.

'The LG ICC Player Rankings is a feather in the cap. The player rankings are the first official rankings brought out by LG and ICC, and we at LGEIL are proud to have LG associated with the ICC. This cricket ranking is the first ranking system for cricket to have official recognition and endorsement of both the sport's governing body and all of its members. Players, experts and fans alike will keenly follow the player rankings and in times to come the LG ICC Player Rankings will literally be the international 'benchmark' for all cricket stakeholders.'

Mr K R Kim, President South West Asia LG Electronics & Managing Director LG Electronics India Pvt. Ltd.



Test match rankings

For a batsman, the factors are:

- runs scored
- ratings of the opposing bowling attack
- the level of run-scoring in the match, and the team's innings total
- out or not out (a not out innings receives a bonus)
- the result

For a bowler, the factors are:

- wickets taken and runs conceded
- ratings of the batsmen dismissed
- the level of run-scoring in the match
- heavy workload
- the result

▲ Glenn McGrath topped the Test bowling rankings in January 2005.

Bowlers who do not bowl in a high-scoring innings are penalized.

Recent performances have more impact on a player's rating than those earlier in his career, but all his performances are taken into account. A great player who has had a lean run of form will still have a respectable rating.

Players who miss a Test match for their country, for whatever reason, lose 1% of their points.

New players start at zero points, and need to establish themselves before they get full ratings.

Follow the rankings online

Full details of the LG ICC Test Championship, the LG ICC One-Day International Championship and the LG ICC Player Rankings can be found on the official ICC website www.icc-cricket.com

One-Day International rankings

The principles behind the ODI Ratings are similar to those for the Test Ratings, with the following important differences:

Batsmen gain significant credit for rapid scoring. They only get a small amount of credit for being not out.

Bowlers gain significant credit for economy.

Players lose only 1/2 % of their points for missing a match for their country.

All ODI matches are considered equal, except for ICC Cricket World Cup matches, where good performances gain extra credit.

Big scores or wicket hauls against very weak nations get much less credit than the same performances against the main ODI countries.

► India's Rahul Dravid was the leading Test batsman when the rankings were launched.



→ How do innovations become adopted?

The ICC is constantly working with its stakeholders to trial and review new developments in the playing and officiating of the game and frequently involves experienced players in the process.



The ICC Cricket Committee (CC) meets annually to consider cricket-playing issues. The CC is chaired by Indian batting legend Sunil Gavaskar and comprises former international cricketers and officials including Angus Fraser, Tim May and Aravinda de Silva, half of whom are nominated by current international players.

At its last annual meeting in Dubai in May 2004 the CC considered a range of playing and umpiring innovations. The recommendations it made at this meeting lead directly to the radical revised bowling process that was approved in February 2005 and the umpiring earpiece and no-ball trials that were conducted at the ICC Champions Trophy 2004.

The CC also recommended the trialling of several One-Day International cricket innovations including 12-a-side cricket and flexibility in relation to when fielding restrictions should apply.

ICC General Manager - Cricket, David Richardson, a former vice-captain of South Africa, said that the group of experienced cricketers discussed a range of options before recommending trials of several innovations.

'It is important that we involve people with elite level playing experience in the decision-making process,' said Mr Richardson.

'By testing the CC's suggestions at domestic level we can gain a good understanding of ways in which new innovations may, or may not, help the game evolve.'

The '12-a-side' concept will be trialled in Pakistan's domestic limited overs competition, the Patron's Cup, in March. It will allow any 11 of the 12 players to bat and any 11 to be on the field at the same time.

A variation on this is also likely to be tested in South Africa's Pro20 Series

▲ The umpiring trials at the ICC Champions Trophy were based on recommendations from the ICC Cricket Committee.

in which one 'soccer-style' substitution will be permitted for fitness or tactical reasons.

The CC was also keen to review the selective application of fielding restrictions with batsmen provided the opportunity to choose the overs when fielding restrictions should apply.

A trial of this concept was to be undertaken in Sri Lanka but was understandably put on hold after the tsunami. It will now take place at a time and location to be determined.

