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U/19 CWC 2004 to leave strong legacy in Bangladesh

The ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup Bangladesh 2004 promises to leave an impressive cricketing legacy in the host country.

Sixteen teams will play 54 matches over 20 days at eight venues throughout the ICC's newest Full Member country. The opening ceremony is in Dhaka on 10 February with the first matches taking place around the country on 15 February.

ICC President Ehsan Mani explained that the tournament has provided an impetus for the development of improved cricket facilities in Bangladesh.

"The tournament will take the sport to towns that have never seen international cricket before," said Mr Mani.

"The new playing and practice facilities in towns such as Bogra, Khulna and Rajshahi will leave a strong cricket legacy throughout Bangladesh.

"The Bangladesh government has shown a tremendous commitment to the development of the sport that in the short term will serve the participants in the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup 2004 very well.

"In the longer term these facilities will enable the next generation of Bangladeshi cricketers to practice and improve."



Brian Lara first made his mark at the ICC U/19 CWC in 1988

As well as the construction of five new cricket-specific stadiums in Bogra, Chittagong, Fatullah, Khulna and Rajshahi, work is underway to build six international-standard indoor practice facilities.

"The new playing and practice facilities will leave a strong cricket legacy throughout Bangladesh," Ehsan Mani



Bangladesh Cricket Board Chief Executive Macky Dudhia emphasised this positive impact.

"Staging the ICC U/19 CWC 2004 in Bangladesh has provided cricket in the country with legacy opportunities in terms of facilities, event management, skills and

U/19 cricket legacy

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Dancers entertained the crowd at the U/19 launch event in Dhaka

exposure that will have positive national repercussions," said Mr Dudhia.

A further part of the build-up to the tournament has been the provision of pitch support to all of the curators by ICC Pitch Consultant Andy Atkinson.

Mr Atkinson has prepared Test match and One Day International wickets in England, Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka and his input will help ensure that the pitches for the ICC U/19 CWC 2004 are of international standard.

The matches will be umpired by 12 umpires, most of whom are members of the ICC International Panel. The U/19 tournament will provide the ICC with an opportunity to evaluate the performances of officials who, like the young players, aspire to the highest level.

In this tournament the top-performing umpires from the opening round will officiate on the latter stages of the Super League.

It is anticipated that the biggest crowds in the history of the ICC U/19 CWC will attend the matches in Bangladesh. Several of the matches - including both semi-finals and the final of the Super League competition will be shown on live television and over 350 media have applied for accreditation.

A flavour of the importance of the event was provided at the official launch in Dhaka on November 11 2003. It featured a performance from one of Bangladesh's top bands and was attended by the State Minister for Youth and Sports Md Fazlur Rahman.



Ireland won the European U/19 qualifier in Holland

Former U/19s in the ICC CWC 2003

The ICC U/19 CWC began with a one-off event in Australia in 1988. There was then a 10 year gap until South Africa hosted the tournament in 1998 and it has been a biennial fixture in the international cricket calendar ever since.

Brian Lara, Nasser Hussein, Chris Cairns, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Sanath Jayasuriya (all 1988), Virender Sehwag (1998) and Graeme Smith (2000) were amongst the many veterans of this special event that featured in the ICC CWC 2003.



EVENT HISTORY

Host	Winner	Runner-up
1988 Australia	Australia	Pakistan
1998 South Africa	England	New Zealand
2000 Sri Lanka	India	Sri Lanka
2002 New Zealand	Australia	South Africa

See p12 for full details of groups and fixtures for 2004

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Teams unite in support of World AIDS Day



New Zealand's Daniel Vettori is aware of the importance of the initiative

All six teams playing international cricket on or around World AIDS Day wore red ribbons as a sign of support for the millions of people around the world living with HIV and AIDS.

December 1 2003 was the first World AIDS Day since the International Cricket Council entered into a strategic alliance with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the initiative was enthusiastically supported by the world's top cricketers.

New Zealand's One-Day International against Pakistan in Lahore fell on the day itself and Kiwi spinner Daniel Vettori explained the importance of making a contribution to the fight against AIDS.

"AIDS is a disease that can affect any type of person in any country," said Vettori.

"It's also a disease which can be prevented through awareness and education. UNAIDS and the ICC have entered into a partnership whose fundamental objective is to educate people about the dangers of the disease and about ways to stop it from spreading.

