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Inaugural event establishes ICC Awards on calendar

Dravid picks up two individual awards including Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy.

The inaugural ICC Awards evening, cricket's equivalent of the Oscars, has been recognised by ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed as an important landmark in appreciating and rewarding the fantastic contribution of the world's leading cricketers.

'The game is about players and it is fitting that their outstanding contributions have been recognised in this fashion. Following the success of this first awards evening I am delighted to confirm that the ICC Awards will now become an annual event in cricket's calendar,' said Mr Speed.

More than 900 people attended the ICC Awards presented by Hyundai in association with FICA held at London's Alexandra Palace.

India's Rahul Dravid crowned an outstanding year when he was named as both the ICC Test Cricketer of the Year and the ICC Player of the Year, for which he received the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy. Votes were cast by an academy of 50 current or former great cricketers and leading media figures, making the awards a true reflection of the views and opinions of those closest to the contemporary game.

Accepting his award, Dravid said: 'I am so happy to be recognised by some really great people and selectors, this means so much to me.'



India's Rahul Dravid with his two awards.

ICC President Ehsan Mani said: 'On behalf of the ICC, I congratulate Rahul Dravid on winning the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy, and also the Test Player of the Year award. It was Rahul's peers and colleagues who voted on this award, so he is indeed a worthy winner.'

Other notable winners on cricket's 'night of nights' included England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, who picked up the One-Day Player of the Year, Ricky Ponting, named as captain of both the World XI Test and One-Day teams, and Irfan Pathan, India's young left arm paceman, who was voted as Emerging Player of the Year.

The Spirit of Cricket was also honoured,

with Stephen Fleming's New Zealand team picking up the award, voted for by ICC match officials and the Full Member captains. The same group voted Simon Taufel as Umpire of the Year.

'Cricket has never had an international event that truly recognises the contribution of the players and officials who make the game so popular and appealing to millions of fans worldwide,' added Mr Speed.

'The ICC Awards will now fill that gap and we look forward to working with member countries, the players, FICA and our commercial partners in building on the tremendous response to the first Awards night.'



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→ No-ball trial will provide valuable evidence

Greater role for TV umpire is under the microscope.

On-field umpires at the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 were relieved of the task of looking for no-balls during the tournament, following the successful preliminary trial of using the third umpire to make these decisions that was carried out at the Videocon Cup in Holland.

During the triangular One-Day tournament involving Australia, India and Pakistan, the third (or TV) umpire was given responsibility for spotting no-balls. As bowlers overstepped, the standing umpire was alerted by the third umpire through a two-way link and the normal call and signal was made by the on-field official.

ICC General Manager - Cricket, David Richardson, confirmed that the initial trial in Holland had been positive enough to merit further investigation.

'Although it was limited by poor weather, the initial feedback to this trial is that standing umpires are very comfortable with it and have adapted quickly to the change of not looking for no-balls,' said Mr Richardson.

'In practice it is more demanding for the third umpire, who has to look carefully at every delivery bowled. When no-balls were called in Holland there was minimal delay between the standing umpire receiving the call from the third umpire and making his signal.'



Despite the bad weather restrictions, there were eight no-balls identified and called by the third umpires. Officials taking part in the trial were Steve Bucknor, David Shepherd, Jeremy Lloyds and Mark Benson; with Shepherd, Lloyds and Benson experiencing the new demands of the third umpire's position.

The move to trial more technology at the ICC Champions Trophy was endorsed by a survey of competing captains. Only Australian

▲ No-balls were called by the TV Umpire in the match between Australia and Pakistan.

skipper Ricky Ponting and Tatenda Taibu of Zimbabwe disagreed with the principle of more technology for umpires.

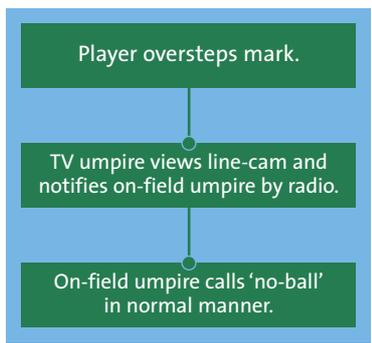
Ponting's view is consistent with a long-standing Australian approach to the subject while Taibu, Test cricket's youngest-ever captain, believes that 'what's already there is enough'.

Those in favour of more assistance for officials include England's Michael Vaughan, who said: 'In general, I am in favour of using new technology to assist the umpires as they only have a split second in which to make a decision which can be analysed over and over again. So I don't believe they should be the sole judge of all appeals.'

South Africa captain Graeme Smith concurred, saying: 'I think every effort should be made to get the right decision. It will be very interesting to see how the experiments at the ICC Champions Trophy work.'

◀ The process.

