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## ICC Chief Executive looks forward to a succession of cricket treats

Malcolm Speed shares his excitement ahead of a busy period in the cricketing calendar

As we close the book on one tournament - the ICC Champions Trophy 2006 - we now turn attention to another. The countdown is on to the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007, commencing March in the West Indies. Just who will be victorious on the day of the final in Sabina Park, Jamaica on April 28? The results depend on many variables but how the teams prepare over the coming weeks will certainly give us a few clues.

Most of the 16 teams that will be heading to the Caribbean have an action-packed few months ahead. Already in the sub-continent for the Champions Trophy, beaten finalists West Indies have made the relatively short trip from India to Pakistan as they embark on a three-Test, five-ODI series, their first tour to Pakistan in nine years.

Meanwhile, if the upcoming Ashes series in Australia is half as exciting as the last one then we are all in for a treat. The Australians will be determined to get their hands back on the coveted urn and although England have not enjoyed universal success since they beat Australia in 2005, they will surely not let this opportunity slip without a fight.

In what should be another enthralling series, India travel to South Africa for five ODIs followed by three Tests. Rahul Dravid, who was selected to captain the ICC Test Team of the Year at the recent ICC Awards, will be keen to get his side's World Cup campaign on track while South Africa will not be easy to beat, especially on home turf, where they defeated Australia in a thrilling five-match ODI series earlier this year.



Australia celebrates after winning the ICC Champions Trophy against the West Indies in Mumbai.

Two other contenders for the ICC Cricket World Cup glory, New Zealand and Sri Lanka, go head to head in two Tests and five ODIs in the land of the long white cloud.

We must not forget the six Associates playing in the ICC Cricket World Cup next year. At the end of January, Kenya, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Bermuda and the Netherlands gather for the inaugural ICC World Cricket League Division 1. This ODI competition gives

the top six Associates good practice before they head to the West Indies. But there is also a more tangible prize involved. The top two from this league will qualify for the inaugural ICC Twenty20 World Championship, which will be held in South Africa next September.

Indeed it's busy times ahead coming up for cricket. So get out there and give your team the support they deserve. 🏏

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## Australians claim their first ICC Champions Trophy title in 'outstanding' event

Ponting's side finally captures elusive Trophy with win over West Indies



It was described by ICC President Percy Sonn as an 'outstanding' tournament and it was certainly one of the most closely fought in the ICC Champions Trophy's history. No team went through the entire event unbeaten and it was laden with some wonderful individual and team performances.

Damien Martyn's consistency with the bat, Glenn McGrath's return to form with the ball, Chris Gayle's three thrilling centuries, Jerome Taylor's hat-trick for the West Indies against Australia and Kevin Pietersen's face-saving innings in England's last game kept spectators at the venues and the millions watching on TV entertained.

Once the qualifying round had been safely negotiated by Sri Lanka and the West Indies, who both beat Zimbabwe and Bangladesh, the groups were filled and the remaining six teams joined the tournament.

When Sri Lanka came up against a Pakistan side missing three key players, they were expected to continue the good form they showed early on, with opener Upul Tharanga particularly to the fore. But Pakistan put in a top-class performance in the face of adversity, winning the match by four wickets.

The West Indies then established themselves as one of the form teams,

beating Australia by 10 runs in a thrilling encounter at Cricket Club of India, Mumbai. Set a target of 235 to win, Australia lost wickets at regular intervals with only Adam Gilchrist (92) standing firm. But with the Aussies closing in on the total, Taylor's hat-trick turned the game in the West Indies' favour and they managed to restrict the tally in an exciting finish.

But Australia bounced back well beating England and hosts India to progress through to the semi-final, where they took on New Zealand in Mohali. After losing a couple of early wickets, the Aussies stabilised and got to 240 off 50 overs with Ricky Ponting and Andrew Symonds both making half-centuries. In reply, New Zealand collapsed to 35-6 before Jacob Oram (46) and Daniel Vettori (79) made it respectable, getting to within 36 runs of victory.

In the other semi-final the West Indies saw off the challenge of South Africa thanks to some fine batting by Chris Gayle (133 not out) as they passed South Africa's total of 258 with six wickets and six overs to spare.

The final was set for CCI Mumbai - the defending champions against the world number ones. In the end, it was a damp affair - literally - with rain making its first appearance in the tournament. Australia bowled the



▲ Shane Watson helped guide Australia to victory in the final of the ICC Champions Trophy against the West Indies.

► Jerome Taylor of the West Indies took a hat-trick against Australia.

◀ Rahul Dravid of India in action during the ICC Champions Trophy match between India and Australia.