"I'm glad to have been able to lend my support to this important cause on World AIDS Day."

England's first Test against Sri Lanka began a day later and again both sides lent their support to the campaign.

"The England team were only too pleased to support the ICC's partnership with UNAIDS as we are all aware of what a problem the disease is around the world," said England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff.

"By wearing ribbons in the first Test against Sri Lanka we hope we could make our own small contribution to the global fight against the disease," said Flintoff.

TEAMS THAT TOOK PART:

30 Nov Zimbabwe v West Indies

 One Day International Match

 1 Dec Pakistan v New Zealand

 One Day International Match

 2 Dec Sri Lanka v England

 Test Match

Live and let live World AIDS Campaign 2002-2003

The red ribbons - also worn by players in the Zimbabwe v West Indies clash at Harare on 30 November - are a global symbol for people living with HIV / AIDS.

Peter Chingoka, chairman of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union highlighted the responsibility that the cricketing community has to help stop this epidemic.

"We are a socially responsible organization. There is no way we can stand aloof when there is a major national challenge towards whose resolution we can contribute."

"AIDS is a disease that can affect any type of person in any country," Daniel Vettori

The strong support shown by all six cricket teams earned praise from the Executive Director of UNAIDS Dr Peter Piot.

"By sporting the red ribbon, the cricket teams of England, Pakistan, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Zimbabwe have shown solidarity with the millions of people affected by AIDS worldwide. The ICC -UNAIDS campaign to run out AIDS will play a vital role in the fight against AIDS in cricket playing countries," said Dr Piot.



England's Andrew Flintoff and Richard Johnson both supported World Aids Day

News

Kennedy takes over as Development Manager



ICC's new Development Manager Matthew Kennedy

Matthew Kennedy took over as the International Cricket Council's Global Development Manager from January 2004.

Mr Kennedy, previously the ICC's Regional Development Manager for the East Asia-Pacific region, won the role after a worldwide search to fill the position responsible for overseeing the ICC Development Program. ICC Chief Executive, Malcolm Speed, said that Kennedy was the outstanding candidate to emerge from a strong field for the crucial role.

"The ICC was in the fortunate position of having multiple applicants who were capable of taking on this important role but Matthew's credentials are outstanding," said Mr Speed.

Mr Kennedy is looking forward to embracing the challenges of the new position.

"Cricket is enjoying a period of significant growth," said Mr Kennedy.

"The ICC now has 89 member countries and this role will give me the chance to help shape the future development of the game around the world."

Mr Kennedy replaces Andrew Eade who resigned from the position in October 2003 to take up the role of Chief Executive of the Auckland Cricket Association in New Zealand.

ICC Cricket World TV show

ICC Development (International) Ltd, the commercial arm of the International Cricket Council, and Sportsbrand Media Group, the international sports marketing company, have reached a three year agreement to produce and distribute on a worldwide basis a cricket news program called 'ICC Cricket World'.

ICC Cricket World is the official weekly program of the International Cricket Council, the game's governing body, and is supported by all member nations of the ICC.

The 24 minute weekly show commenced in January 2004 and covers the news from cricket action around the globe including all Test Matches and One-Day Internationals.

It also has exclusive off-field features and interviews adding colour and human interest perspectives to the passionate and exciting world of cricket.

Players must respect umpires

In a letter to all international umpires and referees, the International Cricket Council reinforced the importance of ensuring that players respect the role and responsibilities of umpires.

Following on from the actions of ICC Match Referee Mike Procter to address instances of players of celebrating a wicket without waiting for an umpire's decision during the Third Test between Australia and India, ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed highlighted the issue with all 16 members of the Emirates Elite Panel of Umpires and Referees.

"The ICC's Code of Conduct is in place to provide players with a simple guide to the way in which the game should be played and they are expected to have read the Code, have understood it and to act at all times within the spirit of the game," said Mr Speed in the letter.

"Umpires must ensure that the actions of players are consistent with the standards expected of them as ambassadors of the game.

"For the avoidance of doubt the issue of celebrating a wicket without waiting for an umpire's decision should be dealt with as excessive appealing which is Level 1.5 of the Code."



Australia's Brad Williams appeals

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In profile: Craig Wright



Cricket Quarterly's three-page preview of the ICC Six Nations Challenge UAE 2004 opens up with an interview with Scotland captain Craig Wright who has represented his country in over 60 matches and also works full time for Cricket Scotland as its Marketing Manager.