At present fielding restrictions apply automatically for the first 15 overs in all ODI matches but under this system the batting side would be able to nominate three different five over periods at any point of its innings. 🏏

'It is important that we involve people with elite level playing experience in the decision-making process,'

ICC General Manager - Cricket David Richardson

→ Scots begin ICC Intercontinental Cup defence against Holland



Hong Kong the only newcomers as 12 teams contest second season.

Scotland will begin its defence of the ICC Intercontinental Cup with a difficult away tie against Holland on 29-31 July.

Scotland won the inaugural three-day first class competition in 2004 without losing a match but Holland ran the winners closer than any other side in a keenly-contested draw in Aberdeen. With home advantage in 2005, Holland will be looking to inflict a first defeat on the holders.

Scotland captain Craig Wright said that he expected his side's task to be tougher this season.

'I think that as we're the holders teams will be trying that little bit harder to beat us and Holland away will be a tricky first match,' said Wright.

'We played some of our best cricket in this tournament last season and we've taken extra steps to prepare ourselves even better for the year ahead.

'We've got a new coach in Andy Moles who had first-hand experience of the event with Kenya last season and I'm sure he will bring some new ideas to the team.'

Hong Kong is the only new side in the 12-team ICC tournament which last season brought competitive multi-day cricket to the second tier of cricket nations for the first time. It replaces Malaysia in the Asia regional qualifiers and will begin its campaign in Nepal on 30 April.

The Americas region looks set to produce an intense festival of cricket with the three qualifying matches scheduled for Toronto in Canada from 23 August to 2 September.

The ICC Intercontinental Cup format remains unchanged in its second season. The top team from each of the four regions will progress to semi-finals and a final at a venue to be confirmed.

There have been minor changes to the points structure with more rewards available for first innings runs. 🏏



Full details of the tournament rules and playing conditions can be found at www.icc-intercontinentalcup.com

▲ Scotland captain Craig Wright with the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2004 trophy.

IWCC Women's Cricket World Cup

The IWCC World Cup will take place in South Africa from 22 March to 10 April 2005.

The holders, New Zealand, will have to overcome Australia, England, India, Ireland, South Africa, Sri Lanka and West Indies to retain the title they won on home soil in 2000.

This will be the eighth IWCC World Cup. Aside from New Zealand, only Australia (1977, 1982, 1988 and 1997) and England (1973 and 1993) have lifted the trophy.

In the 2005 competition eight teams will play each other once in a round-robin format before the top teams progress semi-finals and a final.

The IWCC will vote on a plan to integrate the administration of women's cricket into the ICC's operations during the event.



▲ New Zealand celebrate beating Australia in the final of the 2000 event.

ICC Intercontinental Cup 2005

Dates	Match	Venue
22-24 Apr 2005	UAE vs Hong Kong	Sharjah, UAE
22-24 Apr 2005	Uganda v Kenya	Kampala, Uganda
30 Apr - 2 May	Nepal v Hong Kong	Kathmandu, Nepal
7-9 May	Nepal v UAE	Kathmandu, Nepal
14-16 May	Uganda v Namibia	Kampala, Uganda
29-31 Jul	Holland v Scotland	tbc, Holland
12-14 Aug	Scotland v Ireland	Aberdeen, Scotland
23-25 Aug	Canada v Bermuda	Toronto, Canada
23-25 Aug	Ireland v Holland	Belfast, Ireland
27-29 Aug	Bermuda v USA	Toronto, Canada
31 Aug - 2 Sep	Canada v USA	Toronto, Canada
tbc	Namibia v Kenya	Windhoek, Namibia



News from around the regions

ICC East Asia-Pacific U/15 8's Tournament

A significant milestone in the evolution of cricket development within the East Asia-Pacific region was achieved with the conclusion of the first ever junior regional tournament. The ICC EAP U/15 8's tournament was hosted by Cricket Victoria and saw talented youngsters from Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu compete in an 8-a-side round robin tournament with Papua New Guinea prevailing.

