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Top stars delighted with Johnnie Walker Super Series selection



Players from around the world look ahead to the event in Australia in October.

Cricket's global stars are thrilled with their selection in the initial ICC World XI squads for October's Johnnie Walker Super Series.

England captain Michael Vaughan, named in the Test squad, said: 'It's a great achievement to be selected in the squad of 30 and it's fantastic to see seven English players involved in the Test and ODI squads.'

From India, VVS Laxman's reaction was similarly positive. 'I'm very happy that I made it to the probables and am confident that I will make it to the final playing eleven in the Super Test. Perhaps my performances in Australia played a big role in finding me a place among the top players in the world,' said Laxman.

Virender Sehwag, named in both squads, commented: 'The thought of teaming up with the world's best players against the world's best team is very exciting. It's an honour to be selected in the squads and will be an even bigger honour to represent 'the world' in October.'

New Zealand's surprise selection Brendon McCullum, said: 'I'm pretty stoked, even though it is a 30-man squad and there is a lot to happen between now and then. There are three keepers and the other two are



Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar and Brian Lara from the West Indies could be on the same side in the Johnnie Walker Super Series.

both great players and I'm very much the new boy. I'm just pleased to be there.'

Pakistan pace spearhead Shoaib Akhtar is hoping for another chance to take on Australia.

'If I get a chance to represent the World XI, I would do my best to upstage Australia. When you play them, it brings the best out of you. I can't wait for the day when I play a lead role in beating Australia,' he said.

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'I'm sure that every cricket fan would love to be in our position, discussing and debating the merits of so many outstanding players. The challenge will be in narrowing these initial groups of 30 players down to the final squads,'

Sunil Gavaskar, Chairman of Selectors.

Cricket Committee recommendations

Former players propose innovations for international cricket

The ICC Cricket Committee (CC) is recommending a number of innovations in relation to the playing of cricket for the consideration of the ICC Chief Executives' Committee at the end of June.

Technology trial at the Johnnie Walker Super Series

The ICC Cricket Committee is recommending that a technology trial should be undertaken at the Johnnie Walker Super Series to allow on-field umpires to consult with the TV umpire on any aspect of any decision. The final decision after these discussions would remain with the on-field umpire.

The only exceptions to this would be line decisions, which would be dealt with by the TV umpire in the same manner as at present, and catches, where the existing process would also be retained. The current practice for catches is that they are only referred where both umpires are unsuspected as this is one area where TV replays have proved inconclusive.

ICC General Manager - Cricket, David Richardson, explained that this trial would build on a similar trial at the ICC Champions Trophy 2002 in Sri Lanka.

'The Johnnie Walker Super Series will be our first opportunity to trial this process in Test match cricket,' said Mr Richardson.

'The members of the Emirates Elite Panel are already averaging over 94 per cent of correct decisions and we are of the view that the on-field umpires should retain their position of authority in the decision-making process. This trial will help us understand what impact a referral system may have on this correct decision percentage as well as the flow of the match.'

It was also recommended that earpieces should be used in all ICC events to help on-field umpires in judging faint edges. The CC was of the view that the judgment of no-balls should remain an on-field matter. 🎧



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Clamping down on illegal bats

The ICC Cricket Committee is recommending a review of the laws and regulations governing the manufacture of cricket bats.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said that the members of the CC were unanimous in seeking to preserve the traditions of the game.

'The committee upheld the view that cricket should remain a battle between a wooden bat and leather ball with the members strongly of the opinion that innovations that enhance the striking power of a bat, so disturbing the balance between bat and ball, should not be permitted,' said Mr Speed.

'The CC recommended that an expert panel should be established to review the matter in conjunction with the MCC, bat manufacturers

and selected universities with the necessary research facilities.'

CC Chairman, Sunil Gavaskar, and former international players Angus Fraser, Tim May, Arjuna Ranatunga and David Richardson have been recommended for appointment to this panel.

As part of its deliberations the CC also considered the specific case of the Kookaburra bat used by several international players and agreed that the status quo should remain wherein these bats can be used by all players pending a final decision from the MCC on their legality in relation to current laws and regulations. 🎯

► Ricky Ponting can continue to use his bat pending a final decision from the MCC.





Proposed change to ODI cricket

The ICC Cricket Committee is recommending two changes to the playing conditions of ODI cricket - a change to the way that fielding restrictions apply in ODI cricket and the introduction of replacements.

New approach to fielding restrictions

The CC is recommending a new approach to fielding restrictions that would see an increase from 15 to 20 overs of restrictions. The new approach would require 10 overs of fielding restrictions to apply at the beginning of an innings with two additional blocks of five to be used at the discretion of the fielding captain.

Chairman of the CC Sunil Gavaskar believes the proposed change will bring a new dimension to the ODI game.

