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## Captains rising to Johnnie Walker Super Series challenge



Graeme Smith and Shaun Pollock to lead ICC World XI sides in Australia.



South Africans Graeme Smith (left) and Shaun Pollock (seen celebrating here) will captain the ICC World XI Test and ODI sides which will also include Andrew Flintoff (right).

The captains for next month's Johnnie Walker Super Series, Graeme Smith, Ricky Ponting and Shaun Pollock, are anticipating an outstanding series as the show-down in Australia draws closer.

South Africa's Graeme Smith, who will lead the ICC World XI Test side, said he is thrilled to have been selected as captain. 'It came as a surprise and it's a great honour and a privilege to lead

such a talented Test squad. I want to congratulate every player, especially my fellow countrymen,' said Smith.

Australian skipper Ponting said he was looking forward to playing against top players from around the world. 'It will be an amazing experience to play against a side of this calibre and I think for those players in the World XI, it will be an equally exciting prospect to play in a

team alongside the game's greats. There's no doubt that this is a highly impressive line-up,' said Ponting.

Smith's team mate Shaun Pollock, captain of the ICC World XI ODI side, said that it would be a huge challenge to take on Australia: 'I have been playing at the top level for the last ten seasons and it never crossed my mind once that I would one day lead a World XI side.'

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**'It's obviously going to be a huge challenge, especially considering that the opposition have been together such a long time. I think we have more than enough talent in both the Test and One Day teams. They are guys that have won matches for their respective countries almost single-handedly over the years, so we definitely have enough talent to match the Aussies,'**

Shaun Pollock



## Six year schedule remains under consideration

Dubai meeting addresses a wide range of scheduling issues.



### Why is a six-year schedule under consideration?

The current ICC Future Tours Agreement for international cricket commits the 10 ICC Full Member countries to a programme of reciprocal tours within a five-year timeframe.

In July 2003 at the ICC Cricket Business Forum, the ICC announced a Review of the Structure of Cricket that would obtain fact-based information on the way that international cricket is structured with a view to producing a range of future scenarios for the programming of elite international cricket.

This process has involved the obtaining of accurate financial information from all of the ICC Full Member countries. This has been supplemented by extensive interviews with a wide range of the game's key stakeholders.

A series of ICC meetings, led by the ICC Executive Board, has subsequently analysed the information and narrowed down the options. The latest developments concern a potential move to a six year cycle which would see the same commitments spread out over a longer timeframe.

Progress towards a revised schedule for international cricket took a step forward following the conclusion of the ICC Chief Executives' Committee (CEC) meeting at the new ICC office premises in Dubai Media City on 28 August.

A special scheduling summit was followed by a meeting of the CEC which enabled all of the ICC Full Member countries and Associate Member representatives to consider the implications of a move from a five-year programme to a six-year cycle of international cricket.

ICC President Ehsan Mani said that the deliberations of these groups would help provide the ICC Board with a clearer understanding of the potential options available to the countries.

'The gathering together of those responsible for the scheduling of international cricket is an important step in the process. These discussions

raised a number of issues which will be considered further by our members,' said Mr Mani.

'There is still work to be done but once we have a more complete picture of the feasibility of this potential change the matter will be considered by the ICC Board.'

The CEC meets three times a year. The recommendations of this meeting will be considered by the ICC Board which will meet in Sydney in October. ☎

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Ehsan Mani, ICC President

▲ The impact on long-established series such as the Ashes (above) will be considered during the deliberations.



Ehsan Mani (pictured) and Malcolm Speed announced a review of the structure of cricket in 2003.





# → Gavaskar to chair ICC Awards 2005 Selection Panel

The ICC Awards 2005 presented by Hyundai in association with FICA will take place in Sydney on 11 October.

Indian batting legend Sunil Gavaskar will chair the Selection Panel for the second ICC Awards presented by Hyundai in association with FICA.

Mr Gavaskar will chair a five-man panel that also includes David Gower, Sir Richard Hadlee, Rod Marsh and Courtney Walsh and is responsible for selecting the Test and One-Day International Teams of the Year.

These illustrious former cricketers have already drawn up the long-lists of candidates for the four main individual awards which will then be voted on by a 50-man Academy. The winners will be announced at a ceremony in Sydney, Australia on Tuesday 11 October.

The awards will be attended by many of the most celebrated current players from around the world who will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of last year's Player of the Year and Test Player of the Year, Rahul Dravid, and ODI Player of the Year, Andrew Flintoff.

