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## International stars target ICC Champions Trophy 2004



The world's best cricketers will gather in England this September for the fourth ICC Champions Trophy - cricket's second major championship.

The rivalry among teams has already begun with leading captains making their intentions clear that this tournament is theirs for the taking.

Despite dominating all forms of international cricket over recent years, Australia have never reached the final of the ICC Champions Trophy. It is something that captain Ricky Ponting is determined to address.

"There's a great incentive for Australia to win the ICC Champions Trophy, as it's one prize we haven't been able to get our hands on," said Ponting.

New Zealand are in the same group as Australia and captain Stephen Fleming wants to ensure that their neighbour's barren run in the tournament continues.

"The tournament holds good memories for New Zealanders as we won it in 2000," said Fleming.

"Playing Australia will be a challenge but one that we always look forward to as games between us are always very competitive."

India reached the final of the last ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka in 2002, sharing the title with the hosts. They followed this up by reaching the final of the ICC Cricket World Cup in



Australia will be hoping to atone for a semi-final defeat to Sri Lanka in 2002.

South Africa last year, and captain Sourav Ganguly is targeting the event in England as the next major milestone for his team.

"It is a very important tournament as it provides a yardstick of how good a side is and where it stands on the international stage," said Ganguly.

England skipper Michael Vaughan is hoping home advantage will help his young team's chances.

"Our team is progressing, but we are nowhere near the finished article.

"We have a good home record and it is definitely not out of the equation that we could win the ICC Champions Trophy, but we would have to play very well to do so," said Vaughan.

The ICC Champions Trophy 2004 was launched in London on 17 May with Vaughan, Fleming, Mohammad Sami (Pakistan) and Michael Clarke (Australia) in attendance.

For further information on tickets, venues and fixtures, visit the official ICC website, [www.icc.cricket.org](http://www.icc.cricket.org)

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### Captains' quotes:



"We didn't do too well in the last World Cup so it is important to see how far we've come since then and to gain some experience against the world's best." Graeme Smith, South Africa



"It's the second biggest one-day tournament we play and I know a lot of the players in our side are keen to make sure we play well this time around." Ricky Ponting, Australia



"We have reached the final of this tournament on the last two occasions and we must aim to do the same again in England." Sourav Ganguly, India

## → Stump microphone earpiece technology

**Earpieces for umpires linked to stump microphones will be trialed at the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 as the ICC continues to assess whether technology can be of assistance to umpires.**

The trial builds on communications testing at the last ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka in 2002, and earpiece technology trials from South African domestic cricket in March 2004.

ICC General Manager - Cricket David Richardson outlined the specifications of the trial.

"The plan is for umpires to wear an earpiece that picks up the audio from the stump microphone as the ball passes the batsman," said Mr Richardson.

"The trial will enable us to assess whether the microphone's position closer to the action area will provide audible assistance in instances of thin nicks."

An added benefit of the earpieces is that they can be set up as 'push to talk' microphones enabling the on-field umpires to communicate rapidly and efficiently between themselves and the TV umpire.

The earpiece trials in South Africa took place in three televised first-class matches.

These initial trials indicated that the use of the earpieces connected

to a feed from the stump microphones combined with the direct communications technology to produce an overall improvement in the standard of umpire decision-making.

Testing the earpiece technology at the ICC Champions Trophy - where a higher level of crowd noise is expected - will help the ICC assess what impact external noise may have on the usefulness of the microphones.

"The ICC's stance is that it wants to maintain the fabric of the game, and achieve the best possible standard of umpiring," added Mr Richardson.

"Technology such as these earpieces may play a role in the future but it will only be used in decision-making if it can provide conclusive answers, is practically feasible to introduce for all international cricket, does not have the effect of changing the essence of the way the game is played and will not compromise the role of the on-field umpires." 🗣️



▲ This will be the first test of earpieces at the Elite level.

### The inside view from South Africa

"The umpires that took part in the trials in South Africa provided generally positive reports. The earpiece devices were lightweight and comfortable and the feedback from the officials suggests that the sound amplification genuinely helped in making decisions relating to faint edges and bat-pad catches.

It should be noted, however, that the trials were conducted in near-perfect testing conditions - there was no wind and the crowds were small so the ICC Champions Trophy will provide a further insight into the usefulness of the technology."