'I think this change would enliven the game and introduce a new element of unpredictability throughout the course of an innings,' said Mr Gavaskar.

Under current regulations fielding restrictions apply for the first 15 overs in all ODI matches.

Permanent replacements

The CC is also recommending the introduction of soccer-style replacements for international cricket wherein a player could be replaced at any stage of a match but would then be ruled out for the remainder of the match.

Both the replacement and the replaced player would receive a cap and the replacement could happen at any stage of the match, including during a batting innings.

'It will be interesting to see how sides adapt to the tactics of introducing a substitute and to see what impact this has on selection issues. Some sides may use the extra man to have a specialist batsman or bowler on hand as a wildcard while others may welcome the insurance policy of an extra all-rounder,' said Mr Gavaskar.



International captains such as New Zealand's Stephen Fleming will have to adapt to the new regulations.

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Sunil Gavaskar, CC Chairman.

ICC Cricket Committee

Sunil Gavaskar	(CC Chairman)	Full member representatives – board nominated:	
David Richardson	(ICC General Manager - Cricket)	John Reid jnr	(New Zealand)
Malcolm Speed	(ICC Chief Executive)	David Holford	(West Indies)
Full member representatives – player nominated:		Faruque Ahmed	(Bangladesh)
Tim May	(Australia)	Arjuna Ranatunga	(Sri Lanka)
Angus Fraser	(England)	Ali Omar Shah	(Zimbabwe)
Talat Ali	(Pakistan)	Associate Member representatives -	
Errol Stewart	(South Africa)	Roland Lefebvre	(Holland – player nominated)
Tiger Pataudi	(India)	Harilal Shah	(Kenya – board nominated)



Issues in brief

Issues in brief summarises the latest developments in international cricket and at the ICC.

Cricket Australia receives \$US 500,000 LG ICC rankings cheque

Cricket Australia received a cheque for half a million US dollars for being the top side in the LG ICC Test and ODI Championships on 1 April 2005.

ICC Position: The introduction of official tables for both forms of the game has enabled the ICC to identify and reward the best performing nations and Cricket Australia becomes the first member board to benefit as its teams held top spot in both tables on 1 April 2005.

What next? The same rewards will be available to the top sides in both LG ICC tables on 1 April 2006 with \$US 250,000 to be awarded to the top ODI side and \$US 250,000 to the top Test side.

► Cricket Australia Chief Executive James Sutherland (left) and LG Electronics State Manager, Gio Infante with the cheque for \$US 500,000.



ICC annual meetings at Lord's

The leading cricket administrators from around the world will once again gather at Lord's Cricket Ground in London for the ICC annual meetings from Friday 24 June.

The extensive programme includes the ICC Board meeting, the ICC Chief Executives' Committee meeting and the Associate Members meeting.

ICC Position: New features this year include the first ever ICC Women's Committee meeting. Affiliate Members will also have voting rights at the ICC Annual Conference for the first time.

What next? The key outcomes of these meetings will be highlighted by the ICC President and Chief Executive at the fourth ICC Cricket Business Forum on Tuesday 28 June.

► Delegates at the ICC Annual Conference 2004 in the Long Room at Lord's.



ICC President's term extended

A special meeting of the ICC held in March 2005 voted to extend the term of ICC President Ehsan Mani for an additional year.

ICC Position: This decision comes at a time when the ICC Governance Review Committee is evaluating important issues such as the process for appointing future ICC Presidents and the length of term of office of the President. The extension is a reflection of the positive influence of Mr Mani's work during the first two years of his term.

What next? Mr Mani accepted the invitation to extend his Presidential term to three years. He will retain his position as ICC President through to the end of June 2006. Percy Sonn will remain as ICC Vice-President during this period.

New panel for associate and affiliate umpires

In April 2005 the ICC launched the first ever panel of umpires from Associate and Affiliate Member countries. Ten umpires from Bermuda, Denmark, Fiji, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Kenya, Nepal, Scotland and Singapore have been appointed to this ICC Associate and Affiliate Umpires Panel following a review of their performances and ability at the ICC World Cup Qualifying Series Division 2 tournament in Malaysia in February 2005.

ICC Position: The establishment of the new panel is part of the ICC's commitment to raising the standards of decision-making in international cricket.

What next? Members of the new panel will be appointed to ICC Intercontinental Cup matches and other Associate and Affiliate tournaments. High performing members may also be considered for other ICC events including the ICC Trophy 2005 and the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup 2006 and could even be invited to be involved in the ICC Champions Trophy and ICC Cricket World Cup.