Final Standings

1	Papua New Guinea
2	Vanuatu
3	Fiji
4	Indonesia
5	Samoa
6	Tonga
7	Japan

UAE wins ACC Fast Track Countries Tournament

The UAE beat Hong Kong in the final of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Fast Track Countries Tournament from 10-12 February 2005. The tournament was initiated by the ACC to help improve the standard of play amongst the emerging countries in Asia through regular exposure to three-day cricket.

The 2005 tournament was contested by Malaysia, Hong Kong, Nepal, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates. As a result of finishing in the top three of the ACC Fast Track Countries Tournament, Hong Kong, the UAE and Nepal qualify as Asia's representatives for the 2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup.



Hong Kong's Afzaal Haider (left) and UAE's Arshad Ali took part in the final match.

EAP XI in the Australian country cricket championships

Papua New Guinea's Jamie Brazier was rewarded for his outstanding performances for East Asia - Pacific (EAP XI) at the recent Australian Country Cricket Championships (ACCC) with selection in the Australian Country Cricket Team. The team was announced at the Championship presentation dinner, where Queensland Country were also presented with the Cricket Australia Shield as the Championship winners, after remaining undefeated throughout the 12-day tournament. For full details of all the matches please visit www.icc-eap-cricket.com

ICC Development Program Annual Awards

Nominations for the ICC Development Program Awards 2004 are now closed and regional winners will be announced on the 28 February 2005.

The ICC judging panel comprising ICC President Ehsan Mani, former ICC President Malcolm Gray, former South Africa player and administrator Dr Ali Bacher, MCC Secretary Roger Knight and ICC Global Development Manager Matthew Kennedy will then select a global winner from the five regional nominations in each category, to be announced on 31 March 2005.

Full details of the criteria, nomination process and eventually the regional and global winners can be found on the official ICC website at www.icc-developmentawards.com.



PNG won the first ever EAP junior tournament.

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LG ICC Player Rankings



LG ICC Test player rankings (As at 15 February 2005)

Batting		Bowling	
1	Jacques Kallis SA 893	1	Glenn McGrath AUS 866
2	Rahul Dravid IND 882	2	M.Muralitharan SL 850
3	Ricky Ponting AUS 847	3	Shaun Pollock SA 840
4	Brian Lara WI 845	4	Shoaib Akhtar PAK 811
5	Damien Martyn AUS 830	5	Anil Kumble IND 780
6	Virender Sehwag IND 808	6	Jason Gillespie AUS 774
7	S.R.Tendulkar IND 782	7	Makhaya Ntini SA 761
8	Matthew Hayden AUS 771	8	Shane Warne AUS 732
9	K.C.Sangakkara SL 752	9	Steve Harmison ENG 703
10	Andrew Strauss ENG 751	10	Matthew Hoggard ENG 691



South Africa's Jacques Kallis topped the LG ICC Test batting rankings.

LG ICC ODI player rankings (As at 15 February 2005)

Batting		Bowling	
1	R.R.Sarwan WI 742	1	Glenn McGrath AUS 856
2	S.R.Tendulkar IND 740	2	Shaun Pollock SA 856
3=	Jacques Kallis SA 730	3	Chaminda Vaas SL 831
	Adam Gilchrist AUS 730	4	M.Muralitharan SL 830
5	Yousuf Youhana PAK 720	5	Jason Gillespie AUS 789
6	Ricky Ponting AUS 717	6	Brett Lee AUS 776
7	Stephen Fleming NZ 715	7	Jacob Oram NZ 759
8=	Brian Lara WI 709	8	Darren Gough ENG 732
	K.C.Sangakkara SL 709	9	Andrew Flintoff ENG 725
10=	Michael Clarke AUS 707	10	Makhaya Ntini SA 716
	Andrew Flintoff ENG 707		



Australia's Glenn McGrath leads the LG ICC Test and ODI bowling rankings.