West Indies out for just 138 and then passed the revised Duckworth-Lewis total of 118 having lost just two wickets.

Despite the fact Ponting was the one to lift the ICC Champions Trophy, the first Australian to do so, there was some consolidation for the Windies with Gayle being named Player of the Tournament. It was an excellent tournament and it has certainly whetted the appetite of all ODI fans ahead of the ICC Cricket World Cup in the Caribbean next March. 🏏



# → ICC adopts flexible approach to broadcast rights sale

Unanimous approval from Full Members as ICC takes rights to market



◀ Kevin Pietersen faces questions from the media.

## Sponsorship discussions

The ICC has begun discussions with potential commercial partners for its major events from 2007-15.

In addition to acquiring the right to be associated with the ICC's showpiece events for eight years, potential Global Partners are also being offered the opportunity to partner ongoing ICC initiatives including the Development Program, Awards, Rankings and Academy.

ICC General Manager - Commercial, Campbell Jamieson said: 'We've been really pleased with the initial interest shown from a large number of global blue chip companies in a range of industry sectors, some of whom have been involved in cricket for many years, some of whom are embracing the sport for the first time.'

▼ Stephen Fleming of New Zealand, whose country will jointly host the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.

The ICC is taking a flexible approach to the sale of its audio-visual media rights from 2007-15, enabling broadcasters and agencies to bid for national, regional or global rights to prestigious events.

ICC General Manager - Commercial, Campbell Jamieson, explained that the approach had been determined after feedback from the bidders themselves.

'We met with around 30 interested partners in September to provide them with an introductory summary of the rights that would be available,' said Mr Jamieson.

'At the same time we elicited their views on the process and took advice on the ways in which sports broadcasting is likely to evolve over the coming years.

'This consultation process has helped us to develop an innovative and flexible approach that we believe is highly attractive to potential partners and, most importantly, is well placed to effectively serve the sport.'

Following the initial round of meetings an Invitation to Tender was issued in October 2006 and purchased by over 20 potential partners.

All bids were submitted by 10 November, with a special Board

meeting arranged for December at which it is anticipated a decision will be made.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said: 'This is an important process for the ICC's Members, many of whom are dependent on ICC-generated income.

'The aim of this process is obviously to optimise the revenues that we generate for the global game. We may opt to enter into one global deal or a mix of several national and regional deals.

'ICC revenues underpin the finances of the majority of our 97 Members so this process is crucial to the continued growth of the sport. This process will be conducted transparently and decisions will be made in the best interests of our Members.'

The bundle of ICC events stretches from the 2007 ICC Twenty20 World Championship in South Africa to the ICC Cricket World Cup in Australia and New Zealand in 2015.

The process is supported by all ICC Full Members who have agreed the terms of the Members Participation Agreement for all of the events. This agreement was finalised at the IDI Board meeting in Mumbai in November. 🏏





## Ricky Ponting takes top honours at glittering ICC Awards night

Following on from Sydney and London the third ICC Awards takes place in Mumbai



Australian captain Ricky Ponting was named Player of the Year at the prestigious ICC Awards, held at a glittering ceremony in Mumbai.

Ponting also scooped the Test Player of the Year and was named in both the ICC World Test and ODI Teams of the Year, as chosen by a panel of some of the greats of the game.

He was joined on the winners' list by Australian team-mate Michael Hussey, who took the ODI Player of the Year award, while England's Ian Bell was named Emerging Player of the Year.

Since last year's awards women's cricket has come under the auspices of the ICC and Australian Karen Rolton became the first Women's Player of the Year.

Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene was named as Captain of the Year, having demonstrated wonderful leadership over the past year, particularly during his team's tour to England.

For their part, England took the Spirit of Cricket Award for the second year running while it was a hat-trick for Simon Taufel who won the Umpire of the Year Award for the third successive year.



On winning his Awards, Ricky Ponting said: 'It has been a satisfying year personally and also for the rest of the team. To be a part of that success has been great for me. To see Mike (Hussey) win an Award and so many other Australians to be nominated indicates that the team is doing

▲ Ricky Ponting with his trophies for Player and Test Player of the Year.

▼ On stage entertainment during The ICC Awards.

well at the moment. It's a great night for Australian cricket.

'To captain Australia is something I love and never take for granted. We had to show a lot of character immediately after (losing) the Ashes. And since then we have managed to do that. We have set a new standard for ourselves, we've worked hard and thankfully it's paying off for us at the moment... I think we learned a lot from that Ashes series and we are a better team for that so I think we will be a very difficult side to beat this summer.'