Emirates Airline partnership continued

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al-Maktoum, Chairman Emirates, and ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed shake hands after agreeing to extend the relationship between the ICC and Emirates for another three years. Emirates' sponsorship of the ICC's elite panel of umpires and match referees for all Test and One-Day international matches will see match officials sporting the famous 'Fly Emirates' branding on the field of play.

For the latest ICC news visit www.icc-cricket.com

→ ICC merges with IWCC

Women's and men's cricket united for the first time after an historic agreement during Women's World Cup in South Africa in April 2005.

The conclusion of the eighth Women's Cricket World Cup in South Africa coincided with an historic development for international cricket.

Shortly after the Australian women's team lifted the trophy in South Africa on 10 April 2005, the ICC President Ehsan Mani confirmed the integration of women's and men's international cricket under the umbrella of the ICC.

'The conclusion of the entertaining World Cup tournament marks an historic time in the development of women's cricket,' said Mr Mani.

'After two years of discussions, the International Women's Cricket Council (IWCC) has approved its merger with the ICC and the work can now begin to draw women's and men's cricket closer together at international level.'

As part of the merger, the ICC has introduced a new ICC Women's Cricket Committee, which will be chaired by the former IWCC vice-president Betty Timmer. This committee will make recommendations to the ICC Development Committee on all matters relating to women's cricket.

The former IWCC President Christine Brierley said that the merger was a positive development for the sport.

'This merger will increase the participation levels of women and girls in cricket. The international profile of women's cricket will also benefit as there will be one body now responsible for cricket worldwide,' she said.

'The ICC is tremendously excited about the prospect of working with the players, administrators and all those involved in ICC Women's Committee,' added Mr Mani.

'Many of our member countries have already moved in this direction and it has proved beneficial for both the women's and men's games.

'I offer sincere thanks to the outgoing IWCC President Christine Brierley and the many dedicated volunteers who have supported the



development of the women's game over the years.'

'It is our responsibility to build on the existing body of knowledge and the ICC Women's Cricket Committee members will help us achieve this goal.

The ICC has employed Megan Smith in the new role of Women's Project Officer to work specifically on the integration project.

The merger will be formally recognised at the ICC Annual Conference in June this year, with the first formal ICC Women's Committee meeting scheduled to take place in London at the same time.

The IWCC administered international women's cricket from 1958 to 2005. 🏏

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Ehsan Mani, ICC President.

▲ Belinda Clark (right) captained Australia to World Cup success and will sit on the new ICC Women's Cricket Committee.

ICC Women's Committee

Betty Timmer
Chair

Ann Browne-John
Americas Delegate

Catherine Campbell
East Asia-Pacific Delegate

Gill McConway
Europe Delegate

Joan Edwards
Africa Delegate

Shubhangi Kulkarni
Asia Delegate

Belinda Clark
Co-opted Delegate

Matthew Kennedy
ICC Global Development Manager

→ Squad selections spark captaincy debate

As the selectors narrow down the contenders for the Johnnie Walker Super Series, thoughts are turning to the leadership of the Test and ODI sides.

An international media debate has greeted the announcement of the players selected for the initial ICC World XI squads for the Johnnie Walker Super Series.

Within hours of the star names being released, media speculation moved into full swing on the possible identity of the man to captain the ICC World XI teams.

In Australia, the Sydney Morning Herald identified Michael Vaughan as 'the obvious choice if he recaptured his superb form against Australia in this winter's Ashes series.'

The possible claims of ex-skippers Brian Lara and Sachin Tendulkar were described as 'modest' based on their past record, while India's Rahul Dravid is nominated as a contender for the job by the Sydney-based newspaper.

According to a BBC report, Inzamam ul Haq said: 'A place in the World XI would be enough. If I get the captaincy it would be the icing on the cake.'

Meanwhile, Graeme Smith strengthened his claim for the Test job by leading his team to impressive victories against the West Indies in the Caribbean.

Supporters of big name stars who failed to make the squads have also aired their views, particularly in championing the causes of players like Sourav Ganguly, Stephen Fleming and big-hitting all-rounder Chris Cairns.



Commenting on the omission of Cairns, Sir Richard Hadlee told Radio Sport in New Zealand that his absence from the one-day squad could be put down to a combination of factors such as question marks over fitness, whether he would be sufficiently

▲ India's Rahul Dravid (left) and Pakistan's Inzamam ul Haq could both be in contention for the captaincy.

match-hardened because of a lack of cricket now that he is a one-day specialist, and competition from South African all-rounders Jacques Kallis and Shaun Pollock. The selectors are not likely to name their captains until the final squads are known. ☞

→ The Johnnie Walker Super Series could throw up some fascinating individual battles between the game's best players:



SACHIN TENDULKAR

SHANE WARNE

In 12 Tests, Tendulkar has only been dismissed three times by Warne. In 17 ODIs, Warne has claimed his wicket only once. Tendulkar has scored 1859 runs against Australia in Test cricket at an average of 53.11 and 2157 runs at 49.02 in ODI cricket.