Mr Gavaskar said that he was delighted to be chairing the esteemed panel.

'I attended the ICC Awards in London last year and it was clear to



▲ The captains line-up to enter the main hall at the ICC Awards 2004 in London.



◀ India's Rahul Dravid collected two ICC Awards in 2004.

see from the reactions of the players how much it meant to them to be part of such a prestigious event. It is a major achievement for any player to be recognised on the world stage so I know all of the selectors will address their task with the utmost diligence and responsibility,' he said.

The individual awards are:

- Cricketer of the Year;
- Test Player of the Year;
- One-Day International Player of the Year; and
- Emerging Player of the Year.

The team awards are:

- Test Team of the Year;
- One-Day International Team of the Year; and
- Spirit of Cricket Award.

There is also an award for the Umpire of the Year which is voted for by the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Referees and the current Test-playing captains. 🏏

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Sunil Gavaskar,  
Chairman of Selection Panel

### The 50-member voting Academy

ICC Full Member	'Legends and Media'	National Captains	ICC Officials
Australia	Richie Benaud, Ian Healy, Steve Waugh	Ricky Ponting	Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Referees
Bangladesh	Athar Ali Khan	Habibul Bashar	Chris Broad
England	Michael Atherton, Ian Botham, Christopher Martin-Jenkins	Michael Vaughan	Jeff Crowe
India	Rajan Bala, Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar	Sourav Ganguly	Clive Lloyd
New Zealand	Jeremy Coney, Martin Crowe	Stephen Fleming	Ranjan Madugalle
Pakistan	Javed Miandad, Ramiz Raja, Waqar Younis	Inzamam-ul-Haq	Roshan Mahanama
South Africa	Allan Donald, Graeme Pollock, Barry Richards	Graeme Smith	Mike Procter
Sri Lanka	Aravinda de Silva, Arjuna Ranatunga, Sidath Wettimuny	Marvan Atapattu	Alan Hurst
West Indies	Tony Cozier, Michael Holding, Sir Viv Richards	Shivnarine Chanderepaul	Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires
Zimbabwe	David Houghton	Tatenda Taibu	Billy Bowden
Total (50)	25 members	10 members	15 members



## News in brief

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

### ICC Cricket World Cup schedule announced

The schedule of matches for the ICC Cricket World Cup was announced on July 19 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

**ICC Position:** The first match of the tournament will take place on Tuesday 13 March 2007 at the newly renovated Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica between the West Indies and Pakistan. A total of 51 matches will be played over 47 days with the final taking place at the Kensington Oval in Barbados on 28 April.

**What next?** The official tournament website is up and running at [www.cricketworldcup.com](http://www.cricketworldcup.com) and details of how to obtain tickets will be available over the coming months.

► Mello is the official mascot of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.



### Qualifiers make plans for ICC Cricket World Cup 2007

The first steps towards the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 for the six non-Full Member countries that will be competing in the event in the West Indies – Bermuda, Canada, Holland, Ireland, Kenya and Scotland - were plotted in a meeting in London on 4-5 September.

**ICC Position:** ICC High Performance Manager – Development, Richard Done, met with representatives from all six countries to identify key areas in which progress can be made over the coming years.

**What next?** Plans for tournaments and high performance coaching – including a winter training camp - are in the advanced stages and will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

► The ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 logo was unveiled on 19 July 2005.



**ICC Cricket World Cup  
WEST INDIES 2007**

### ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup dates confirmed

The next ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup will take place in Sri Lanka from 5 to 19 February 2006.

**ICC Position:** 16 teams will play 44 matches at four venues in the Colombo area. Key matches will be televised and the semi-finals and final will all be played under floodlights.

**What next:** Pakistan will be defending the title it won in Bangladesh in 2004. All 10 ICC Full Member countries will be competing in Sri Lanka against Ireland, Namibia, Scotland, Uganda, USA and the winner of the Asian regional qualifier which takes place in November 2005.

### Video analysis at ICC Trophy

The ICC provided access to a match analysis service for all participating teams in the ICC Trophy for the first time, giving them a chance to review their performances from an individual and team perspective.

**ICC Position:** During the event the teams attended sessions with the service provider - Meru Sports Technology Services - and after the end of the event they were sent full vision of all of their matches with the ability to search this DVD by match event, time, player, or other pre-defined categories.