How important is the ICC Six Nations Challenge 2004 to Scotland?

This tournament is vitally important to us. Missing out on the ICC Cricket World Cup in South Africa set us back in our plans to establish ourselves as one of the top Associate Member countries. Winning the ICC Six Nations tournament would also bring the positive financial benefit of a place at the ICC Champions Trophy in England.



Dougie Brown in action for his county Warwickshire

What was it like watching the other Associate Members Canada, Holland and Namibia competing at the ICC CWC 2003 in South Africa?

It was difficult to watch, particularly from a personal perspective as I missed out on selection for the Scotland squad in 1999 as well. Our problem was that we let ourselves down in the qualifying tournament in Canada. We went into that tournament confident that we were one of the best three sides but we didn't do ourselves justice.

How did participation in England's National League last season help Scottish cricket?

We were given the opportunity to play 18 matches at a high level and we expect to have improved as a result. Also the presence of India's Rahul Dravid in our side was fantastic and it helped raise the profile of the sport in Scotland. He is a world class player and we learned a lot from him. The only downside was that our players are amateurs with nine-to-five jobs and so we didn't get as many opportunities to practice with him as we would have liked.

How important is the return of Gavin Hamilton and Dougie Brown to the team's chances?

Both Gavin and Dougie have played for England and they have extensive experience at county level. Though I think we had a strong squad even before they returned to the fold, their presence certainly provides the icing on the cake.

Which other players are likely to create an impression?

We have quite a lot of strength in depth. Ryan Watson scored one of the fastest centuries in the National League last season and James Brinkley and John Blain



both have county experience. We have picked a squad with the conditions in mind so we are taking three spinners and off-spinner Majid Haq will certainly have a role to play.

How do you think you will get on?

I expect us to compete well and we are going to the UAE with the aim of winning the tournament.

What are the longer-term goals for Scottish cricket?

Our aim is to follow in the footsteps of Bangladesh and Kenya and obtain One-Day International status. To do this we will need to qualify for the next ICC Cricket World Cup and perform well in the other ICC tournaments over the coming years. It is important that our top players continue to play in competitions such as the National League and we are also focusing on junior development to make sure that the next generation of Scottish cricketers is even stronger.

ICC Six Nations Challenge UAE 2004



Jan Berry Burger hit 85 off 86 balls against England for Namibia at the ICC CWC 2003

The incentive could not be bigger for the ICC's top Associate Member countries. On offer is a place at the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 and guaranteed matches against New Zealand and World Champions Australia.

Canada, Holland, Namibia, Scotland, United Arab Emirates and USA will take the field from Sunday 29 February to contest the ICC Six Nations Challenge United Arab Emirates 2004. The sides will play 15 matches over seven days in a round-robin format. The top team at the end of play on 6 March will head to England for the ICC Champions Trophy in September 2004.

On the opening day of the ICC Six Nations Challenge Canada will face hosts UAE, Holland have a tough opener against Scotland while Namibia will take on USA.

Amongst the other fixtures there will be a rematch of the ICC Trophy 2001 final between Holland and Namibia on Wednesday 3 March and Scotland will have an opportunity to avenge its defeat to Canada in the play-off final of the same tournament a day later.

This tournament is a crucial cog of the ICC Development Program that has helped boost the number of ICC member countries from 48 to 89 since it was launched in 1997. As well as fostering a rapid expansion of the cricket-playing world, the program has an essential role in the High Performance development of emerging cricket nations, providing them with a genuine pathway to the elite level. This will be the second ICC Six Nations Challenge. The inauguaral tournament in Namibia in 2002 was contested by Canada, Holland, Kenya, Namibia, Sri Lanka `A' and Zimbabwe `A' and was won by Kenya.

During the tournament the latest information and scorecards will be available on the following page of the ICC website:

www.icc.cricket.org/sixnations.