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

GLENN MCGRATH

Vaughan has 132 runs from the 222 deliveries bowled to him by McGrath in Tests. McGrath has dismissed him four times. The England captain has a commanding average of 63.30 against Australia in Test cricket, including three hundreds in five matches.

→ Reaction from the selectors



The six-man Johnnie Walker Super Series selection committee comprises Sunil Gavaskar (chairman), Mike Atherton, Sir Richard Hadlee, Clive Lloyd, Jonty Rhodes and Aravinda de Silva.

The selectors charged with picking the squads for the ICC World XI teams first met in May to pick groups of 30 players for the three One-Day Internationals in Melbourne on 5, 7 and 9 October and the Super Test in Sydney from 14-19 October. They will meet again to reduce these to two groups of 20 players on 2 July before selecting the final squads in August 2005.



Sunil Gavaskar (chairman of selectors)

On selection:

'These squads are packed with fantastically talented players from around the world who will pose a serious challenge to Australia's supremacy in both forms of the game. It was incredibly difficult to confine our selections to just 30 players for each squad, but in the end and after much agonising and debate, the panel is confident that these are the best combinations of players for the challenge ahead.'

On player qualities:

'We want the best flair and talent in the world, but we also need players with the qualities to dig deep when the going is tough and take advantage of any weaknesses or errors in the Australians' game. Our aim was to pick a group of players which offers proven match-winning combinations in all areas of the game.'



Mike Atherton

On Gough and Pietersen:

'Despite his age and fitness problems Darren Gough remains a class performer in One-Day International cricket and the selection panel felt that Kevin Pietersen's claim was just too strong to ignore. How could you leave out a guy who averages 139 after 11 One-Day International games, has scored three centuries and bats at a strike rate of 100?'



Sir Richard Hadlee

On players who didn't make it:

'The names that come to mind are Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who's been in excellent form as the West Indies captain and another well-respected leader in Stephen Fleming. Ashley Giles has had a good year for England, Hamish Marshall is very promising for New Zealand and Marvan Atapattu and Mahela Jayawardene from Sri Lanka are two more high class players who didn't quite make it.'



RICKY PONTING

HARBHAJAN SINGH

Ponting's overall record against top spinners is excellent. In Tests, Harbhajan has dismissed him five times in six matches, mainly in 2000-01. In ODIs, Ponting has 58 runs from 50 balls from Harbhajan in the last five ODIs, at a strike rate of 116.00. Harbhajan has dismissed him only once in 11 ODI matches.



ADAM GILCHRIST

SHOAIB AKHTAR

Gilchrist has struck 77 runs from the 94 deliveries received from Shoaib Akhtar in five Tests since 2001, at a strike rate of 81.91. Akhtar has dismissed Gilchrist only twice. In ODIs, with Gilchrist opening the batting, Shoaib has dismissed him four times in 17 head-to-head games.

→ Inside guide to the ICC Trophy 2005

An introduction to the 12 participating teams in the final qualifying event for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

Group A

Bermuda
Denmark
Ireland
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
United States of America

Bermuda

Cricket is the national sport of Bermuda – so much so that when the season's biggest match comes round, a two-day holiday is declared. The Cup Classic is an annual challenge dating back over a century, between the best of the West and the best of the East on the island.

Current skipper Clay Smith could be the man to look out for with a record three centuries under his belt in the Cup Classic. Smith and his team will be coached by former West Indies batsman Gus Logie.



Holland captain Roland Lefebvre collects the ICC Trophy in 2001.

Denmark

Cricket arrived in Denmark in the 1860s when British workers introduced it while laying railway lines.

Ole Mortensen is the greatest cricketer to hail from Denmark. He played for Derbyshire from 1983 to 1993, bowled over 10,300 overs and took 432 wickets at an average of 23.87. He took 11 for 89 against Yorkshire on his debut with Geoff Boycott the prize scalp among his victims.

In Denmark today there are more than 40 cricket clubs and over 3000 players.

Ireland

Ireland achieved a record-breaking run of 10 successive victories in the 2003 and 2004 seasons – the most notable, a five-wicket win over Surrey in Dublin early in the 2004 season. The past couple of years have seen convincing wins over Brian Lara's West Indians (6 wickets) and Heath Streak's Zimbabweans (10 wickets).

Yet it was a match in the tiny County Tyrone village of Sion Mills in July 1969 that is written largest in the folklore of the sport in Ireland. On their way to a nine-wicket win, Ireland bowled out the touring West Indies for a mere 25.

Uganda

Uganda's greatest ever cricketer is Sam Walusimbi, a legendary all-rounder who once took 11 wickets against an Indian side that contained three Test players. He also played in the first ICC Cricket World Cup in 1975 for East Africa.