**Brian Basson,**  
General Manager,  
Cricket Affairs, UCBSA

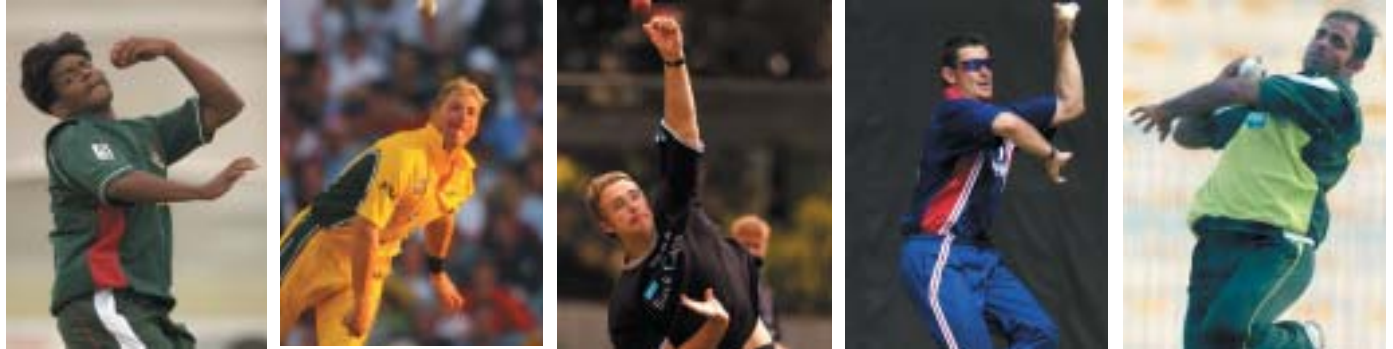


◀ Umpires will wear vests that provide a telecommunications link to the stump microphone.



# ICC to conduct spin bowling research

The ICC Champions Trophy 2004 will be used as an opportunity to conduct the largest ever research project into the actions of spin bowlers.



As part of its on-going commitment to addressing the issue of suspected illegal bowling actions, the ICC has commissioned research into the actions of spin bowlers to be carried out by human movement specialist Dr Paul Hurrion. This will enable the ICC to collect data on the levels of elbow extension exhibited by spin bowlers in the delivery action.

**Dr Hurrion answers key questions on the forthcoming research project:**

**1. Why were 'levels of tolerance' introduced for bowlers?**

There is an involuntary degree of elbow extension for almost all bowlers. Even a solid metal bar rotated at the same speed as a fast bowling action has up to two degrees of movement. Levels of tolerance are the accepted amount of extension at the elbow either in terms of straightening or hyper-extension of the arm.

**2. How were the appropriate 'levels of tolerance' determined?**

Tolerance limits were set based on a number of studies performed on fast, fast-medium, slow and spin bowlers. In a study of 30 bowlers ranging from fast bowlers to spinners carried out in February 2002, the average degree of extension was 4.96 degrees.

**3. Why were different 'levels of tolerance' set for different bowlers?**

The greater the speed of delivery, the more stress and load is experienced by the human body. With the speed of arm movement during a spinner's action, the forces may not be sufficient to warrant any elbow extension but due to the nature of 3D data analysis, experimental error will always be between two and three degrees.

**4. When does this elbow extension become visible to the naked eye?**

The naked eye is, and should remain, the main point of reference in identifying a suspect action. The naked eye cannot see five or even 10 degrees

of extension in a fast bowler's action when he is bowling at full speed. With fast bowlers it becomes apparent to the naked eye once an individual starts to extend over 10 degrees, while slower bowlers can become apparent at lower levels than this.

**5. How will the spin bowling research at the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 be conducted?**

High-speed cameras positioned behind the bowler's arm and square of the wicket will film the bowling actions at 250 frames per second - this is five times faster than a standard TV camera. The footage from both cameras will be combined and converted through a software package to provide data on slow bowlers from all teams participating in the tournament.

**6. What differences are there between capturing data from a match and studying a bowler in a laboratory?**

A laboratory is likely to provide more accurate data, but a match situation guarantees the correct levels of player effort and technical application as well as increased repeatability of the bowling action.

**7. What will this research achieve?**

There has been less research carried out into slow bowling than fast bowling. The research will provide a clear fact-based explanation of what happens during the delivery action of slow bowlers. 🌀

▲ Spin bowlers from all countries will be assessed in England this September.



**"Even a solid metal bar rotated at the same speed as a fast bowling action has up to two degrees of movement."**  
 Dr Paul Hurrion,  
 Human movement specialist



► The bowling actions will be biomechanically analysed (UWA).





## Issues in brief

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

### Future location of ICC headquarters

The ICC currently operates its administration from two locations in London and Monaco. Over the past 12 months, an internal review of the ICC's administrative structure has included a look at whether a more financially efficient and practical operating structure exists elsewhere.

**ICC position:** The ICC has been based in London since 1909. However, locations outside England could offer improved working benefits and financial savings for the ICC which, in turn, will bring better returns for ICC Members.

**What next?** A discussion on possible relocation will take place at the ICC Board meeting this month, but any potential moves will not be made until at least 2005.