◀◀ David Shepherd was one of the first umpires to trial the no-ball technology.



→ Anti-doping policy for ICC Champions Trophy 2004

Four players tested at every match during the tournament.



The ICC is adopting a stringent approach to drug abuse at the ICC Champions Trophy, with players or officials facing bans of up to two years from the game, along with financial penalties, if found guilty of infringing the anti-doping policy.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed explained that international cricket had a good track record in steering clear of drug related problems.

'No player tested positive for drugs at the last ICC Cricket World Cup in South Africa (Shane Warne's test was carried out in Australia before the tournament), and I would expect the same high standards to be maintained during the ICC Champions Trophy,' said Mr Speed.

Any player found guilty of a doping practice could be subject to a two year suspension in the case of a first violation or a lifetime ban for a second offence. They could also incur a fine and loss of financial assistance, rewards or records received during the tournament.

All competing teams and their medical representatives were circulated with details of the anti-doping code in April of this year and the issue was discussed at the June meeting of member country Chief Executives in London. The code forms part of the Participating Nations Agreement for the tournament.

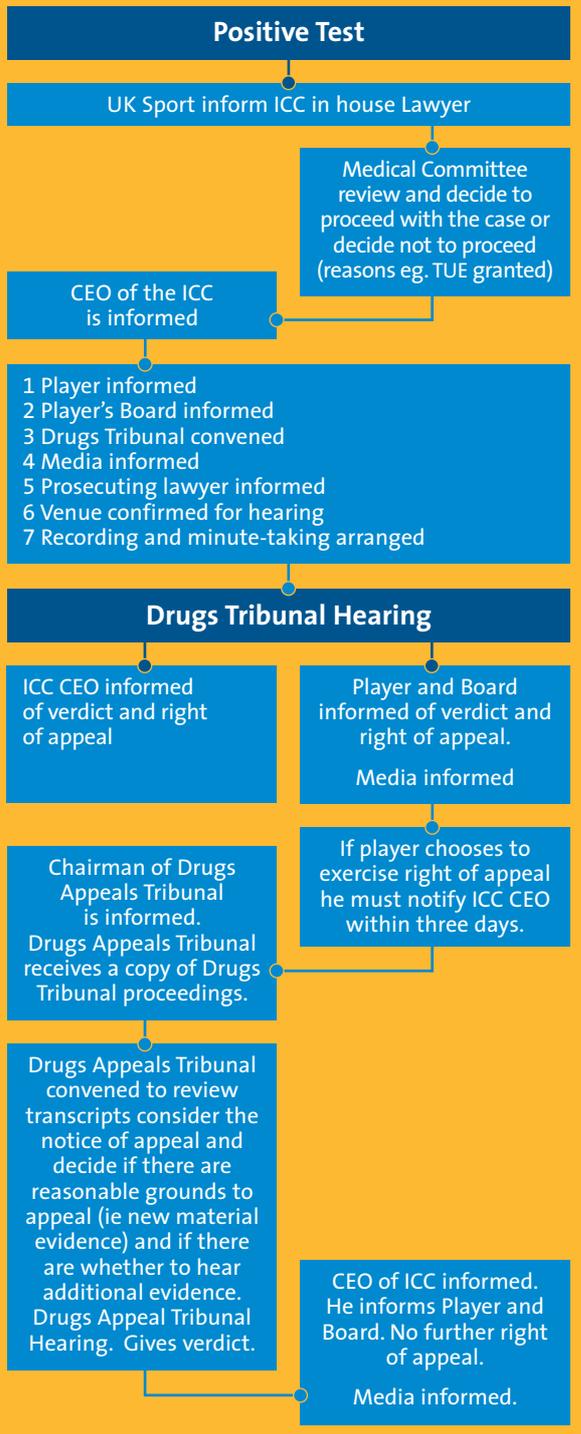
The ICC worked closely with UK Sport to develop its policy that includes the use of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratories for the testing of samples.

The anti-doping process is as follows:

- **two players from each of the 12 competing teams will be randomly selected for drugs testing at all ICC Champions Trophy matches.**
- **a positive test would see the player immediately suspended and the case referred to the tournament Drugs Tribunal. This is an independent panel consisting of John Gallagher, a senior legal practitioner, chairman, Dr Rod Jacques, a medical specialist and Talat Ali, the former Pakistan international cricketer and ICC Referee.**
- **the Drugs Tribunal decision would be subject to appeal by the player and the ICC. Any appeal would be referred to a Drugs Appeal Tribunal consisting of David Griffith-Jones, a senior legal practitioner, Dr Rod Jacques, a medical specialist, and Farokh Engineer, the former Indian international cricketer.**

▼ The samples will be tested in a WADA-accredited laboratory.