Two Ugandan players named in the ICC Trophy 'Tournament XI' in Toronto four years ago are back in contention for a place in the starting line-up in Ireland. Junior Kwebiha had a terrific tournament as a hard hitting batsman and effective medium pacer but it was Kenneth Kamyuka who stole the show in Toronto with a century off 59 balls against Malaysia. Uganda had been seeded 23rd out of the 24 countries in Canada and came away ranked 10th.

United Arab Emirates

The UAE team of 1994 produced the all-time highlight in the nation's cricket history – victory in the ICC Trophy at the first time of asking. The side were rank outsiders for the tournament in Kenya but returned home undefeated with a place booked in the ICC Cricket World Cup 1996.

Players to watch out for in Ireland include the prolific batsman Arshad Ali and fast bowler Ali Assad Abbas who was the leading wicket taker in the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2004.

United States of America

The oldest rivalry in international cricket is not, surprisingly, the Ashes. Thirty-three years before England took on Australia in the first official Test match, USA locked horns with Canada in the first recorded cricket encounter between two nations.

The high of United States' cricket came in 2004 in UAE with victory in the ICC Six Nations Challenge. This provided USA a place at the ICC Champions Trophy in England where it took part in matches against Australia and New Zealand.

Preliminary phase (Belfast)

Fri 1 July	Ireland v Bermuda (Stormont)	Holland v Papua New Guinea (Osborne Park)
	Denmark v Uganda (Muckamore)	Scotland v Oman (Shaw's Bridge)
	UAE v USA (Downpatrick)	Namibia v Canada (Woodvale)
Sat 2 July	Ireland v Uganda (Comber)	Holland v Oman (Carrickfergus)
	Denmark v USA (Armagh)	Scotland v Canada (Bangor)
	UAE v Bermuda (Lisburn)	Namibia v Papua New Guinea (Newforge)
Sun 3 July	Reserve Day	
Mon 4 July	Ireland v UAE (Stormont)	Holland v Namibia (Osborne Park)
	Denmark v Bermuda (Cliftonville)	Scotland v Papua New Guinea (Shaw's Bridge)
	Uganda v USA (Lurgan)	Oman v Canada (Muckamore)
Tues 5 July	Ireland v USA (Waringstown)	Holland v Canada (Eglinton)
	Denmark v UAE (Bangor)	Scotland v Namibia (Limavady)
	Uganda v Bermuda (Comber)	Oman v Papua New Guinea (Drummond)
Wed 6 July	Reserve Day	
Thurs 7 July	Ireland v Denmark (Bangor)	Holland v Scotland (Stormont)
	Uganda v UAE (Lurgan)	Oman v Namibia (Comber)
	USA v Bermuda (Waringstown)	Canada v Papua New Guinea (Downpatrick)

Semi-finals & finals (Dublin)

Sat 9 July	Semi-Final 1: 1st A v 2nd B (Clontarf)
	Semi-Final 2: 2nd A v 1st B (The Hills)
	Semi-Final 3: 3rd A v 4th B (Malahide)
	Semi-Final 4: 4th A v 3rd B (North County)
	Semi-Final 5: 5th A v 6th B (Leinster)
	Semi-Final 6: 6th A v 5th B (Merrion)
Sun 10 July	Reserve Day
Mon 11 July	3rd-4th Place: Loser SF1 v Loser SF2 (Malahide)
	5th-6th Place: Winner SF3 v Winner SF4 (Clontarf)
	7th-8th Place: Loser SF3 v Loser SF4 (The Hills)
	9th-10th Place: Winner SF5 v Winner SF6 (North County)
	11th-12th Place: Loser SF5 v Loser SF6 (Rathmines)
Tues 12 July	Reserve Day
Wed 13 July	Final: Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 (Clontarf)
Thurs 14 July	Reserve Day



Group B

Canada
Holland
Namibia
Oman
Papua New Guinea
Scotland

Canada

Hitting doesn't come any bigger than that of John Davison – and to prove it he holds the ICC Cricket World Cup record for the fastest century in the tournament's history. The Canadian captain is also quite handy with the ball – in last year's ICC Intercontinental Cup match against USA his wily off-spin bagged him 17 wickets.

Canada are the only side participating in this year's ICC Trophy to have won an ICC Cricket World Cup match, beating Bangladesh in the 2003 tournament.

Holland

It may have been over 40 years ago but they still talk about Holland's victory over the 1962 Australian side in The Hague. They certainly don't let the Australian captain of the time, Bob Simpson, forget about it – he just happens to be the current coach of the Holland team. In the 1990s there were victories over the West Indies and England – but the Dutch rate the ICC Cricket World Cup 1996 and, as holders of the ICC Trophy, the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2003 as the real highlights of the country's cricketing history.