► The ICC has been based at Lord's since 1909.



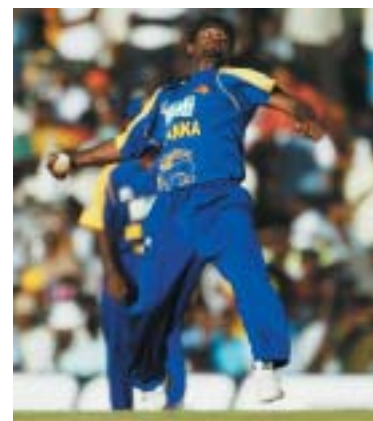
### Muralitharan's 'doosra'

Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was reported under Stage One of the ICC's process for the review of suspected illegal bowling actions for his 'doosra' delivery. A report compiled by Sri Lanka Cricket, which included results from biomechanical analysis conducted by the University of Western Australia, determined that the 'doosra' did not conform to the regulations of the game.

**ICC position:** The ICC was provided with confirmation from Sri Lanka Cricket in May that it had advised Muralitharan to refrain from bowling his 'doosra'. The ICC fully supports this course of action by Sri Lanka Cricket to ensure that Muralitharan, Test cricket's top wicket-taker, is not subject to Stage Two of the bowling review process.

**What next?** The ICC's forthcoming spin bowling research will provide more information and data to help it better understand spin bowling actions.

► Muttiah Muralitharan in action for Sri Lanka.



### Odumbe to appear at formal hearing

Kenyan cricketer Maurice Odumbe attended a preliminary hearing in May to answer allegations that he had inappropriate contact with a known bookmaker and received money, benefit or reward from that bookmaker.

**ICC position:** Justice Ahmed Ebrahim, the presiding adjudicator for the hearing, considered evidence from the ICC's Anti-Corruption and Security Unit as well as preliminary points from Odumbe's lawyer. It should be noted that it is not alleged that Odumbe was involved in influencing the outcome of matches.

**What next?** Justice Ebrahim determined that the case should progress to a formal hearing. This will begin on 27 July in Nairobi, and is expected to last five days.

### Sub-committee appointed to assess bowling review process

The ICC Cricket Committee, chaired by former Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar, meets annually to discuss and make recommendations on a range of cricket-playing matters, including suspected illegal bowling actions.

**ICC position:** At its May meeting, the Cricket Committee determined that the current process, including the 'levels of tolerance', should be assessed by a sub-committee comprising Angus Fraser, Aravinda de Silva and Tim May once the ICC's spin bowling research has been completed in September.

**What next?** The sub-committee will consider all available research data and make recommendations to the Cricket Committee for consideration next year.

### ICC Champions Trophy 2004 tickets



Tickets for the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 group match between India and Pakistan in England sold out in less than a day. The sides are both in Pool C of cricket's second major event, and will face each other at Edgbaston on Sunday 19 September in a match that is likely to be the group decider.

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



# ICC President Ehsan Mani on Zimbabwe



◀ ICC President Ehsan Mani explains the complexity of the Zimbabwe dispute.

The issues relating to cricket in Zimbabwe have changed significantly over the course of the last 12 months and may have changed again by the time that this issue of *Cricket Quarterly* has reached all corners of the cricket world. I think it is important, however, to restate the ICC's position on this complex issue as it stands as I write.

### Touring commitments to Zimbabwe

Sport and politics are intrinsically linked and in cricket we have seen this recently where the Indian Government ordered its cricket team not to tour Pakistan for a number of years. While the Indian Government took this decision, the Board of Control for Cricket in India and the Pakistan Cricket Board continued to try and re-establish cricketing contact between the countries.

▼ Sri Lanka humiliated a weakened Zimbabwe team in the two-Test series.

The ICC and our Full Members are of the opinion that where Governments fall short of taking this type of strong and decisive action, cricket tours should proceed. This position has been endorsed by these members on a number of occasions over the last 12 months. We therefore have a clear and consistent international position that ensures that, subject to safety and security, all touring commitments should be honoured unless the member receives a clear direction from its Government not to tour.

### Dispute between ZCU and Zimbabwean players

Most recently a dispute has arisen between the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) and 15 of the nation's top players.

Many of our members have faced similar issues and are very strongly of the view that the only way to find a solution is at the local level. Most recently New Zealand players went on strike, while Australian players were on the cusp of strike action not so long ago. The ICC played no role in these disputes which were subsequently resolved.

The ICC has no mandate or authority from its members to

unilaterally impose itself on these types of disputes.

However, the result of the dispute in Zimbabwe has been to bring into question the integrity of Test cricket as a significantly weakened Zimbabwean side was heavily beaten at home in two Tests by Sri Lanka.