ICC SIX NATIONS CHALLENGE UAE 2004

Sunday 29 February

Namibia v. U.S.A. Sharjah Scotland v. Holland Dubai 1 Canada v. U.A.E. Dubai 2

Monday 1 March

Holland v. Canada Sharjah Namibia v. Scotland Dubai 1 U.A.E. v. U.S.A. Dubai 2

Tuesday 2 March REST DAY

Wednesday 3 March

U.A.E. v. Scotland Sharjah U.S.A. v. Canada Dubai 1 Holland v. Namibia Dubai 2

Thursday 4 March

Scotland v. Canada Sharjah Namibia v. U.A.E. Dubai 1 U.S.A. v. Holland Dubai 2

Friday 5 March REST DAY

Saturday 6 MarchHolland v. U.A.E.SharjahCanada v. NamibiaDubai 1Scotland v. U.S.A.Dubai 2



Team	Pld	Won	Lost	Tied/NR	Pts
Canada					
Holland					
Namibia					
Scotland					
UAE					
USA					

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The Teams to beat. It can no longer count on the dependable bowling of Roland Lefebv



Canada's Ashish Bagai is a promising wicket-keeper

CANADA

Canada will be without its ICC Cricket World Cup hero John Davison due to domestic cricket commitments in Australia but still have high hopes for the tournament.

In Davison's absence, Don Maxwell, who holds the record for the highest innings score of 280 in the Toronto and District Cricket League (Canada's largest league) will be hoping to translate this form into the international arena.

Other players to watch will be Ishwar Maraj - who memorably scored the slowest ever ICC CWC 50 in carrying his bat against South Africa - and the talented wicket-keeper Ashish Bagai.

HOLLAND

Holland is the current ICC Trophy holder and goes into this tournament as the team to beat. It can no longer count on the dependable bowling of Roland Lefebvre who retired after the ICC Cricket World Cup in South Africa - but many of the players that featured in Holland's six matches in that event will be in the UAE.

Tim de Leede, Holland's most-capped player, is a dependable all-rounder and Fieko Kloppenburg will be hoping to build on the century he scored against Namibia in the ICC CWC. Daan van Bunge, a former MCC Young Cricketer who hit a halfcentury against India in the CWC, is a young batsman who could catch the eye.



Tim de Leede is Holland's most-capped player

NAMIBIA

Namibia's double-World Cup all rounder Rudi van Vuuren faces a race against time to be fit for the Six Nations after sustaining a calf injury in the Rugby World Cup.

Though stalwarts Gavin Murgatroyd and Lennie Louw have both retired, Namibia can still count on the services of batsmen Jan Berry Burger and Danie Keulder. They will be joined in the UAE by Namibia's former U/19 captain Stefan Ludick who has made impressive strides over the last six months.

SCOTLAND

Scotland watched with envy as Canada, Holland and Namibia competed in the ICC CWC 2003 and will be out to prove a point in the UAE.

Many of their players benefited from the involvement of a Scotland team in England's National League Division Two and the side will be boosted by the inclusion of two former England internationals Gavin Hamilton and Dougie Brown who are once again eligible for their country of birth.

UAE

Changes to the eligibility rules mean that it is a very different side to the one that won the ICC Trophy in 1994 and beat Holland in the ICC Cricket World Cup 1996.

Over recent years the UAE has developed a strong squad of home-grown talent good enough to win the Asian Cricket Council Trophy in 2000 and 2002 and it will be hoping to make home advantage count.

USA

The first ever recorded international cricket match was played between USA and Canada in New York in 1844, a fixture that will be revived in this tournament. Organised cricket has a strong base in the USA with over 500 clubs but as the team has had less competitive international experience than its rivals it goes into the event as an outsider.

Batting is the team's strength and much will depend on the form of captain Richard Staple who has previously played first class cricket for Jamaica.

Spreading the Field

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Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland

Around the regions

CRICKET DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR IN PAKISTAN

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) will be hosting an International Cricket Development Seminar in Pakistan from 9 to 10 May 2004. This seminar will be attended by senior delegates from the ACC and the ICC and will be used as a joint platform to develop a synchrionised strategy for the development of cricket around the world. The seminar will run for a day and a half followed by an afternoon workshop where specific development-related recommendations will be discussed and finalised. Tickets will be available from



next month. For further information please contact Zakir Hussain Syed (see side bar for details).

SCOTLAND

The reformation of the senior national squad in preparation for the 2003 IWCC Trophy in the Netherlands, has provided impetus for a huge drive in the development of women's cricket in Scotland. A schools indoor tournament, geared towards getting new girls to participate in the game has been set up and it is hoped that the tournament will prove to be a great hit with the schools involved and be the first of many such competitions.