LG ICC Test Championship Table

(As at 15 February 2005)



Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Dec 04	Rating change since 7 Jan 04
1	(1) AUSTRALIA	132	+2	+7
2	(2) ENGLAND	110	+1	+9
3	(4) INDIA	108	+3	+8
4	(5) SRI LANKA	103	0	+7
5	(3) PAKISTAN	101	-4	-1
6	(6) SOUTH AFRICA	99	-3	-12
7	(7) NEW ZEALAND	93	0	-7
8	(8) WEST INDIES	73	0	-10
9	(9) ZIMBABWE	42	-9	-14
10	(10) BANGLADESH	6	+6	+6

1 December 2004 ratings in brackets.

Developed by David Kendix.

Recent Test series results

Dec	Bangladesh v India	0-2
Dec-Jan	Australia v Pakistan	3-0
Dec-Jan	South Africa v England	1-2
Jan	Bangladesh v Zimbabwe	1-0

Forthcoming series

Mar	New Zealand v Australia	(3 Tests)
Mar	India v Pakistan	(3 Tests)
Mar-Apr	South Africa v Zimbabwe	(2 Tests)
Mar-May	West Indies v South Africa	(4 Tests)
May-Jun	West Indies v Pakistan	(2 Tests)

LG ICC ODI Championship Table

(As at 15 February 2005)



Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Dec 04	Rating change since 7 Jan 04
1	(1) AUSTRALIA	137	0	+1
2	(3) NEW ZEALAND	120	+3	+22
3	(2) SRI LANKA	117	-2	+10
4	(4) PAKISTAN	109	0	-2
5	(7) SOUTH AFRICA	106	+5	-12
6	(6) WEST INDIES	105	-2	+4
7	(5) ENGLAND	103	-5	-3
8	(8) INDIA	98	-2	-7
9	(9) ZIMBABWE	51	-8	-17
10	(10) KENYA	26	0	-2
11	(11) BANGLADESH	11	+11	+11

1 December 2004 ratings in brackets.

Developed by David Kendix.

Recent ODI series results

Oct-Nov	Zimbabwe v England	0-4
Dec	Australia v New Zealand	1-1
Dec-Jan	Bangladesh v India	1-2
Jan-Feb	VB Series (Aus, Pak, WI in Aus)	Aus Win
Jan	Bangladesh v Zimbabwe	3-2
Jan-Feb	South Africa v England	4-1

Forthcoming series

Feb-Mar	New Zealand v Australia	(5 ODIs)
Feb-Mar	South Africa v Zimbabwe	(3 ODIs)
Mar-Apr	India v Pakistan	(5 ODIs)
May	West Indies v South Africa	(5 ODIs)
May	West Indies v Pakistan	(3 ODIs)



Thousands snap up tickets for Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series

Over 10,000 tickets sold in first 10 days.



Ticket sales for the Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series smashed through the 10,000 barrier within 10 days of the official launch of the event in Melbourne, Australia.

Tickets for the three one-day matches at the Telstra Dome, Melbourne on 5, 7 and 9 October 2005 and the six-day Super Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground from 14-19 October went on sale to Australian and international cricket fans by telephone and the internet on Wednesday 2 February.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed explained that the ICC, Cricket

Australia and the venues had worked together to ensure an accessible pricing policy for international cricket's newest major event which will pitch the world's best team against the world's best players.

'This is an unprecedented opportunity to see the cream of the sport's talent and we have sought to make this premium event accessible by pricing a third of the tickets at the entry level price,' said Mr Speed.

'This will be the most prestigious international cricket event to be held in Australia since the ICC

▲ The one-day matches will take place indoors at the Telstra Dome, Melbourne.

Cricket World Cup in 1992, yet tickets will be available for less than half the price of the recent Australian Open final and a quarter the price of the Rugby World Cup final.'

Over 30 per cent of tickets for international cricket's newest major event will be on offer to cricket fans for AUD\$ 46 per day.

The Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series will be an event for all the family with children's tickets available for AUD\$ 23 and Family Packs for two adults and two children on offer at AUD\$ 115. ☎

Booking details

Super Test - Sydney Cricket Ground		One-day matches - Telstra Dome, Melbourne	
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International:	+61 2 9266 4800	Fax:	+61 3 9256 8840
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