In all, there were ten individual and team honours handed out during the ICC Awards, presented by Hyundai in association with FICA (the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations).



**'It's a shock. I am really thrilled even to be nominated for this award alongside Ricky, Michael and Rahul. So to actually win it is a great feeling.'**

Mahela Jayawardene  
Sri Lankan Captain

### The Winners

<b>Player of the Year</b>	Ricky Ponting	(Australia)
<b>Test Player of the Year</b>	Ricky Ponting	(Australia)
<b>ODI Player of the Year</b>	Michael Hussey	(Australia)
<b>Women's Player of the Year</b>	Karen Rolton	(Australia)
<b>Emerging Player of the Year</b>	Ian Bell	(England)
<b>Captain of the Year</b>	Mahela Jayawardene	(Sri Lanka)
<b>Spirit of Cricket Award</b>	England	
<b>Umpire of the Year</b>	Simon Taufel	(Australia)

### World ODI Team of the Year (in batting order)

1 Adam Gilchrist (WK)	(Aus)
2 MS Dhoni	(Ind)
3 Ricky Ponting	(Aus)
4 Mahela Jayawardene (C)	(SL)
5 Yuvraj Singh	(Ind)
6 Michael Hussey	(Aus)
7 Andrew Flintoff	(Eng)
8 Irfan Pathan	(Ind)
9 Brett Lee	(Aus)
10 Shane Bond	(NZ)
11 Muttiah Muralidaran	(SL)
12th man: Andrew Symonds	(Aus)

### World Test Team of the Year (in batting order)

1 Matthew Hayden	(Aus)
2 Michael Hussey	(Aus)
3 Ricky Ponting	(Aus)
4 Rahul Dravid (C)	(Ind)
5 Mohammad Yousuf	(Pak)
6 Kumar Sangakkara (WK)	(SL)
7 Andrew Flintoff	(Eng)
8 Shane Warne	(Aus)
9 Makhaya Ntini	(SA)
10 Muttiah Muralidaran	(SL)
11 Glenn McGrath	(Aus)
12th man: Brett Lee	(Aus)



▲▲ Karen Rolton, Women's Player of the Year.

▲ Michael Hussey, ODI Player of the Year.

► Mahela Jayawardene, Captain of the Year.



◀ Ian Bell, the winner of the Emerging Player of the Year Award.

► Simon Taufel, Umpire of the Year.





ICC Cricket World Cup  
WEST INDIES 2007

## → ICC Cricket World Cup Countdown - Kenya profile

As the final part of the ongoing series looking at the six Associate Member countries that have qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007, James Fitzgerald takes a look at cricket in Kenya

From an international perspective, 2006 has not really been very kind to Kenya. Having made it through to the final of the 2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup, they have had a much more disappointing tournament this year, drawing with the Netherlands in Nairobi at the end of March and then losing to Canada by 25 runs in a closely fought game in Toronto a couple of months later.

The trip to Canada was not a complete disaster for Steve Tikolo's team, however, as they registered two good ODI wins in the days after that four-day defeat. The highlight of the two-match series was the bowling of Hiren Varaiya. The left-arm spinner took 4-25 and 3-24 as Kenya cruised to victory in both games.

The year had started with an encouraging series against Zimbabwe. Kenya responded to an eight-wicket defeat in the first match in Bulawayo with victories by 79 runs and 65 runs in the second and third games. Tikolo scored 98 in that second match while Peter Ongondo (4-14) and Thomas Odoyo (3-13) ran through the Zimbabweans in the third bowling them out for just 69.

The home team leveled the series in the fourth ODI, setting up what should have been a grandstand finish for the fifth and final game. But there was to be no play due to rain in Harare and so the series was shared.

In March, Kenya then suffered a 4-0 series beating away to Bangladesh, despite some positive performances by Tikolo and 19-year-old up-and-coming batsman Tanmay Mishra.

Things did not improve when Bangladesh toured Kenya in August as the home side lost three ODIs. However, hopes were lifted following four wins out of four during a tour of Uganda in September and an ODI series victory over Bermuda in November.

Kenya's players should still go into the ICC Cricket World Cup with a positive mindset. They finished off

the year well with four wins out of four during a tour of Uganda in September, before beating Bermuda in an ODI series in November.

Off the field this is very much a rebuilding period under new administration and chairmanship of Samir Inamdar. Through the work of coach Roger Harper and also the initiation of an exciting new inter-provincial tournament the process is already underway. 🎯

### Players to watch in 2007

**Tanmay Mishra** - A talented and tenacious batsman, Indian-born Mishra has shown signs that he could be a significant part of Kenyan cricket's future. Although still only 19, right-handed Mishra has shown great maturity so far in his first few caps for Kenya and while he has not yet scored heavily, there are signs that he has the technique and attitude to make a big impression at the higher levels.