Roland Lefebvre is probably the best player Holland has produced. He played



JB Burger was man of the match for Namibia against England in the ICC Cricket World Cup.



Canada beat Bangladesh under lights in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2003.

professional cricket for both Somerset and Glamorgan, led his team by example at the last ICC Cricket World Cup and nowadays is key to the future as national youth coach.

Namibia

The appearance of the national team at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2003 fired interest in cricket in Namibia. They put up a spirited fight against England in 2003 and the man of the match in that game, JB Burger, is in the squad for the ICC Trophy 2005.

Namibia will be coached by Andrew Waller, a veteran of three ICC Cricket World Cup tournaments with Zimbabwe.

Oman

All rounder Hemin Desai won man of the match on four occasions during the ACC Trophy so it was no surprise when he was voted player of the tournament. He opened both the batting and bowling and he'll again be in action in Ireland. Oman's chief coach is no stranger to the big time. Sandeep Patil played 29 Tests and 45 ODIs for India and was a member of the Indian ICC Cricket World Cup winning team in 1983. He was

also coach to the Kenya national side which reached the semi-finals of the ICC World Cup in South Africa two years ago.

Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea were the last team to qualify for the ICC Trophy 2005, earning their place by winning the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifying Series Division 2 event in Malaysia.

They beat regional rivals Fiji in the final of that event with the highly experienced Jamie Brazier making the decisive contribution to the 30 run victory, hitting 62 from 43 balls.

Scotland

A former captain of England is perhaps the best cricketer to come from Scotland. Mike Denness played 28 Tests, was captain in 19 of them and had a batting average of just under 40.

Scotland are the first holders of the ICC Intercontinental Cup. Their victory last year was the first time Scotland had won a major international cricket event. 🏏

News from around the regions

ICC Development Program Awards 2004

Cricket enthusiasts from 26 different countries were rewarded in the third annual ICC Development Program Awards which recognised exceptional performance and service to the game in countries outside the ICC's 10 Full Members.

Global Award Winners

Best Overall Cricket Development Program

Namibia Cricket Board

Flix Junior Development Initiative

Wellcome Primary Schools' Playground League (Hong Kong)

The global Flix Junior Development Initiative Award winner also received a Brell bowling machine and 24 balls (for further details see www.flix.com).

Best Women's Cricket Initiative

2004 Howzat Women's Cricket Program (Nigeria)

Best Cricket Promotional Program

Lloyds TSB Scotland, Sponsor (Scotland)

Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative

Oshakati Cricket Club (Namibia)

Photo of the Year

California Cricket Academy (USA)

UNAIDS Award

Botswana Cricket Association

Volunteer of the Year

M. K. Suresh (Indonesia)

Lifetime Service Award

Mark Stafford (Vanuatu) and Zakir Hussain Syed (Shared)

For more information on the awards visit the official website at www.icc-developmentawards.com



Winner of the Americas and Global Photo of the Year - Young cricketers in California

Regional Award Winners

Best Overall Cricket Development Program

Africa	Namibia Cricket Board
Americas	Manitoba Cricket Association (Canada)
Asia	Malay Cricket Association of Malaysia
EAP	Vanuatu Cricket Association
Europe	Stanley Morrison Trust 'Adopt a Primary School Scheme' (Scotland)

Flix Junior Development Initiative

Africa	National Commission for School Cricket (Mozambique)
Americas	Littleton Cricket Academy - Dan Ruparel (USA)
Asia	Wellcome Primary School's Playground League (Hong Kong)
EAP	Lik Lik Cricket Association (PNG)
Europe	Patrick Henderson's youth cricket development program (Switzerland)

Each regional Flix Junior Development Initiative Award winner also received a Flix pitch (for further details see www.flix.com).

Best Women's Cricket Initiative

Africa	2004 Howzat Women's Cricket Program (Nigeria)
Americas	Ave Mogan - Canadian Women's Cricket Association
Asia	ICHOR Hong Kong Invitational Cricket Festival 2004
EAP	Port Moresby Cricket Association (PNG)
Europe	Lloyds TSB Women's International Cricket Festival (Scotland)

Best Cricket Promotional Program

Africa	Uganda Cricket Association
Americas	Over the Boundary - Chilean Cricket Association
Asia	HKCA Website and Cricket-Kid.com
EAP	Cricket Samoa
Europe	Lloyds TSB Scotland, Sponsor (Scotland)

Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative

Africa	Oshakati Cricket Club (Namibia)
Americas	Andrew Ewbank (Costa Rica)
EAP	Friendship Club - Japan Cricket Association
Europe	Muslim School Initiative - Leinster Cricket Union (Ireland)