**What next?** Further discussions with the six Associate Member countries are on-going with a view to making this technology available to them in the build-up to the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.



### Shepherd retires from Emirates Elite Panel with ODI record

English umpire David Shepherd stood in his final international match at the Brit Oval on Tuesday 12 July bringing to an end an illustrious career that comprised a world record 172 One-Day International matches and 92 Test matches. On the occasion of Shepherd's final match between England and Australia tributes flooded in from around the world including goodwill messages from His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, the Prime Ministers of England and Australia, ICC President Ehsan Mani and the captains of both participating teams.

For the latest ICC news visit [www.icc-cricket.com](http://www.icc-cricket.com)

# → Marsh to take lead role at ICC Global Cricket Academy

The former international wicketkeeper and Australia and England Academy director will have a key part to play in the development of a world-class facility in Dubai Sports City.

In a major coup for the development of the sport, the ICC and Dubai Sports City (DSC) have appointed Rod Marsh as the Director of Coaching of the world's first ICC Global Cricket Academy.

Mr Marsh will take a lead role in the planning and development of cricket's international centre of excellence which is scheduled to be launched in 2007.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said that Mr Marsh was the ideal candidate to help the ICC and Dubai Sports City realise the vision of the ICC Global Cricket Academy.

'In our discussions about a potential Director of Coaching for the ICC Global Cricket Academy, Rod Marsh came out top of the list and we are delighted that he has agreed to take up this new position,' said Mr Speed.

'Rod's rich experience as a top class international player and highly-respected academy coach in England and Australia will be an invaluable asset to this exciting project.'

Mr Marsh said that serving the wider interests of international cricket was a natural next step after working with the national academies in England and Australia.

'I have been very impressed with the concept of the ICC Global Cricket Academy and I am looking forward to helping the ICC and Dubai Sports



City develop a world-class facility,' said Mr Marsh.

'I am looking forward to working with players and coaches from around the world and, if we get this right, I believe it has tremendous potential to help a wide range of cricketers.'

Abdul Rahman Bukhatir, Dubai Sports City partner and President of the UAE Cricket Board said: 'At Dubai Sports City we are proud to be working with the best names in the world of sport; the appointment of Rodney Marsh is a further endorsement of this and we are confident that he will provide all the requisite skills and expertise to ensure that the world's first ever global cricket academy in Dubai Sports City is truly recognised as the leading centre of excellence in the cricketing world.'

Mr Marsh will initially provide expert input into the design and construction phase of the project before taking a hands-on role in the running of the academy once it is launched in 2007.

▲ U Balasubramaniam (left) (CEO, Dubai Sports City), Abdul Rahman Falaknaz (partner DSC) and Malcolm Speed (ICC Chief Executive) congratulate Rod Marsh on his appointment at a media conference in Dubai.

◀ Rod Marsh at the site of the new ICC Global Cricket Academy in Dubai Sports City.

## What is the ICC Global Cricket Academy?

The ICC Global Cricket Academy will be a focal point for the training and development of cricket players, coaches, umpires, curators and administrators.

The facilities will be available to a broad spectrum of cricketers in ICC member countries from juniors to full international teams, encompassing both men's and women's cricket.

It will be a foundation tenant of the innovative Dubai Sports City project, the world's first integrated sports city, that will see a multitude of sports brought together in a development of 50 million square feet.

The vision of Dubai Sports City has brought together world-class partners to create a destination that has the best of breed from all sports.

The ICC Global Cricket Academy joins leading names such as Manchester United Soccer Schools, a David Lloyd Tennis Academy and a Butch Harmon School of Golf that have already committed to this exciting development.



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Rod Marsh, Director of Coaching





## → Picking the ICC World XIs

Selectors gather to choose final line-ups for Johnnie Walker Super Series.

Johnnie Walker Super Series selectors Sunil Gavaskar, Mike Atherton, Richard Hadlee, Clive Lloyd, Jonty Rhodes and Aravinda de Silva met on three occasions to debate their choices for the ICC World XI squads. Initial squads of 30 for the Test and ODI teams were reduced to 20 and finally 13 and 14 respectively.

'It was a daunting task which got more difficult each time. When you have the cream of the world's best players to pick from the decisions on who to leave out become harder and harder,' said Sunil Gavaskar, who chaired the panel.

'The basic process is straightforward; each selector has a group of players in mind so you agree the core of the squad and then debate the players who might not be on everyone's list.