In conjunction with this a Women's Open Day held on 11 January was attended by over 150 girls, some of whom were trying the game for the first time. A development squad has now been formed from interested players, with fortnightly three-hour training sessions over the winter period from January through to April. Scottish Cricket is hoping to build on this foundation to develop interest in the sport and the individual cricket skills of participants with a long-term goal of increasing the number of female domestic cricket matches.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Led by one of the great West Indian fast bowlers, Joel Garner, the Barbados Masters played a two match tour in the Cayman Islands to celebrate the Barbadian Independence Day on the 30 November. The team also included former Test player Thelston Payne and former regional player Winslow Ashby. In the first match, the Barbados Masters were narrowly beaten by the Cayman Barbadians by one wicket but on their Independence Day the Masters found their strength and defeated the Cayman Select Team, a mixture of masters, senior and junior players, by 60 runs.

ICC EAP HIGH PERFORMANCE & COACH EDUCATION SEMINAR

From 8-12 December, 14 representatives from the EAP region took part in the ICC EAP High Performance and Coach Education Seminar in Melbourne. The seminar was divided into two components - high performance and coach education - and was conducted by ICC EAP Regional Development Officer Tim Anderson. Guest speakers from Cricket Australia and Cricket Victoria took participants through numerous theoretical and practical sessions including one coaching session on the famous outfield of the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

All participants completed the requirements for an ICC EAP Introductory Coach Education certificate, providing them with the necessary skills to begin conducting Introductory Coach Education courses in

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their home countries. The seminar included guest presentations from ICC Africa Regional Development Manager Hoosain Ayob, ICC Europe Regional Development Manager Richard Holdsworth and ICC Americas Regional Development Officer Grant Dugmore on the latest development initiatives in their respective regions.



AFRICAN COACHING CLINICS

During the summer vacation the Africa Development Program organised a significant number of coaching clinics around the continent. The clinics were held in Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Nigeria and Zambia, and received overwhelming positive reports from the various coordinators, coaches and participants.

The clinics in Swaziland co-incided with a UNAIDS Week, which was targeted at providing education and awareness of the issue of HIV/AIDS. In Lesotho the



promotion of the clinics were assisted by a local radio DJ, who gave the Lesotho Cricket Association an hour's air time to promote cricket to the listeners.

CHILE

Cricket in Chile has achieved a longstanding goal to set up a second division in its league structure. Three new clubs have been established in the Affiliate Member country which now has over 100 senior players and is looking to expand even further. Junior cricket is also growing and 25 students from The Grange School, accompanied by coaches Adam Baynes and Karen Watson, recently completed a tour of Argentina. The two teams (12 boys and 13 girls) performed creditably against their Argentine counterparts.

NAMIBIA

Winner of the 'Best Women's Cricket Initiative' regional award, the Namibia Women's Cricket Association (NWCA) is always looking at ways to increase and improve the status and playing skills of female cricketers in the country. The recent success of a four-day clinic conducted by Gareth Cloete - one of Namibia's top cricket coaches - for junior girls aged nine to 16, was attended by over 140 youngsters. "This was certainly a very worthwhile exercise and the girls loved it", said Nadine Visser, P.R.O. of the NWCA.



2004 ECC INDOOR TOURNAMENT

Teams from 10 countries are currently preparing to compete for the forthcoming ECC Indoor Championships, to be held from 14-15 February in Schiedam, Holland.

Four Associate member countries -Denmark, France, Germany and the hosts will be challenged by Austria, Belgium, Hellas, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

Matches will be played at the Margriet and Groenoord sports centres and further details can be found on the following website:

www.indoorcricketschiedam.com.

Three-day cricket for Associates

The ICC Intercontinental Cup is a new tournament that will give the top Associate Member countries from each region exposure to the longer version of the game.

It will launch from February 2004 with regional three-day matches. The top team from each region will progress to the semifinals and final to be held in the United Arab Emirates in November 2004.

ICC High Performance Manager Bob Woolmer believes the tournament is an essential part of the ICC Development Program.

"Following the performances of the Associate Members at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2003 it was patently clear that these countries needed an international program at a more advanced level," said Mr Woolmer.

"The multi-day game is the clear pathway to improving the playing level of these countries. Batsmen will learn to build an innings, spend more time at the crease and thereby increase their confidence and ability. Bowlers too will get fitter and more accurate and learn more skills."

Uganda, Kenya and Namibia will contest the Africa qualifiers; Bermuda will take on Canada and USA in the Americas; Malaysia, Nepal and UAE will face off in Asia and in Europe, Holland will meet Ireland and Scotland.