The same Zimbabwe side was scheduled to play Test cricket against Australia almost immediately after these Sri Lanka matches. At the 11th hour, the ZCU and Cricket Australia sensibly agreed to postpone the two Test matches shortly before a scheduled ICC Executive Board teleconference to discuss the matter.

This postponement has not brought an end to this complex issue.

The ICC understands and appreciates that there is clearly no simple answer to this issue and, following a sub-committee meeting in Dubai, it has been recommended that Zimbabwe's remaining Test series in 2004 be postponed. This recommendation will be discussed at the ICC annual meetings in June, allowing senior administrators to consider the issue and work towards finding a practical solution. ☞







## Pathway for developing nations to contest ICC CWC 2007



**For the first time ever, almost all of cricket's developing nations have the chance to qualify and compete for cricket's most coveted trophy - the ICC Cricket World Cup.**

The introduction of the ICC's World Cup Qualifying Series (WCQS) has opened up the opportunity for smaller teams to stake their claim and realise the dream of competing for One-Day International cricket's biggest prize.

The new four-year WCQS structure sets out a clearer and more defined system of regional qualifying tournaments feeding into a progression channel that leads to the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 in the West Indies.

ICC Global Development Manager Matthew Kennedy said the WCQS was a major boost for developing nations to gain experience and demonstrate their progress and improvement.

"To participate in, and possibly host, an ICC event which forms part of the ICC Cricket World Cup qualifying system is hugely exciting for member countries and players alike," said Mr Kennedy.

"This is especially the case for the 42 nations which have joined the worldwide cricket family since the inception of the ICC Development Program in 1997.

"The WCQS is part of a developing structure that provides regular international competition for ICC members at a comparative level.

"This will help identify the best teams for qualification to major events like the ICC Cricket World Cup, and we will be able to begin to measure the standards of a



▲ Holland caused a scare for eventual finalists India at the ICC Cricket World Cup South Africa 2003.

significant number of the nations outside of the Full Members."

The overall structure comprises 11 qualifying regional tournaments.

The qualification series began in August 2003 with the European Cricket Council Trophy, and is set to climax with the ICC Trophy 2005 in Ireland where the top five nations in

that competition will be guaranteed a place in the ICC CWC 2007.

The WCQS consists of three qualifying tournaments in Europe, two in Africa and the Americas and one qualifying event each in Asia and East Asia-Pacific. Teams from all regions will be aiming to qualify directly from their regional event for the ICC Trophy 2005 in Ireland. ▶



◀ Jan Berrie Berger of Namibia in action against England at the ICC CWC 2003.

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**Matthew Kennedy, ICC Global Development Manager**

Those that just miss out in regional qualifying for the ICC Trophy will contest the WCQS Division Two event in Malaysia from which the top team will gain the final qualifying spot for the ICC Trophy.

The 12-team ICC Trophy represents the final qualifying hurdle, with the top five sides in this competition set to travel to the Caribbean to play against the ICC's 10 Full Member countries and Kenya.

The new structure allows more teams the opportunity to qualify for major cricket events than ever before, and sees the number of qualifying countries set to contest the ICC Cricket World Cup increase

from three to five, following the participation of Associate Member countries Canada, Namibia and the Netherlands in South Africa in 2003.

The ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 offers a better balanced event with more teams but less matches than in 2003.

"This decision reinforces the ICC's commitment to the global development of the game," said Mr Kennedy.

"There are many nations with their eyes on one of these prized qualifier positions and we will be keenly monitoring the progress of all of the participating teams." 🏏