'For example, we had to choose between Graeme Smith and Michael Vaughan as batsmen who also had strong captaincy credentials. Smith was our choice as opener and Test captain, but as Mike Atherton pointed out, if Vaughan wins the Ashes and scores a mountain of runs there will be people who will question our decision,' said Mr Gavaskar.



Fellow selector Sir Richard Hadlee said that some of the choices were bound to provoke debate: 'You're never going to please everyone and selecting someone like Shoaib Akhtar who has missed a lot of cricket might be a controversial one. But he's roughed up Matthew Hayden in the past and with him, Harmison and Flintoff they'll test any batting line-up. Flintoff and Harmison are doing outstanding things at the moment and as a

▲ Sunil Gavaskar, Mike Atherton and Aravinda de Silva share a joke during the second selection meeting at Lord's Cricket Ground.

▼ ICC World XI coach, John Wright, unveiled the squads with Johnnie Walker selector Sir Richard Hadlee at the Tetra Dome in Melbourne.

captain you definitely want bowlers with express pace.'

And the choice of England's Kevin Pietersen in the one-day squad is proof of the selectors' decision to recognise form and talent, despite limited international experience. 'There is no other player hitting the ball like he is at the moment. Some of the little punch shots he plays that go to and over the boundary, it's extraordinary strokeplay,' added Sir Richard. 🏏

ICC World XI Test squad	
Graeme Smith (Capt)	South Africa
Rahul Dravid (V-Capt)	India
Sachin Tendulkar	India
Virender Sehwag	India
Brian Lara	West Indies
Jacques Kallis	South Africa
Andrew Flintoff	England
Shaun Pollock	South Africa
Mark Boucher	South Africa
Steve Harmison	England
Shoaib Akhtar	Pakistan
Muttiah Muralitharan	Sri Lanka
Daniel Vettori	New Zealand

ICC World XI ODI squad	
Shaun Pollock (Capt)	South Africa
Sachin Tendulkar (V-Capt)	India
Virender Sehwag	India
Kevin Pietersen	England
Brian Lara	West Indies
Jacques Kallis	South Africa
Herschelle Gibbs	South Africa
Andrew Flintoff	England
Kumar Sangakkara	Sri Lanka
Shahid Afridi	Pakistan
Shoaib Akhtar	Pakistan
Makhaya Ntini	South Africa
Muttiah Muralitharan	Sri Lanka
Daniel Vettori	New Zealand





# Official Partners add support to Johnnie Walker Super Series



**Leading global companies support inaugural event.**

Five Official Partners will lend their commercial support to the Johnnie Walker Super Series, including two major brands that are new to ICC tournaments and events. In addition to naming rights sponsor Johnnie Walker; LG, Emirates Airline, Hero Honda, ABN AMRO and MasterCard have signed up to join the ICC in presenting world cricket's newest tournament.

ICC Commercial Manager Campbell Jamieson said that attracting the high profile support of sponsors was a substantial coup for the event: 'It is a powerful endorsement of cricket's popularity that this new

event has been successful in attracting the support of major international brands like Johnnie Walker, LG, Emirates, Hero Honda, ABN AMRO and MasterCard. The ICC is extremely fortunate in having the long term commitment of a number of major commercial partners, but it is also very rewarding that we can attract new partners of this status and calibre to the international game.'

In addition to these major partners, Hyundai has been appointed as the Official Car of the Johnnie Walker Super Series and Reebok as the Official Clothing Supplier. 🍌



Malcolm Speed and Mandira Bedi unveiled the ICC World XI playing shirt in India.



# Flintoff: 'I'll be taking my autograph book with me'

**Ashes hero looks forward to joining ICC World XI.**

The world's top all-round cricketer says he can't wait to meet up with his new team mates in the ICC World XI sides.

Delighted by his selection in both Test and ODI squads, England's Andrew Flintoff said: 'I'll be taking my autograph book and I won't quite know where to put myself. It's great when I think back two years because I was still trying to play for England, never mind even being thought about for a World XI side. It's very flattering to be included and I've got the chance to mix with some of the best

players in the world. I might even get the chance to bat with Sachin Tendulkar, which would be fantastic. I'm going to be like a kid in a sweet shop.'

New Zealand spinner Daniel Vettori, like Flintoff named in both squads, said: 'I'm very excited, it's a pretty nice feeling. If you look at the calibre of the team and the spinners that missed out, it's pretty humbling.'