Photo of the Year

Africa	Botswana Cricket Association
Americas	California Cricket Academy (USA)
Asia	Hong Kong Cricket Association
EAP	Mr Fuji and Fuji - Japan Cricket Association
Europe	Simon Watson 'Batting on top of the World' (Isle of Man)

UNAIDS Award

Africa	Botswana Cricket Association
Americas	South American Championships (Chile)
Europe	UNAIDS/Tsunami Fund Raising Event (Belgium)

Volunteer of the Year

Africa	Jan Greyling (Namibia)
Americas	Norman Baldwin (Brazil)
EAP	M. K. Suresh (Indonesia)
Europe	Andrew Armitage (Finland)

Lifetime Service Award

Africa	Ebrahim Bhamjee (Botswana)
Americas	Maurice Runnacles (Argentina)
Asia	Zakir Hussain Syed
EAP	Mark Stafford (Vanuatu)
Europe	Ken Sainsbury (Spain)



Results update

The ICC Intercontinental Cup 2005 is already living up to the high standards set last year, with UAE qualifying from the Asia Region for the finals by a margin of only two runs over Nepal, whose chances were hampered by a rain-affected match against Hong Kong.

In the one remaining Africa fixture Namibia and Kenya will square up with only half a point between them.

Results

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

vs Hong Kong in Sharjah:

UAE 127 (Ilyas Gul 5/16) & 185/3 (Syed Maqsood 51*, Khuram Khan 55*) beat HK 127 & 184 by 7 wickets.

Uganda vs Kenya in Kampala:

Kenya 321 (Steve Tikolo 149, Charles Waiswa 4/58) & 116 (Steve Tikolo 54, Charles Waiswa 3/26) beat Uganda 168 (Lawrence Sematimba 57, Thomas Odoyo 5/34) & 108 (Lameck Onyango 6/21) by 161 runs.

Nepal vs Hong Kong in Kathmandu:

Hong Kong 91 (Binod Das 6/29) and 37/3 drew Nepal 101/7 dec (Afzal Haider 6/23) [rain affected]

Nepal vs UAE in Kathmandu:

Nepal 287/7 (Sharad Vesavkar 89, Shakti Gauchan 68) and 125/6 beat UAE 164 (Arshad Ali 81) and 76 (Binod Das 5/27) by 172 runs

Uganda vs Kenya in Kampala:

Uganda 231 (Frank Nsubuga 64) and 211 lost to Namibia 201 (AJ Burger 59) and 242/7 AJ Burger 67, Stefan Swanepoel 55) by 3 wickets.

All the latest tournament news and scorecards can be found at www.icc-intercontinentalcup.com

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LG ICC Player Rankings



LG ICC Test rankings (As at 31 May 2005)

Batting		Bowling	
1	Brian Lara WI 888	1	Glenn McGrath AUS 897
2	Jacques Kallis SA 886	2	M.Muralitharan SL 834
3	Rahul Dravid IND 872	3	Shaun Pollock SA 787
4	Ricky Ponting AUS 863	4	Makhaya Ntini SA 784
5	Virender Sehwag IND 848	5	Shoaib Akhtar PAK 778
6	Damien Martyn AUS 836	6	Shane Warne AUS 771
7	Adam Gilchrist AUS 819	7	Anil Kumble IND 766
8	S.Chanderpaul WI 804	8	Andre Nel SA 751
9	Inzamam ul Haq PAK 786	9	Jason Gillespie AUS 739
10	Graeme Smith SA 752	10	Matthew Hoggard ENG 722



Glenn McGrath continues to dominate the LG ICC bowling rankings in Test match and ODI cricket.

LG ICC ODI rankings (As at 31 May 2005)

Batting		Bowling	
1	Ricky Ponting AUS 759	1	Glenn McGrath AUS 865
2	Adam Gilchrist AUS 724	2	Charminda Vaas SL 831
3	Graeme Smith SA 722	3	M.Muralitharan SL 830
4	Chris Gayle WI 717	4	Brett Lee AUS 819
5	Andrew Flintoff ENG 711	5	Shaun Pollock SA 805
6	Rahul Dravid IND 711	6	Jason Gillespie AUS 786
7	Kumar Sangakkara SL 709	7	Makhaya Ntini SA 757
8	Jacques Kallis SA 708	8	Naved ul Hasan PAK 745
9	Michael Clarke AUS 705	9	Jacob Oram NZ 740
10	Inzamam ul Haq PAK 699	10	Darren Gough ENG 732



Ricky Ponting (right) is the top ODI batsman while Brian Lara (left) has slipped out of the top ten in the ODI table despite topping the Test rankings.