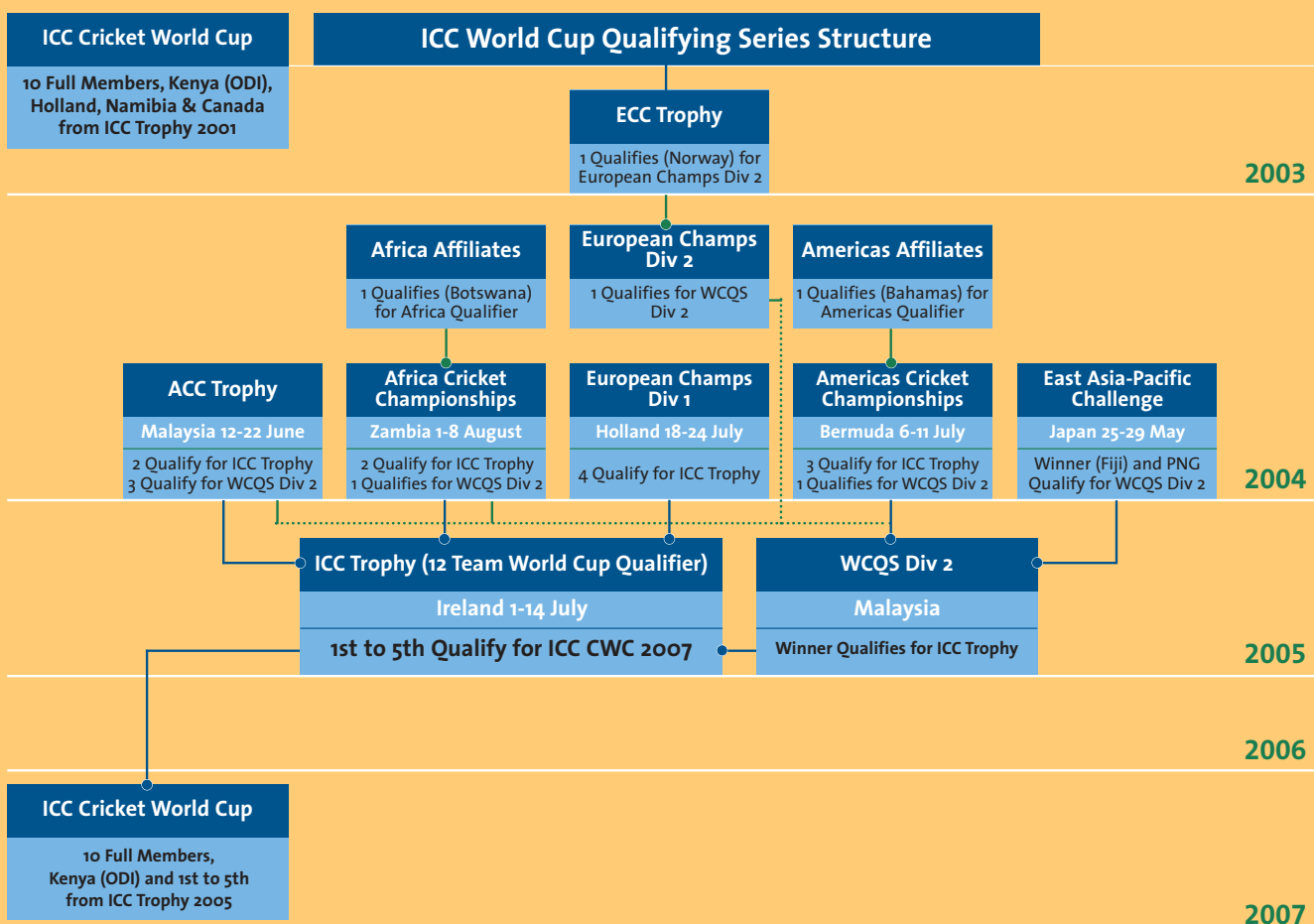


▲ Associate Member Canada defeated Bangladesh at the last ICC Cricket World Cup.

### Step-by-step guide to the ICC tournament pathway

In seeking to provide more opportunities for developing nations to compete at the highest level, the ICC has opened up its qualification structure for major events with a pathway for almost all members to qualify for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

The qualifying structure below comprises a number of regional qualifying tournaments which feed into the ICC Trophy 2005 in Ireland, and subsequently channels into the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.



## → Pakistan-India series lifts AIDS awareness



The ICC's commitment to raising awareness of HIV/AIDS among cricket-playing nations received a significant lift in the recent India-Pakistan series in April, with several ground-breaking initiatives taking place during the decisive match of the historic Test series in Rawalpindi.

Players from both sides wore red ribbons as a sign of solidarity with the millions of people around the world living with HIV and AIDS.

An HIV-positive person also accompanied the team captains onto the pitch at the start of the match for the coin toss.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan sent a personal message to the players congratulating them on their contribution to the cause.

The ICC was the first international sporting body to form a major partnership with UNAIDS after launching its awareness-raising 'Run Out AIDS' campaign in 2003 to help fight the battle against the HIV epidemic.

Since that time the ICC and UNAIDS have worked together to raise awareness levels of HIV/AIDS in the major cricket-playing nations, where over 12 million people are living with HIV.

It is estimated that around 4,000 people become infected with HIV in South Asia alone during the time it takes to play a Test match.

ICC President Ehsan Mani reiterated the importance of the 'Run Out AIDS' campaign.



▲ India's Sachin Tendulkar (right) and Irfan Pathan help raise awareness of HIV/AIDS during the third Test in Rawalpindi.

"The threat of AIDS in many cricket-playing countries is acute and it is in keeping with the spirit of cricket that the ICC and its members exercise social responsibility in helping to raise awareness and education about HIV," said Mr Mani.

"By wearing the red ribbon, the cricket players sent a powerful message across the world and are helping to break down the walls of stigma and discrimination surrounding AIDS."