**Maurice Ouma** - Described by ICC's development manager for Africa Hoosain Ayob as 'a star in the making' Ouma is primarily an opening batsman, although also an accomplished wicket-keeper, Ouma has shown he is capable of scoring runs against quality bowling. He made 49 on his ODI debut against India in Southampton in 2004.

**Steve Tikolo** - Despite the fact he is 35, Tikolo is still the premier batsman in Kenya and is always worth keeping an eye on, particularly for the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007. A veteran of 79 ODIs, for many years Tikolo has carried the tag of best batsman in the Associate countries and he is surely one of the most naturally gifted players in the world. A sweet timer of the ball, Tikolo has nine first-class centuries and 17 fifties to his name in just 61 innings at that level and has a highest first-class score of 220.



▲ Steve Tikolo

► Kenyan bowler Peter Ongondo comes into bowl.



### Key milestones

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| 1889 | A cricket ground was shown on a map of Mombasa in this year.  |
| 1899 | The first representative game took place between East Africa Protectorate and the Rest of the World at Mombasa. It was also the year of the first match in Nairobi between Nairobi Sports Club and Indian Cricket Club, played at what became the Railway Cricket Club. |
| 1900 | The first recorded century was scored by J Pennock of Nairobi Sports Club.  |
| 1919 | An unofficial international took place between Kenya and Uganda, and Tanganyika (now Tanzania) later got involved in matches as well.   |
| 1951 | The first official international took place between Kenya and Tanganyika (captained by C de L Innis).   |
| 1953 | The Kenyan Cricket Association formed.  |
| 1957 | MCC made its first tour to Kenya, captained by Freddie Brown. It returned in 1963 and has been back several times since.  |
| 1975 | Several Kenyan players took part in the inaugural ICC Cricket World Cup in England as part of the East Africa team and again in the inaugural ICC Trophy in 1979.   |
| 1982 | Started playing in ICC events as Kenya rather than East Africa.   |
| 1994 | Hosted the ICC Trophy, losing in the final to United Arab Emirates by two wickets.  |
| 1996 | Took part in the ICC Cricket World Cup, beating the West Indies in Poona by 73 runs.  |
| 1997 | Got to the final of the ICC Trophy in Malaysia.   |
| 2003 | Reached the semi-final of the ICC Cricket World Cup in South Africa, losing to India in Durban.   |
| 2005 | Got to the final of the ICC Intercontinental Cup, losing to Ireland in the final at Windhoek, Namibia.  |
| 2006 | The Kenyan Cricket Association was replaced by Cricket Kenya.   |



# ICC Cricket World Cup Countdown - Netherlands profile



James Fitzgerald focuses on cricket in the Netherlands as they prepare for their Caribbean adventure next year

It has been a mixed year for the Dutch. It started in very positive fashion with a successful tour to South Africa in March. In three games they managed to beat the Northern Titans and the University of Pretoria and then ran Gloucestershire (who were on a pre-season tour of their own) close in a one-day game in Pretoria. On the way home, they also managed to beat Kenya A by 100 runs in Nairobi and draw with the full Kenya side in an ICC Intercontinental Cup match in the same city.

But for the top Associate countries in Europe the annual benchmark is the European Championships and it was a largely disappointing tournament for the Netherlands, finishing third in Division 1 behind their perennial rivals Ireland and Scotland. Having beaten Denmark by four wickets in Glasgow and with the game against Ireland being washed out, they were still well set. But they lost to hosts Scotland at Ayr by four wickets and their hopes of the title were gone.

One positive to come from the 2006 European Championships was that Dutch all-rounder Ryan ten Doeschate won the overall player of the tournament, having taken eight wickets for 113 runs during the week and finishing with a batting average of 99.

Highlights of the Dutch summer were the two One-Day International matches they played against Sri Lanka at Amstelveen in July. The first ODI was a very one-sided affair with the Lankans winning by 195 runs as they registered the highest ODI total to date (443-9). The second was much more competitive as the Dutch scored 258 in reply to Sri Lanka's 313-8.