Looking ahead to the Sydney Super Test he said: 'I definitely think I've got a chance of playing, being a six-day Test in Sydney must be slightly in my favour.' 🍌



Andrew Flintoff is delighted to have been picked for both squads.





## ICC World Cricket League to increase opportunities for developing nations

Initiative introduces system of three new global leagues for non-Full Members.

The top five teams from the ICC Trophy Ireland 2005 will join Kenya in the top tier of the newly-introduced ICC World Cricket League in an initiative that will bring regular global one-day cricket to the top 18 non-Full Member countries.

The three-division ICC World Cricket League will, for the first time, allow nations to play regular one-day cricket against similarly-ranked opponents regardless of where in the world they are based.

It will also ensure that the qualifying pathway for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 is open to all 86 of the ICC's Associate and Affiliate members.

ICC Global Development Manager Matthew Kennedy said that regular competitive cricket was an essential part of the development plans for the sport.

'This new structure of one-day cricket will sit on top of regional qualifying events to create a pyramid structure in which all teams have an opportunity to develop and an incentive to improve.

'Success will be rewarded with promotion and the ICC World Cricket League will allow us to identify the

relative strengths of these member countries on a more regular basis than ever before.

'It means, for example, that Papua New Guinea, the strongest team in the East Asia-Pacific region, will be able to test itself against similarly ranked teams from Uganda in Africa and qualifiers from Europe and the Americas.

'Before the introduction of the ICC World Cricket League these matches would only take place every four years. Now these opportunities will come around for all countries twice as often.'

The top 13 sides have already been allocated into Divisions One, Two and Three on the back of their performances in the ICC Trophy Ireland 2005. The remaining places will go to the top teams from five regional qualifying events in 2006.

All of the matches in the ICC World Cricket League Division One will have One-Day International status. Discussions are also underway to arrange additional ODI matches between these six countries and the ICC Full Member countries ahead of the ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007 and beyond.



▲ Ireland and Canada (in action here during the ICC Trophy 2005 final) will both play in Division One of the ICC World Cricket League.

The one-day ICC World Cricket League will complement the ICC Intercontinental Cup which is a three-day competition for the top ICC Associate Member countries that was introduced in 2004.

### One-day rankings for Associate Members

The play-off matches in the ICC Trophy Ireland 2005 and the qualifying event in Malaysia have enabled the ICC to produce one-day rankings for the top 20 non-Full Member countries. These countries can therefore be deemed to be ranked 11-30 in one-day cricket.

Regional Qualifiers	World Cricket League	Regional Qualifiers	World Cricket League
2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Europe</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2007	<b>Division 3</b> (8 Teams) • USA, PNG, Uganda • One qualifier from each Region	<b>Europe</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2009	<b>Division 3</b> (8 Teams) • 5th & 6th 2007 Div 2 • 3rd 2007 Div 3 • One qualifier from each Region
<b>Asia</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2007	1st & 2nd promoted to 2007 Div 2	<b>Asia</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2009	1st & 2nd promoted to ICC World Cup Qualifier 2009
<b>Africa</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2007	<b>Division 2</b> (6 Teams) • 1st & 2nd 2007 Div 3 • UAE, Namibia, Denmark, Oman	<b>Africa</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2009	<b>ICC World Cup Qualifier</b> (12 Teams) • 1st – 6th (Kenya, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Bermuda, Holland) 2007 Div 1 • 1st – 4th 2007 Div 2 • 1st & 2nd 2009 Div 3
<b>Americas</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2007	<b>Division 1</b> (6 Teams) Kenya, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Bermuda, Holland	<b>Americas</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2009	
<b>EAP</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2007		<b>EAP</b> Qualifier / next highest ranked to Division 3 2009	

Ranking	Team
11	Kenya
12	Scotland
13	Ireland
14	Canada
15	Bermuda
16	Holland
17	UAE
18	Namibia
19	Denmark
20	Oman
21	USA
22	PNG
23	Uganda
24	Fiji
25	Nepal
26	Qatar
27	Cayman Islands
28	Kuwait
29	Italy
30	Zambia





# ICC Cricket World Cup countdown - Scotland profile



Five ICC Associate Member countries qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup from the ICC Trophy 2005 in Ireland. In the first of a series of previews of these nations, Scottish journalist Mike Stanger profiles the sport in his country.