The initiatives of the India-Pakistan series follow from those that marked World AIDS Day on 1 December 2003 when national cricket teams wore red ribbons during their matches, as did players at the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup in Bangladesh in February this year. 🏏



UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's message to the India and Pakistan teams:

**"As role models you can encourage young people to protect themselves from HIV and your leaders to pay more attention to the epidemic. AIDS is a common enemy that both India and Pakistan have to fight together."**

## ICC Roadshow in Africa and Pakistan

The ICC Roadshow of presentations to Full Member Boards has continued with ICC President Ehsan Mani and ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed visiting African nations Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe in April and Pakistan in May.

Commencing in September 2003, the Roadshow presentations have been based on the ICC's roles and responsibilities, focusing on successful governance, the business and finances of the sport, key global issues faced in promoting the game, and the importance of protecting the unique spirit of cricket.

The visits have also provided the ICC with an insight into the diverse issues facing members spread across five continents.

In a meeting with the Kenya Cricket Association, the ICC stressed the need for more accelerated progress in Kenyan cricket before the African nation can consider applying for Test status.

Mr Mani and Mr Speed also visited HIV/AIDS related projects in South Africa, Kenya and Pakistan during their tour.



Attending an HIV/AIDS initiative in Pakistan.





# ICC Six Nations Challenge UAE 2004



**USA wins thriller to claim place in ICC Champions Trophy**

It proved to be one of the closest finishes in ICC tournament history; the top five sides in the ICC Six Nations Challenge locked on equal points, with net run rate the only separating factor.

The incentive to win - a guaranteed place in September's ICC Champions Trophy - added to the tension and drama as officials calculated the final results and run rates before announcing the United States of America (USA) as tournament victors.

The USA finished with a net run rate 0.0276 above second placed Scotland, truly the slenderest of margins.

It was the first time that only ICC Associate Member countries had contested the event and marked the USA's first appearance. The other participating teams were Canada, Holland and Namibia - who all played in the previous ICC Six Nations Challenge in 2002 - as well as tournament debutants Scotland and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).



In a nail-biting final round, USA needed two results to fall their way for a chance to qualify: a victory over Scotland for them, and a win for UAE against Holland.

Both results finished in the USA's favour, ensuring them a surprise victory. Astonishingly, had the USA taken five more balls to pass Scotland's total in their match, Scotland's run rate would have been higher than the USA's and the tournament result a different story. Similarly, a victory for Holland in its final round match against the UAE would have guaranteed them top spot. 🏏

▲ The USA team celebrates winning the ICC Six Nations Challenge.

## ICC U/19 CWC 2004 highlights:



More than 30,000 cricket fans attended the spectacular opening ceremony in Dhaka.



Indian batsman Shikhar Dhawan scored three centuries and was named Player of the Tournament.



Host nation Bangladesh caused an upset by beating Australia in the Plate Championship final.



Pakistan claimed its first ICC U/19 CWC crown, defeating the West Indies by 25 runs in a thrilling Super League final.

### Key witnesses re-live the tight finish:

#### Richard Staple, USA captain:

"When we were declared winners, there was an amazing sense of achievement for our team. We had worked hard preparing for the tournament and the pressure was on but we stayed focused. Now our sights are set on performing at our best at the ICC Champions Trophy in September."

#### Craig Wright, Scotland captain:

"Unfortunately we just couldn't get over the line. It was an unbelievably close finish and to miss out on a shot at the ICC Champions Trophy by the narrowest of margins was very disappointing. We now have to move on to make sure we are ready to put in a strong performance in the ICC Trophy in Ireland next year."

#### Bob Woolmer, High Performance Manager:

"The closeness of the outcome shows that all sides were as genuinely well-matched as we expected. Events like the ICC Six Nations Challenge provide a vital learning opportunity and experience for the players and it will help them improve their technique."

#### Darrell Hair, Emirates Elite Panel Umpire:

"As the tournament progressed, it became apparent there could well be a five-way tie for first place. The run rates were being calculated along the way, but when it really did come down to the wire we spent considerable time checking and double checking the scores to make sure of the final result."

## → News from around the regions

### Indonesia & Tonga benefit from State/Province Partner visits

As part of the ICC EAP State/Province Partnership Program, staff from the Western Australian Cricket Association visited Indonesia while a representative from the Canterbury Cricket Association spent a week in Tonga. The coaching staff conducted coach education and school clinics in Indonesia and worked with the national squads in both countries.



WACA representatives with Jakarta school children.

### Recruitment of CEO for USA

The ICC, in conjunction with the United States of America Cricket Association and the West Indies Cricket Board, recently launched the recruitment process for a Chief Executive Officer for a special cricket project in the USA. This is the first step of an approach targeted at increasing the profile of the sport and participation levels in the USA.