"It promises to be a very exciting tournament and will give the countries the incentive to keep pushing for recognition at a higher level," added Woolmer.

Regional Award winners announced

Twenty of the ICC's 79 Associate and Affiliate Member countries picked up regional prizes in the ICC Development Program Annual Awards 2003.

This is the second year of the Annual Awards program, and the first time all five regions have taken part. The winners were selected by the five regional head offices and have now been forwarded for consideration for the Global Awards which will be announced on 2 February 2004.

The Development Program Annual Awards promote excellence in cricket development and recognise exceptional service to the game. Nominees in 2003 came from a range of levels - country, club, association, team, school and individual - from all corners of the globe, highlighting the positive impact cricket is making on the lives of players from culturally diverse communities.

AFRICA:	
GROUP AWARDS:	
Best Overall Cricket	
Development Program	ZAMBIA CRICKET UNION
Best Junior Development Initiative	MOZAMBIQUE
Best Women's Cricket Initiative	NAMIBIAN WOMEN'S CRICKET
Best Cricket Promotional Program	HICKORY PROGRAM (NAMIBIA)
Flicx Community Development Award	CHIPATA (ZAMBIA)
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	UGANDA CRICKET UNION
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:	
Volunteer of the Year	LAURENCE PIETERS (NAMIBIA)
Lifetime Service Award	JASMER SINGH (KENYA)
AMERICAS:	
GROUP AWARDS:	
Best Overall Cricket	GUANTANAMO PROVINCE
Development Program	DEVELOPMENT (CUBA)
Best Junior Development Initiative	US CRICKET ACADEMY (USA)
Best Women's Cricket Initiative	ARGENTINE CRICKET
	ASSOCIATION
Best Cricket Promotional Program	SAO PAULO CRICKET
-	ASSOCIATION (BRAZIL)
Flicx Community Development Award	BCB SUMMER CLINICS (BERMUDA)
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	CAYMAN CRICKET WEEK
*	(CAYMAN ISLANDS)
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:	
Volunteer of the Year	TIM MESSNER (CHILE)
Lifetime Service Award	JACK KYLE (CANADA)
ASIA:	
GROUP AWARDS:	
Best Overall Cricket	
Development Program	DR VECE PAES
Best Junior Development Initiative	CHIANG MAI SCHOOL (THAILAND)
Best Cricket Promotional Program	CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL
Flicx Community	BUKIT JALIL SPORTS
Development Award	SCHOOL (MALAYSIA)





Junior cricket in Mozambique

EAST ASIA-PACIFIC:	
GROUP AWARDS:	
Best Overall Cricket	INDONESIAN CRICKET FOUNDATION
Development Program	
Best Junior Development Initiative	INDONESIAN CRICKET FOUNDATION
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Best Women's Cricket Initiative	JAPAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Best Cricket Promotional Program	VANUATU CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Flicx Community Development Award	SAMOA SCHOOLS CRICKET COUNCIL
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	VANUATU CRICKET ASSOCIATION
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:	
Volunteer of the Year	NAOAKI SAIDA (JAPAN)
Lifetime Service Award	WAYNE SATCHELL
	(PAPUA NEW GUINEA)
EUROPE:	
GROUP AWARDS:	
Best Overall Cricket	KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSE
Development Program	CRICKET BOND
Best Junior Development Initiative	ISRAEL CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Best Women's Cricket Initiative	MAIJA SCAMANS (FINLAND)
Best Cricket	KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSE
Promotional Program	CRICKET BOND
Flicx Community Development Award	NORWEGIAN CRICKET BOARD
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	GLOSTRUP CC (DENMARK)
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:	
Volunteer of the Year	BOB GIBB (NORWAY)
Lifetime Service Award	STANLEY PERLMAN (ISRAEL)

Further details on the awards can be found in the development section of the ICC website, www.icc.cricket.org.