Dutch cricket has stalled slightly since the glory days of people like Roland Levevre when they won the 2001 ICC Trophy and were arguably the best Associate in Europe. But they still managed to qualify for the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2007 and with talented youngsters like Mark Jonkman and Worcestershire's Alex Kervezee, as well as experienced campaigners like Tim de Leede and Bas Zuiderent, not to mention a new-look executive board at the KNCB (under the direction of chairman Marc Asselbergs), don't write them off just yet. 🏏

## Players to watch in 2007

**Alexei Kervezee** - This young Namibian-born batsman has enjoyed a sharp rise to prominence, making his Hoofdklasse debut in the Netherlands at the age of just 15 in 2005 and finishing 12th in the national league averages that season, making 580 runs at 41.43. He has signed a two-year contract with Worcestershire in the English County Championship beginning after the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

**Ryan ten Doeschate** - At just 26, ten Doeschate's batting stats are already impressive, averaging over 44 in first-class games, 95 in ODIs and 82.50 in the ICC Trophy. Oh, and he's really a bowler. He has been with Essex for three years and had established himself on the first team thanks to his effective, big-hitting batting style and his tendency to pick up crucial wickets with his right-arm medium pace that can often be deceptively swift.



▲ Ryan ten Doeschate

**Bas Zuiderent** - Perhaps the Netherlands' most consistent batsmen of recent years, the man from Utrecht hit a purple patch during the 2005 ICC Trophy in Ireland when he scored 474 runs in seven innings at an average of 118.5, making sure that the Dutch qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup. His vast experience will come in useful at the big tournament - he has already a World Cup half-century to his name (54 against England at the 1996 event).

## Key milestones

1856	The first Dutch cricket club was formed in Utrecht, made up mainly of students from the local university.
1883	Nederlandsche Cricket Bond (NCB, Dutch Cricket Union) was formed.
1884	The first national tournament was founded and was won in its inaugural year by Hercules CC in Utrecht, who defeated RUN Amsterdam in the final.
1894	Gentlemen of Holland played MCC at Lord's. CJ Posthuma scored the first competitive century in Dutch cricket by hitting 120 not out for Rood en Wit against Hercules at Haarlem.
1905	The first international between the Netherlands and Belgium took place in Antwerp. Netherlands 154 all out, Belgium 23 all out and 47-4.
1912	A van Gogh scored the first competitive double century by hitting 203 for Rood en Wit against Haarlem.
1921	English touring side Free Foresters made its first visit to the Netherlands. A Dutch equivalent, the Flamingos, was formed and made its first tour to England the following year.
1934	A women's competition was introduced and was won by Rood en Wit.
1935	The national women's side played two matches against Australia, losing both.
1958	The NCB received a Dutch royal charter and thus became the KNCB.
1979	The Netherlands played in the inaugural ICC Trophy in England, losing to Wales and Sri Lanka but beating Israel.
1983	The national women's side won a match for the first time, against Denmark.
1991	The Netherlands beat the West Indies by five wickets at Haarlem.
1994	The Netherlands qualified for the 1996 ICC Cricket World Cup at the ICC Trophy, staged in Kenya. The Netherlands beat the touring South Africans by nine wickets at The Hague.
1995	The Netherlands played in NatWest Trophy for the first time.
1996	In the ICC Cricket World Cup, the Netherlands was beaten by New Zealand, Pakistan and England.
2001	The Netherlands won the ICC Trophy in Toronto beating Namibia off the last ball of the final, thus qualifying for the 2003 ICC Cricket World Cup.
2003	At the ICC Cricket World Cup in South Africa, the Netherlands was beaten by India, England, Australia and Pakistan although it was victorious over Namibia.
2005	The Netherlands came fifth in the ICC Trophy held in Ireland, thus qualifying for the ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007.
2006	The ECC European Championships were held in Glasgow and for the first time, the matches between the Netherlands, Scotland and Ireland counted as full One-Day Internationals.

## → Leading players from around the world help ICC efforts to 'Run Out' HIV and AIDS

Series of events at ICC Champions Trophy aims to educate the cricket world about HIV and AIDS



The ICC continued efforts to 'Run Out' HIV and AIDS in partnership with UNAIDS with a series of events during the ICC Champions Trophy 2006 aimed at educating the cricketing world and reducing stigma about the disease.

As well as high profile support of the Millennium Development Goals, through a Stand Up Against Poverty event in Jaipur, leading South African players took time out of their tournament schedule to visit young people affected by HIV and AIDS.

Players and umpires at the semi-finals, between Australia - New Zealand and West Indies - South Africa, also wore red ribbons on their shirts in support of the partnership.

Former Indian cricketer Ravi Shastri led the ICC's support of the United Nation's Millennium Campaign, Stand Up Against Poverty, Stand up for the Millennium Development Goals, before the India-England game in Jaipur, by reading a pledge



▲ The India and England teams show their support as Ravi Shastri reads the Stand Up Against Poverty pledge.