### Helsinki administration forum

Twenty-four countries were represented at the 2004 ICC European Administration, Governance and Management Forum in Helsinki from 18-21 March. Guest presenters included Rebecca Ledingham, ECB Child Protection Manager; Pete Ackerley, ECB National Development Manager; Malcolm Speed, ICC Chief Executive; and Matthew

Kennedy, ICC Development Manager. The forum provided an opportunity for development and administrative personnel to share ideas on best practice and highlight initiatives successfully implemented in their countries.

### Ireland to host ICC Trophy 2005

Ireland will host the eighth ICC Trophy in July 2005. The 12 participating nations will be competing for high stakes, as the top five teams will have the opportunity to qualify for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 in the West Indies. Matches will be centred in Belfast and Dublin. Holland won the last ICC Trophy in Canada in 2001.

### ECC Youth Camp in England

Twenty-six promising young players from a wide range of Europe's Associate and Affiliate Member countries attended the ECC Youth Camp in Reading, England, in April. At the same Bradfield College camp, 15 team leaders undertook a program aimed at improving coaching standards throughout Europe.



ECC Youth Camp participants in Reading.

### New Development Manager and Regional Officers

Tim Anderson has been appointed the new ICC East Asia-Pacific Regional Development Manager. Previously the EAP Regional Development Officer (RDO), he replaces Matthew Kennedy who was appointed ICC Global Development Manager in late 2003. Following a successful five-year tenure in the development department of Cricket Victoria, Martin Gleeson has also joined the EAP Region as RDO. In the Americas

region, Grant Dugmore assumed the RDO position on a full-time basis in April. Grant had previously split his time between the ICC and the role of CEO of the Argentina Cricket Association.

### Tanzania women's event

The Tanzania Cricket Association hosted the inaugural Africa Women's Quadrangular Tournament from 7-12 April in Dar es Salaam. Participating teams were Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania and Uganda. Tanzania were undefeated throughout and claimed top spot.



Tanzania bowler Fatuma Ibrahim in action.

### ACC Trophy 2004 in Malaysia

Malaysia hosted the fifth ACC Trophy in Kuala Lumpur from 12-22 June 2004. The tournament saw seven of the eight non Test-playing nations in Asia take part in one event for the first time. This year's tournament was used as the Asia regional qualifier for the ICC Trophy 2005.

### ICC Development Program Global Winners

#### GROUP AWARDS

**Best Overall Development Program** Indonesian Cricket Foundation, Indonesia (East Asia-Pacific); **Best Junior Development Initiative** US Cricket Academy, New Jersey, United States of America (Americas); **Best Women's Initiative** Japan Cricket Association, Japan (EAP); **Best Promotional Program** Vanuatu Cricket Association, Vanuatu (EAP); **Flicx Community Development Award** Chipata Community, Zambia (Africa); **Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative** Glostrup Cricket Club, Denmark (Europe).

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**Volunteer of the Year** Laurie Peters, Namibia (Africa); **Lifetime Service Award** Mr Jai Kumar Nath Shah, Nepal (Asia).

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### ICC Test Championship

**Australia reinforced its commanding lead in the ICC Test Championship with a 3-0 win in Sri Lanka.**

India's win in the historic Test series against Pakistan puts it fourth in the table for the first time.

England's first series win in the West Indies for 36 years propelled it back to third in the official Test table - a position it relinquished after losing to Sri Lanka in December 2003.

West Indies, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe all suffered home defeats and their ratings dropped as a result.



England climbed the official Test table with a comfortable 3-0 series win in the West Indies.

### ICC Test Championship Table (As at 1 June 2004)

Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Feb 04	Rating change since 1 Aug 03
1 (1)	<b>Australia</b>	127	+2	-2
2 (2)	<b>South Africa</b>	112	-1	-7
3 (4)	<b>England</b>	103	+2	+2
4 (5)	<b>India</b>	102	+2	+8
5 (6)	<b>New Zealand</b>	101	+1	-6
6 (3)	<b>Pakistan</b>	99	-3	+9
7 (7)	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	94	-2	+3
8 (8)	<b>West Indies</b>	80	-2	-3
9 (9)	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	54	-2	-4
10 (10)	<b>Bangladesh</b>	1	+1	-1

February ratings in brackets

#### Recent Test series results

Dec-Jan	South Africa v West Indies	3-0
Feb-Mar	Zimbabwe v Bangladesh	1-0
Mar	New Zealand v South Africa	1-1
Mar	Pakistan v India	2-1
Mar	Sri Lanka v Australia	0-3
Mar-Apr	West Indies v England	0-3
May	Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka	0-2

#### In progress

May-June	England v New Zealand	3 Tests
May-June	West Indies v Bangladesh	2 Tests

#### Forthcoming series

Jul	Australia v Sri Lanka	2 Tests
Jul-Aug	England v West Indies	4 Tests
Jul-Aug	Sri Lanka v South Africa	2 Tests



### ICC ODI Championship

**With its closest rival South Africa losing heavily in New Zealand, Australia opened up its biggest lead yet in the official ODI table.**

Australia's rating is 136, the same as it was after winning the ICC Cricket World Cup 2003, putting it 23 points clear at the top.