LG ICC Test Championship Table

(As at 31 May 2005)



Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 15 Feb 05	Rating change since 31 May 04
1	(1) AUSTRALIA	132	0	5
2	(2) ENGLAND	110	0	7
3	(3) INDIA	107	-1	5
4	(5) PAKISTAN	102	1	3
5	(4) SRI LANKA	100	-3	6
6	(6) SOUTH AFRICA	100	1	-12
7	(7) NEW ZEALAND	97	4	-4
8	(8) WEST INDIES	73	0	-7
9	(9) ZIMBABWE	41	-1	-14
10	(10) BANGLADESH	6	0	5

1 November 2004 ratings in brackets.

Developed by David Kendix.

Recent Test series results

Mar	New Zealand v Australia	0-2
Mar	India v Pakistan	1-1
Mar-Apr	South Africa v Zimbabwe	2-0
Mar-May	West Indies v South Africa	0-2

Forthcoming series

May-Jun	England v Bangladesh	(2 Tests)
May-Jun	West Indies v Pakistan	(2 Tests)
July	Sri Lanka v West Indies	(2 Tests)
Jul-Sep	England v Australia	(5 Tests)

LG ICC ODI Championship Table

(As at 31 May 2005)



Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 15 Feb 04	Rating change since 31 May 04
1	(1) AUSTRALIA	140	3	4
2	(3) SRI LANKA	117	0	7
3	(2) NEW ZEALAND	116	-4	7
4	(5) SOUTH AFRICA	112	6	-1
5	(4) PAKISTAN	112	3	6
6	(7) ENGLAND	103	0	-2
7	(8) INDIA	97	-1	-10
8	(6) WEST INDIES	95	-10	-7
9	(9) ZIMBABWE	50	-1	-12
10	(10) KENYA	26	0	-2
11	(11) BANGLADESH	11	0	9

1 November 2004 ratings in brackets.

Developed by David Kendix.

Recent ODI series results

Feb-Mar	New Zealand v Australia	0-5
Feb-Mar	South Africa v Zimbabwe	3-0
Mar-Apr	India v Pakistan	2-4
May	West Indies v South Africa	0-5
May	West Indies v Pakistan	0-3

Forthcoming series

Jul	NatWest Series (Aus, Ban, Eng in England)	(10 ODIs)
Jul	England v Australia	(3 ODIs)
Aug	Tri series (Ind, SL, WI in Sri Lanka)	(7 ODIs)

→ Why is the ICC moving to Dubai?

ICC President Ehsan Mani explains the reasons behind the ICC's move to Dubai in August 2005.



What are the main reasons for the ICC moving to Dubai?

For the last five years we have operated from three main offices with ICC Administrative Services based at Lord's, the ICC Anti-Corruption and Security Unit in central London and ICC Cricket Management SAM in Monaco.

This structure was necessary for sound commercial reasons, but it was operationally inefficient. The move to Dubai will draw all of the key staff of the organisation together under one roof and make the ICC more efficient and effective.

Was it a difficult decision to leave Lord's after a 96-year association?

The relocation is not a decision that we have taken lightly; it comes at the end of a lengthy and detailed review process which took account of the deep historical associations with Lord's. The Marylebone Cricket Club has provided outstanding support to the ICC since its inception in 1909 and I have no doubt that we will maintain close links with an organisation that remains the guardian of the Laws of the game.

Where will the ICC's new office be located?

For its first two years in Dubai, the ICC will have its own floor in a new

office block in Dubai Media City. In 2007 it will then move to its own building in Dubai Sports City. This building will be owned by the ICC and will be adjacent to the ICC Global Cricket Academy.

Will all the ICC staff be relocating to Dubai?

Over recent years the ICC has had a tremendous record of staff retention to the extent that no core staff left the organisation during our last financial year. The ICC is a close-knit organisation and unquestionably the hardest part of the relocation will be the loss of highly valued staff members. It is testimony to the professionalism and commitment of all the staff - those that will be relocating to Dubai and those that won't - that the organisation's operations have maintained their high level of efficiency through this challenging time. I wish all those who do not make the move every success

in their future endeavours; their knowledge and skills will prove to be valuable assets to future employers.

Does the ICC have any concerns that Dubai doesn't have a cricket culture?

Dubai is part of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), one of the 12 teams competing in July's ICC Trophy in Ireland for the remaining five places at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007. The UAE also includes Sharjah, home to more One-Day International matches than any other ground, and Abu Dhabi, which has recently had its cricket stadium approved for international cricket by the ICC. Alongside our new office in Dubai Sports City will be a 20,000 capacity cricket stadium. The popularity of cricket in Dubai is evidenced by the quantity and quality of coverage provided on television and in the daily English language newspapers. ☎

▼ Ehsan Mani and Malcolm Speed at the 'ground-breaking' ceremony for Dubai Sports City.



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