◀ Shaun Pollock meets a young cricket fan in Ahmedabad.

that drew attention to the need to address the issue of poverty and diseases like HIV and AIDS.

Both teams joined the 32,000 spectators in the Stand Up Challenge which was beamed to viewers around the globe.

This event was followed by Graeme Smith, Shaun Pollock, Andrew Hall and AB de Villiers, as well as fielding coach Jonty Rhodes, meeting with young cricket fans in Ahmedabad who are living with HIV and AIDS.

The players spent their time signing autographs for the awe-struck children, many of whom are AIDS orphans or HIV positive themselves, and answering questions about life as world-famous sports stars.

A range of events are also planned for World AIDS Day, on 1 December, which the cricket world has supported since the ICC's partnership began with UNAIDS in September 2003. 📞

**'The International Cricket Council is stepping up to the crease in a wonderful way. It is going in to bat for the Millennium Development Goals – a set of simple, powerful and people-centred objectives that every man and woman in the street can easily support and understand. In this way, it is helping to bring the Goals to the attention of Governments and peoples around the world.'**

Kofi Annan  
Secretary-General, United Nations

## Officials gather in Dubai for conference

The world's leading match referees and umpires gathered in Dubai in September for their annual conference.

The three day event forms an important part of the ICC's commitment to maintaining and developing standards of officiating at the elite end of the game.

As well as being a rare opportunity to get all the leading officials together to share best practice, those attending benefited from sessions on a number of key areas of work, including communication and teamwork.

There were also leading experts on hand to provide detailed information on specific areas such as maximising eyesight and other aspects of umpiring.





# → Leading stars set to join illustrious club

Three legends of the women's game reach 100 caps for their country

October was a special month for two of the world's most experienced and enduring cricketers. Karen Rolton and Cathryn Fitzpatrick of Australia both won their 100th ODI cap for their country, reaching a rare and impressive milestone in the women's game.

Rolton and Fitzpatrick simultaneously achieved the feat when they took the field against New Zealand in what turned out to be a thrilling one-wicket victory in Brisbane.

'Reaching 100 games is not something I ever really thought about,' said Rolton, a left-hander who is averaging 56.80 in ODIs since making her debut in 1995. 'When I was growing up I was just happy playing at school and playing club cricket. It's certainly an honour for me and I have good memories of the day itself with our nail-biting win against New Zealand,' she added.

'I didn't realise I was coming up to the milestone of 100 caps until it was pointed out to me - I don't really keep a close track of statistics,' said Fitzpatrick, who has been terrorising international-class batting line-ups since 1993. 'It's taken a long while, but I just love playing cricket so every game for me is enjoyable and means something,' says the Victorian who has 171 ODI wickets at an average of 16.15 and an economy rate of less than three.

Meanwhile, Anjum Chopra is on the verge of playing her 100th ODI for her country. The former Indian captain has



been a mainstay of the side since 1995 and will become the first from her country to achieve a century of caps.

'Reaching a figure of 100 in cricket gives a great feeling and this is no exception,' said the 29-year-old, who has strong views about the development of the game. 'I love cricket and am very passionate about it. We need to take it to the drawing rooms of the people by embracing the media. Apart from that we must conduct more outreach programmes for children, involving parents and offer scholarships at the grass-root level,' said Chopra who became the

▲ ICC Women's Player of the Year, Karen Rolton of Australia, is averaging 56.80 in ODIs since making her debut in 1995.

► Cathryn Fitzpatrick has been a leading light for Australia since 1993.



◀ Anjum Chopra became the first Indian woman to score a century in an ODI.



first Indian woman to score a century in ODIs, against England in 1999.

The ICC is working with its Members' to integrate the administration of men's and women's cricket around the world.

'This is vital. Hopefully it will make a difference in terms of bringing more recognition and equity to the sport,' said Fitzpatrick. 'To survive long-term, cricket does need to remain a sport that is for both genders,' she said. 🏏



## ICC launches Development Program Awards

87 Members aim for success in fifth Annual Awards

The International Cricket Council has launched the ICC Development Program Annual Awards for 2006.

The Awards, which are supported by Kookaburra, who will provide prizes for Award winners, recognise outstanding performance and service to the game in the 87 Associate and Affiliate Member countries.

Attracting interest from across the globe, the Awards, now in their fifth year, illustrate the growth of cricket across the world and play an important role in sharing best practice amongst Member countries.

Nominations must first be submitted on a regional basis at which stage five regional winners will be selected in each category.

The nomination process for entries closes on 17 December 2006, with regional award winners announced on 31 January 2007.

All category winners from each region will then be nominated for the Global Award, which will be selected by an esteemed ICC judging panel, with winners announced on 15 March 2007.