JAI KUMAR NATH SHAH (NEPAL)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Lifetime Service Award

For the Record

Recent Test series results Zimbabwe v West Indies

Australia v India

Pakistan v India

Mar-Apr West Indies v England

Sri Lanka v Australia

Forthcoming series Feb-Mar Zimbabwe v Bangladesh

Sri Lanka v England

New Zealand v Pakistan

South Africa v West Indies

New Zealand v South Africa (3 Tests)

Nov

Dec

Jan

Mar

In progress

(0-1)

(1-0)

(0-1)

(1-1)

(2 Tests)

(3 Tests)

(3 Tests)

(4 Tests)

ICC Test Championship Table 7 January 2004

Pos (1 Nov Ratings in brackets)	Rating	Rating Rating change since 1 Nov			
1 (1) Australia	125	-5	-4		
2 (2) South Africa	111	0	-8		
3 (5) Pakistan	102	+4	+12		
4 (3) England	101	-3	0		
5 (6) India	100 (99.638)	+5	+4		
6 (4) New Zealand	100 (99.5)	-4	-6		
7 (7) Sri Lanka	96	+5	+5		
8 (8) West Indies	83	0	0		
9 (9) Zimbabwe	56	-1	-2		
10 (10) Bangladesh		0	- ₋₂		

TEST COMMENTARY

Pakistan's victory in New Zealand has lifted it to third place in the official Test table for the first time since it was launched in May 2001.

Sri Lanka's home series win against England boosted its rating by five points while India's drawn series in Australia had the same impact on its rating.

There is everything to play for over the coming months as recent results have slashed the gap between third and sixth in the table from nine points to only two points.

ICC One-Day International Championship Table 7 January 2004

Pos (1 Nov Ratings in brackets)	Rating	Rating change since 1 Nov	Rating change since 1 Aug		
1 (1) Australia	136	+2	+1		
2 (2) South Africa	118	0	0		
3 (5) Pakistan	111	+5	+7		
4 (7) Sri Lanka	107	+2	+2		
5 (3) England	106	-1	-1		
6 (4) India	105	-2	+1		
7 (6) West Indies	101	-5	-5		
8 (8) New Zealand	98	-7	-8		
9 (9) Zimbabwe	68	+5	+5		
10 (10) Keyna	28	0	0		
11 (11) Bangladesh	0	0	-3		

Recent ODI series results

Nov	Tri Series (India, Aus, NZ)	Aus win
	Bangladesh v England	(0-3)
	Sri Lanka v England	(1-0)
	Zimbabwe v West Indies	(2-3)
Dec	Pakistan v New Zealand	(5-0)
In pro	gress	
_	New Zealand v Pakistan	
	NewTri Series (Aus, Ind & Zi	im)
	South Africa v West Indies	

Forthcoming series

Jan-Feb	South Africa v West Indies	(5 ODIs)
Feb	Zimbabwe v Bangladesh	(5 ODIs)
Mar	Pakistan v India	(5 ODIs)
Apr	Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka	(5 ODIs)
Apr-May	West Indies v England	(7 ODIs)

ODI COMMENTARY

Australia's victory in India helped boost its official ODI rating back up to the level it was when it won the ICC Cricket World Cup in March 2003.

Zimbabwe improved its rating by winning two home matches against the West Indies while a 5-0 home series whitewash against New Zealand propelled Pakistan into third spot.



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Region		oup A shahi		Group B Chittagong			Group C Dhaka		Group D Khulna			
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The top 2 teams from each of the 4 groups will qualify for the Super League in Dhaka, the bottom two teams from each of the 4 groups will qualify to play in the Plate Championship in Chittagong.

Super League 1 **Super League 2** Plate 1 Plate 2 1A 2A 3A 4th Group A 1st Group A 2nd Group A 3rd Group A 4A 2nd Group B 2B 1st Group B 1B 3rd Group B 3B 4th Group B 4B 1st Group C 1C 2nd Group C 2C 4th Group C 4C 3rd Group C 3C 2nd Group D 2D 1st Group D 1D 4th Group D 4D 3rd Group D 3D 1C v 2B 22-Feb 1A v 2D 3A v 4C 3B v 4D 23-Feb 1D v 2A 1B v 2C 3C v 4A 3D v 4B 24-Feb 1A v 2B 1C v 2D 3A v 4D 3B v 4C 25-Feb 1D v 2C 3C v 4B 3D v 4A 1B v 2A 26-Feb 1A v 1C 2B v 2D 3A v 3B 4C v 4D 27-Feb 1B v 1D 2A v 2C 3C v 3D 4A v 4B Tables Pts Pts Pts Pts Pos Team Pos Team Pos Team Pos Team 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 4

The top 2 teams from each group will qualify for the Super League and Plate Championship semi-finals respectively.



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