Cricket has a long pedigree in Scotland, dating back 220 years, and actually pre-dates football as a popular spectator sport. However, only top matches in top-class competitions now attract spectators - although it is likely that many more follow the game through the media.

There are around 12,000 active cricketers in Scotland, of which half are junior players. There are 150 registered clubs and a dozen associations attached to Cricket Scotland, the national governing body of the sport. But there could be as many as 50 other unregistered clubs around the country.

Schools cricket has declined over the past 25 years, with even private schools giving up the game. But there are pockets of strong interest, particularly in rural areas, and a handful of city-based state schools continue to encourage their pupils to take part. The burden of youth development is now borne almost entirely by the clubs, many of which have a proud record in embracing and integrating the high proportion of Asian-origin players available in the cities.

Of all the ICC Associate Member countries, Scotland has probably the best-developed grass-roots infrastructure, with most clubs able to play on natural turf pitches in good-quality surroundings in well-organised local leagues and cup competitions. The national league has three divisions and 30 clubs and it is from these clubs that the national team selections are generally made (although half a dozen Scots are currently attached to English counties).

For obvious geographical reasons, the Scottish cricket season is exceptionally short, not much more than four months, but it is intense and densely fixtured at all levels. 🏏

## Players to watch in 2007

**Ryan Watson** - Scotland's most reliable all-rounder, he shattered the record for one-day match century-makers when he reached three figures in 43 balls in a truncated Sunday League match against Somerset in Edinburgh in 2003. The Zimbabwe-born Scot is also a useful off-spinner who could enjoy the conditions in St Kitts.

**Paul Hoffmann** - Scotland's ultra-dependable new-ball bowler will be in his late-30s by the time of the World Cup, but the Australian-born Scot can still be expected to add bite to the attack - and, after thrashing a 35-ball century in Scotland's national league in 2005, proved he can contribute rapid runs when they are needed.

**Colin Smith** - Almost certainly the tallest wicket-keeper in world cricket, the Aberdeenshire policeman is not just a safe pair of hands with the instinct, speed and reaction time of a leopard, but also an inspirational right-handed batsman who leads the middle-order effort from a great height - 6ft 3in.

**Ross Lyons** - It's a little early to be certain which youngsters might be included in the Scotland squad for the World Cup, but the 20-year-old left-arm spinner from the Clydesdale club in Glasgow, is a hot tip, even after only two representative matches for Scotland. A superb deep fielder, he is also more than capable of scoring runs quickly.



Ryan Watson could be capable of making an all-round impression at the ICC Cricket World Cup.



Scotland celebrate victory in the final of the ICC Trophy Ireland 2005.

## Key milestones

1785	First recorded cricket match in Scotland, played at Schaw Park, Alloa.
1820	Earliest records of Kelso CC, the oldest extant cricket club in Scotland.
1865	First representative cricket match involving 'Scotland'.
1980	Scotland admitted to participation in the Benson & Hedges Cup and NatWest Trophy competitions against English county sides.
1992	Scotland resigned from membership of the UK Cricket Council and applied for independent membership of the ICC (admitted in 1994).
1997	Scotland participated in the ICC Trophy for the first time, finishing in third place to qualify at the first attempt for the ICC Cricket World Cup, staged in the UK in 1999.
2003	Having failed to qualify for the next ICC Cricket World Cup, Scotland were invited by the England & Wales Cricket Board to take part in their Sunday League for a period of three years, to 2005.
2004	Scotland won the inaugural (three-day) ICC Intercontinental Cup for Associate Members, and followed that in 2005 by winning the (one-day) ICC Trophy in Ireland to qualify for the 2007 World Cup and, incidentally, becoming the first ICC country to hold two senior men's trophies at the same time.



## Semi-final line-up for ICC Intercontinental Cup 2005 confirmed



**Bermuda continues good run with surprise qualification.**

Bermuda, Ireland, Kenya and United Arab Emirates will contest the semi-finals of the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2005 from 23 October in Windhoek, Namibia after winning their respective regional qualifying groups.

Bermuda followed its successful ICC Trophy 2005 campaign with qualification from the Americas Group of the ICC Intercontinental Cup. Its progress was founded on a superb victory over last year's ICC Intercontinental Cup finalist, Canada. On the final day of a gripping match, Bermuda set Canada a score of 230 to win in 68 overs and bowled them out for 181 to win by 48 runs. This impressive display was followed by a comfortable victory over Cayman Islands by an innings and 105 runs. Spinner Dwane Leverock did the bulk of the damage, taking 6 for 16 in the second innings for total match figures of 11/72. The big spinner was outshone, however, by his captain Clay Smith whose brilliant 138 in the first innings at a crucial time earned him the man-of-the-match honour.