For details on how to enter the awards visit [www.icc-cricket.com](http://www.icc-cricket.com)

### Awards categories

- Best Overall Cricket Development Program
- Best Women's Cricket Initiative
- Best Junior Cricket Initiative
- Best Cricket Promotion and Marketing Program
- Best Spirit of Cricket initiative in partnership with UNAIDS
- Photo of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Lifetime Service Award



## Associates target Twenty20 prize

The Twenty20 form of cricket has really taken off around the world in the past few years and ICC is not about to be left behind. As such, the inaugural ICC Twenty20 World Championships will take place in South Africa next September and ICC is also using it as a way to give the top Associate teams the chance to take on the best.

In addition to the 10 Full Members, the ICC Twenty20 World Championships will feature the top two Associates as determined by the ICC World Cricket League tournament, which starts at the end of January. The top two finishers from that event, which involves Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Bermuda and the Netherlands, will make it through to the Twenty20 in September. All six will also be competing in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 in the West Indies.

Not only does this provide a great opportunity for Associate cricketers to pitch their talents against the very best in the world but there is also a huge financial incentive with each country receiving \$US250,000 for taking part.

The ICC Twenty20 World Championships will take place in three venues across South Africa, with fans from Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg getting the chance to see this exciting new cricket event. One thing is for sure: it won't be dull.



▲ Ireland and Scotland will be fighting for a place at the Twenty20 World Championship.



▲ Cricket is a fast-growing sport in Shanghai and other Chinese cities.

## ICC and ACC support Chinese cricket

A delegation from the ICC and the Asian Cricket Council has been to Beijing and Shanghai to explore the potential long-term growth of the game in China.

The visit coincided with the decision to assign \$400,000 to the Chinese Cricket Association, with over 50 schools in Beijing and Shanghai playing the game for the first time in the past 12 months.

Malcolm Speed and Matthew Kennedy from the ICC met a number of senior Chinese sports officials including Cui Dalin, Vice-President of the Chinese Olympic Committee, and Zhang Xiaoning, Director General of Multi-Ball Games.

The visiting ICC party also observed local coach education sessions and coaching.

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### LG ICC Player Rankings



#### LG ICC Test rankings (As at 7 November 2006)

Batting			Bowling		
1	<b>Ricky Ponting</b>	AUS 931	1	<b>M.Muralidaran</b>	SL 908
2	Rahul Dravid	IND 882	2	Makhaya Ntini	SA 830
3	Mohammed Yousuf	PAK 875	3	Shane Warne	AUS 813
4	Younis Khan	PAK 836	4	Glenn McGrath	AUS 811
5	Jacques Kallis	SA 815	5	Andrew Flintoff	ENG 737
6	Matthew Hayden	AUS 808	6	Anil Kumble	IND 736
7	Inzamam ul Haq	PAK 785	7	Matthew Hoggard	ENG 723
8	Mike Hussey	AUS 780	8	Shoaib Akhtar	PAK 721
9	Kumar Sangakarra	SL 771	9	Shane Bond	NZ 720
10	M Jayawardene	SL 770	10	Corey Collymore	WI 700



South African Makhaya Ntini (right) is the world's second best bowler.

#### LG ICC ODI rankings (As at 7 November 2006)

Batting			Bowling		
1	<b>Mike Hussey</b>	AUS 821	1	<b>Shaun Pollock</b>	SA 862
2	Chris Gayle	WI 804	2	Glenn McGrath	AUS 799
3	Kevin Pietersen	ENG 776	3	Ian Bradshaw	WI 774
4	Adam Gilchrist	AUS 769	4	Nathan Bracken	SA 752
5	Andrew Symonds	AUS 753	5	Brett Lee	AUS 741
6=	Ricky Ponting	AUS 740	6	Shane Bond	NZ 730
	Mahendra Dhoni	IND 740	7	Daniel Vettori	NZ 725
8	R.R.Sarwan	WI 739	8	M.Muralidaran	SL 712
9	Graeme Smith	SA 724	9	Makhaya Ntini	SA 711
10	Kumar Sangakarra	SL 723	10	Chaminda Vaas	SL 706



Glenn McGrath of Australia, rose up the ODI bowling rankings, after his performances in India.

### LG ICC Test Championship Table

(As at 7 November 2006)



Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Sep 06	Rating change since 1 Nov 05
1	(1) <b>AUSTRALIA</b>	130	0	+3
2	(2) ENGLAND	119	0	0
3	(3) PAKISTAN	112	0	+17
4	(4) INDIA	111	0	-1
5	(5) SRI LANKA	103	0	4
6	(6) SOUTH AFRICA	94	0	-6
7	(7) NEW ZEALAND	92	0	-8
8	(8) WEST INDIES	72	0	-2
9	(9) ZIMBABWE	28	0	1
10	(10) BANGLADESH	2	0	-3

1 September 2006 ratings in brackets.

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Andrew Flintoff and Shane Warne will go head to head in the Ashes.