The chasing pack are closing in on South Africa, with New Zealand and Sri Lanka both within striking distance. New Zealand will have an opportunity to claim second spot when they take on England and the West Indies in June and July, while Sri Lanka goes head-to-head against South Africa in five ODIs after the ratings are refreshed in August.

India climbed above Pakistan by virtue of a 3-2 victory in March. At the bottom, Bangladesh picked up two points for its first ODI win against an ICC Full Member since 1999 when it beat Zimbabwe in March.



India's 3-2 win in Pakistan in March enabled them to leapfrog their neighbour in the ICC ODI table, rising to fifth spot.

### ICC ODI Championship Table (As at 1 June 2004)

Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Feb 04	Rating change since 1 Aug 03
1 (1)	<b>Australia</b>	136	0	+2
2 (2)	<b>South Africa</b>	113	-7	-5
3 (4)	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	110	+3	+5
4 (7)	<b>New Zealand</b>	109	+5	+3
5 (5)	<b>India</b>	107	0	+3
6 (3)	<b>Pakistan</b>	106	-1	+1
7 (6)	<b>England</b>	105	-1	-2
8 (8)	<b>West Indies</b>	102	+3	-4
9 (9)	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	62	-4	-1
10 (10)	<b>Kenya</b>	28	0	0
11 (11)	<b>Bangladesh</b>	2	+2	-1

February ratings in brackets

#### Recent ODI series results

Jan	New Zealand v Pakistan	4-1
Jan-Feb	Tri Series (Aus, Ind & Zim)	Aus win
Jan-Feb	South Africa v West Indies	3-1
Feb-Mar	New Zealand v South Africa	5-1
Feb	Sri Lanka v Australia	2-3
Mar	Zimbabwe v Bangladesh	2-1
Mar	Pakistan v India	2-3
Apr	Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka	0-5
Apr-May	West Indies v England	2-2
May	Zimbabwe v Australia	0-3

#### Forthcoming series

Jun-Jul	Tri Series (Eng, NZ & WI)	
Aug	Sri Lanka v South Africa	5 ODIs
Aug	Tri Series (Aus, Ind, Pak - in Holland)	
Sep	England v India	3 ODIs





## ICC Annual Meetings at Lord's

The leading administrators from around the cricket world will gather at Lord's for the ICC's annual meetings beginning on 27 June.

The meetings are the only time in the year when the ICC's Full Members, representatives from the Associate and Affiliate members, as well as commercial partners and media representatives are brought together to discuss and debate cricket issues.

► Delegates from all ICC Full Members and Associate Members will attend the Annual Conference on 1 July.



### The annual meetings program is:

Date	Event
27-28 June	Chief Executives' Committee
28, 30 June	Development Managers' Forum
29 June	Associate Members' Meeting
29 June	Audit Committee Meeting
29-30 June	Cricket Operations Managers' Forum
30 June	Executive Board Meeting
30 June	Affiliate Representatives Meeting
30 June	High Performance Program Meeting
1 July	Annual Conference
1 July	ICC Business Forum
2 July	IDI Board



Ehsan Mani speaks at last year's ICC Business Forum.

#### ICC Business Forum

Annual conference delegates, ICC commercial partners, members of the media and representatives from other sporting bodies will attend the third annual ICC Business Forum. The agenda includes:

- Addresses by ICC President Ehsan Mani and ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed on 'The State of the Game'.
- A 'Drugs in Sport' presentation by WADA Director General David Howman.
- Debates on the ICC's approach to illegal deliveries.
- Workshop by Michael Finnigan of Advance Performance on 'Creating and Sustaining a Winning Environment'.

#### IDI Board

The Board of IDI - the commercial arm of the ICC - will meet to discuss financial and commercial issues.

#### ICC Executive Board

The Executive Board will discuss issues including the status of international cricket in Zimbabwe and receive an update on the review of the structure of cricket.

#### Associates and Affiliates

Five Affiliate Member representatives will attend the meeting of the ICC's 27 Associate Members and will have voting rights for the first time.

#### Specialist Forums

Development and Cricket Operations Managers from the ICC's Full Member countries will gather to discuss their specific areas of expertise. These forums follow on from successful Marketing and Finance Forums held over the past two years which both proved to be valuable information-sharing events.



Coaching will be on the agenda at the Development Managers' meeting.