This season's European Group began with a weather-affected draw between Holland and defending champion Scotland in which only one day of play was possible. Scotland's hopes of defending the title then disappeared when it lost its second group match at home to Ireland. For the Irish, who had lost a month earlier in the one-day ICC Trophy final to the Scots, it was sweet revenge.

In the final Europe Group match Ireland eased into the semi-finals when the fixture against Holland was again badly hampered by rain. In the play that was possible, Ireland's solid batting line-up amassed 407 for 4 dec, ending any hopes Holland had of reaching the last four.

During the first half of the year Kenya and the UAE qualified from the Africa and Asia regional groups. Kenya completed a convincing victory over Uganda and a winning draw against Namibia to finish top of the Africa Group table.

In Asia the UAE had a much tougher path and the difference in points

### Semi-finals draw announced

The draw for the ICC Intercontinental Cup semi-finals was made by Laurie Pieters, President of the Namibia Cricket Board, during the ICC Annual Conference week at Lord's Cricket Ground, London. The 2005 match up will see the Asian Group winners, United Arab Emirates, take on the European Qualifier, Ireland, while African champions, Kenya, will take on the Americas qualifier, Bermuda. Both semi-finals will be in Windhoek, Namibia from 23 to 25 October, and the winners will progress to the final at the Wanderers Club in Windhoek from 27 to 29 October.



▲ Bermuda spinner Dwane Leverock took 11 wickets in the match against Cayman Islands.

between UAE and Nepal was the narrowest in the Cup's history. The UAE recorded a convincing win over Hong Kong in the opening match, while Nepal's match against Hong Kong was hit by rain. In the final match Nepal needed a big win to qualify, and going into the fourth innings had to bowl the UAE side out for less than 75 runs. With some spectacular bowling by Nepal captain BK Das, who took 5/27, the UAE crumbled to an all out total of 76, but to the disappointment of Das and his teammates this proved just enough to see UAE through to the semi-finals.



The Bermuda team celebrates qualification for the ICC Intercontinental Cup semi-finals.

#### Points Table

Region	P	WO	WI	D	LI	LO	T	Points
<b>Africa</b>								
Kenya	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	49
Namibia	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	46.5
Uganda	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	32
<b>Asia</b>								
United Arab Emirates	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	41
Nepal	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	40.5
Hong Kong	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	18
<b>Europe</b>								
Ireland	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	41
Scotland	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	21
Netherlands	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	11.5
<b>America</b>								
Bermuda	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	62
Canada	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	51
Cayman Islands	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	23

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### LG ICC Player Rankings



#### LG ICC Test rankings (As at 31 August 2005)

Batting		Bowling	
1	Jacques Kallis SA 886	1	Glenn McGrath AUS 877
2	Brian Lara WI 873	2	M.Muralitharan SL 862
3	Rahul Dravid IND 872	3	Shane Warne AUS 817
4	Virender Sehwag IND 848	4	Chaminda Vaas SL 788
5	Ricky Ponting AUS 832	5	Shaun Pollock SA 787
6	Inzamam-ul-Haq PAK 815	6	Makhaya Ntini SA 784
7	S.Chanderpaul WI 789	7	Shoaib Akhtar PAK 770
8	M.E.Trescothick ENG 783	8	Anil Kumble IND 766
9	Graeme Smith SA 752	9	Matthew Hoggard ENG 757
10	Sachin Tendulkar IND 750	10	Andre Nel SA 751



Marcus Trescothick climbed to eighth place on the back of topping the averages in the first four Ashes Test matches.

#### LG ICC ODI rankings (As at 31 August 2005)

Batting		Bowling	
1	Adam Gilchrist AUS 782	1	Glenn McGrath AUS 827
2	Ricky Ponting AUS 773	2	M.Muralitharan SL 809
3	Jacques Kallis SA 741	3	Chaminda Vaas SL 786
4	Graeme Smith SA 740	4	Brett Lee AUS 785
5	Chris Gayle WI 725	5	Shaun Pollock SA 774
6	M.E.Trescothick ENG 723	6	Makhaya Ntini SA 722
7	Yousuf Youhana PAK 721	7	Naved-ul-Hasan PAK 714
8	Rahul Dravid IND 718	8	Steve Harmison ENG 705
9	S.T.Jayasuriya SL 715	9	Jacob Oram NZ 704
10	S.R.Tendulkar IND 700	10	Daniel Vettori NZ 688



Australian wicket-keeper Adam Gilchrist remains the top ODI batsman.