#### Ongoing/Forthcoming Test series

Nov-Dec	Pakistan v West Indies	(3 Tests)
Nov-Dec	Australia v England	(5 Tests)
Nov-Dec	South Africa v India	(3 Tests)
Nov-Dec	New Zealand v Sri Lanka	(3 Tests)
Dec-Jan	South Africa v Pakistan	(3 Tests)

### LG ICC ODI Championship Table

(As at 7 November 2006)



Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Sep 06	Rating change since 1 Nov 05
1	(1) <b>AUSTRALIA</b>	131	0	-5
2	(2) SOUTH AFRICA	122	-1	+3
3	(5) NEW ZEALAND	113	2	+3
4	(3) PAKISTAN	110	-5	-6
5	(4) INDIA	110	-3	+6
6	(6) SRI LANKA	108	-1	+5
7	(7) WEST INDIES	106	7	+16
8	(8) ENGLAND	99	-3	-10
9	(10) BANGLADESH	34	-1	+20
10	(9) ZIMBABWE	30	-5	-14
11	(11) KENYA	0	0	NA

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Mohammad Yousuf will be a key player for Pakistan against South Africa.

#### Ongoing/Forthcoming ODI series

Nov	Kenya v Bermuda	(3 ODIs)
Nov-Dec	South Africa v India	(5 ODIs, 1 T20)
Nov-Dec	ICC Tri Series	(Ber, Can, NL)
Nov-Dec	Bangladesh v Zimbabwe	(5 ODIs)
Dec-Jan	New Zealand v Sri Lanka	(2 T20, 5 ODIs)
Jan-Feb	Commonwealth Bank Series	(Aus, Eng, NZ)
Feb	South Africa v Pakistan	(1 T20, 5 ODIs)
Feb	New Zealand v Australia	(3 ODIs)
Mar	ICC Cricket World Cup warm up matches	
Mar-Apr	ICC Cricket World Cup	

## → ICC Winter Training Camp helps Associates close gap on top sides

Head coach Tim Boon believes they are ready to upset a Test nation in ICC Cricket World Cup 2007

The ICC's seven-week Winter Training Camp (WTC) ended on a high in Pretoria with the ICC team, drawn from 24 of the leading Associate players, winning four matches and losing two against good quality provincial opposition in South Africa, with a further two games being rained off.

It was the second ICC WTC following on from the success of the venture in 2005 and the ICC's High Performance Manager Richard Done believes initiatives like this, together with the hard work of players and various cricket boards, are helping close the gap between the Associates and the Full Members of the ICC.

Speaking at the end of the camp, Done said: 'I think it's fair to say the camp was a huge success again this year.

'The idea of it was to improve the one-day skills of these players as they prepare for the ICC Cricket World Cup next March and we can see from how they played in the matches towards the end of the camp that it was a case of mission accomplished.



'It was good to see the players applying what they had learned during the camp to the games that they played. They managed to rotate the strike very well, keeping the strike-rates high without taking undue risks.

'The bowlers mixed up their pace and demonstrated that they knew how to adapt what they were doing to suit various stages of the game.

'A lot of recognition should go to the coaching staff who have put in a huge amount of work over the past few weeks. Tim Boon as head coach was ably assisted by Mark Lane and I know the players got a lot from Eric Simons as well as Gary Kirsten, Kepler Wessels and Rod Marsh.

'It was a great opportunity for the players to tap into the vast experience and knowledge of these

▲ Former South Africa captain Kepler Wessels imparted knowledge and expertise to Winter Training Camp players during the seven-week camp.

◀ Ireland's fast bowler John Mooney was one of the shining stars for the ICC Winter Training Camp team.

people and they certainly made the most of it.'

As ICC WTC head coach, Boon reckons that one of the Associates playing in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 could spring a surprise and beat a Test nation in the group stages of the competition.

'This is a great starting point for these players as they build towards the World Cup. I am confident they now have the tools to go away from here with the information they require to be more competitive at that level. Hopefully we will see one or two surprises in the West Indies and I wouldn't be at all surprised if we do,' he said.

The 24 players at the ICC Winter Training Camp were made up of four from each of the top six Associate Members, in seven weeks of intensive mental and physical coaching on all aspects of the one-day game. 🏏

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