### LG ICC Test Championship Table

(As at 31 August 2005)



Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 31 May 05	Rating change since 31 Aug 04
1	(1) AUSTRALIA	133	0	4
2	(2) ENGLAND	114	4	5
3	(3) INDIA	111	4	7
4	(6) SOUTH AFRICA	100	0	-2
5	(7) NEW ZEALAND	100	3	-6
6	(5) SRI LANKA	98	2	5
7	(4) PAKISTAN	95	-7	-10
8	(8) WEST INDIES	74	-1	-1
9	(9) ZIMBABWE	28	-13	-23
10	(10) BANGLADESH	6	0	5

31 May 2005 ratings in brackets.

Developed by David Kendix.

#### Recent Test series results

May-Jun	England v Bangladesh	2-0
May-Jun	West Indies v Pakistan	1-1
Jul-Aug	Sri Lanka v West Indies	2-0
Aug-Sep	New Zealand v Zimbabwe	2-0

#### Forthcoming series

Jul-Sep	England v Australia	(5 Tests)
Sep	India v Zimbabwe	(2 Tests)
Sep	Bangladesh v Sri Lanka	(2 Tests)
Oct	Johnnie Walker Super Series	(1 Test)
Nov	Pakistan v England	(5 Tests)

### LG ICC ODI Championship Table

(As at 31 August 2005)



Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 31 May 05	Rating change since 31 Aug 04
1	(1) AUSTRALIA	136	-4	0
2	(2) SRI LANKA	121	4	-2
3	(3) NEW ZEALAND	118	-2	1
4	(4) PAKISTAN	116	4	11
5	(5) SOUTH AFRICA	111	-1	9
6	(6) ENGLAND	109	6	10
7	(7) INDIA	95	-2	-10
8	(8) WEST INDIES	90	-5	-11
9	(9) ZIMBABWE	45	-5	-16
10	(10) BANGLADESH	15	4	15

31 May 2005 ratings in brackets.

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#### Recent ODI series results

May-Jun	West Indies v Pakistan	1-4
Jul	NatWest Series (Aus, Ban, Eng in England)	Aus/Eng tie
Jul	Eng v Aus	1-2
Aug	Indian Oil Tri-series (India, SL, WI in Sri Lanka)	SL win

#### Forthcoming series

Aug-Sep	Videocon Tri-series (Ind, NZ, Zim in Zimbabwe)	(7 ODIs)
Oct	Johnnie Walker Super Series	(3 ODIs)
Oct	Bangladesh v Sri Lanka	(3 ODIs)
Nov	England v Pakistan	(5 ODIs)
Oct-Nov	South Africa v New Zealand	(5 ODIs)
Nov	India v South Africa	(5 ODIs)
Dec	New Zealand v Australia	(3 ODIs)

## → ICC in Dubai

**ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed explains the ICC's relocation to Dubai in United Arab Emirates.**

We opened up for business at our new office premises on the 11th floor of a new block in Dubai Media City on 1 August 2005. We will be here for the next two years before moving to our own purpose-built premises in Dubai Sports City and many of the fixtures and fittings in the current building have been bought with that subsequent move in mind.

All of the organisation's senior management team and many of the staff have chosen to relocate to Dubai with the ICC so the transition, while complex, has been reasonably smooth. We were able to close down the office premises of ICC Administrative Services at Lord's Cricket Ground; the ICC Anti-Corruption and Security Unit at Queen Anne's Gate and ICC Cricket Management SAM in Monaco on Friday 29 July and begin working in Dubai the following Monday.

We have already recruited a number of new staff to fill the gaps left by people from London and Monaco who have not relocated to Dubai. The move means that for the first time since I joined the ICC in 2001

we have all of our central operational staff working together under one roof and this is already leading to greater efficiency and closer co-operation.

Dubai is conveniently located for much of the cricket world with direct flights available to nine of our 10 Full Member countries. The members of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires and Referees are frequently flying through the country.

In the first month of our operations here we have been able to host a Scheduling Summit, the ICC Chief Executives' Committee meeting and the Board Umpires' Representatives meeting in our office as well as two media conferences.

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