Process for dealing with a positive drugs test at the ICC Champions Trophy 2004





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.

World's greatest cricketers to head down under

After an absence of over 30 years Australia will once again host a team featuring the world's greatest cricketers after the ICC awarded the rights to stage cricket's newest major event, the ICC Super Series, to the country.

The ICC Super Series will see the number one team in the world take on a Rest of the World side in a one-off six day Test and a three game one-day series to be played in Sydney and Melbourne in October 2005. Total prize money is expected to top \$US 1.7 million.

ICC Position: Australia was awarded the right to host the event by the ICC Executive Board.

What next? The ODI matches will take place in Melbourne on 5, 7 and 9 October. The six-day Test match will begin on 14 October.

► Australia will host the inaugural ICC Super Series.



Integration of women's cricket

The ICC Annual Conference 2004 approved a detailed Business Plan for the integration of international women's cricket titled 'One Sport Administered by One Body'. The integration has also been agreed in-principle by the Board of Management of the International Women's Cricket Council (IWCC).

ICC Position: The ICC is hoping to integrate the administration of women's cricket in 2005 with the introduction of an ICC Cricket Committee - Women which will report and recommend to the ICC Development Committee.

What next? The plan now requires formal passing at the IWCC Annual General Meeting on 2 April 2005 in South Africa to move into the full implementation phase.

► Women's cricket has taken a step closer to becoming integrated with the men's game.



Odumbe banned for five years

Former Kenya captain Maurice Odumbe has been banned by the Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) for five years, following a report by Justice Ebrahim.

The decision follows a hearing into charges that he received money, benefit or other reward which could bring him or the game of cricket into disrepute.

ICC Position: The ICC has received the decision made by the KCA and Odumbe will not be permitted to play international cricket during this period.

What next? The Ebrahim Report will be forwarded to the ICC Code of Conduct Commission and will be made available to the public on the official ICC website.

Coin toss signifies start of a match

At its June meeting, the ICC Chief Executives' Committee approved a recommendation from the ICC Cricket Committee (CC) that a match should be deemed to have commenced once the toss had taken place.

The CC is chaired by Sunil Gavaskar and is comprised of former international cricketers, half of whom are nominated directly by current international players. It is empowered to make recommendations on a range of cricketing issues.

ICC Position: The issue was raised at the CC meeting in May due to inconsistencies of interpretation in relation to when a match is deemed to have commenced around the world.

What next? This means that where team sheets are exchanged and the toss has taken place, the match will count towards official records.



Bronze Bails award for Emirates Umpires

Emirates Elite Panel umpires David Shepherd and Rudi Koertzen were honoured with a new ICC award for passing the landmark of 100 One-Day International matches at Lord's Cricket Ground on 10 July. Steve Bucknor and Darrell Hair are the only other members of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires to have passed the 100 ODI landmark and they will both receive the Bronze Bails award over the coming months.

→ ICC relaunches website - www.icc-cricket.com

User-friendly interface brings the ICC's operations closer to its stakeholders.



The International Cricket Council has relaunched its website with a new look and a new address - www.icc-cricket.com

The new site has been designed to provide easier access to content relating to all elements of the ICC's work - including playing conditions, match officials, the ICC Test Championship, the ICC ODI Championship, ICC events and the ICC Development Program.

The site is the home of the ICC Test Championship and the ICC ODI Championship tables which are updated after every Test series and ODI match. Visitors to the site can also find out what impact future results will have on the tables.

Information on ICC events has been expanded to include historic statistics from the ICC Cricket World Cup and the ICC Champions Trophy and there is also a review of this year's ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup and full details of the on-going ICC Intercontinental Cup.

For the first time, the ICC is able to provide a dedicated media section which includes background information on key areas of the ICC's operations and will feature a password-protected 'Media Information Service' (MIS) for all of the ICC's major events.

The development section of the website includes the official sites for three of the ICC's regions - the Americas, East Asia-Pacific and Europe.

The previous address for the ICC website www.icc.cricket.org will redirect to the new site over the coming weeks but cricket fans and stakeholders are advised to update their bookmarks to www.icc-cricket.com.

The ICC is always open to feedback on the content and design of its website. If you have any suggestions do not hesitate to contact enquiry@icc-cricket.com.

▲ The homepage links directly to the key areas of the ICC's operations.

President and CEO complete roadshow

International Cricket Council President Ehsan Mani and ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed completed their commitment to discuss international cricket issues with the Boards of all ICC Full and ODI member countries with a visit to India in July.

Over the course of 12 months, the 'ICC Roadshow' saw Mr Mani and Mr Speed visit all 10 Full Member countries and Kenya to deal with key issues in international cricket, as well as addressing specific bi-lateral concerns.

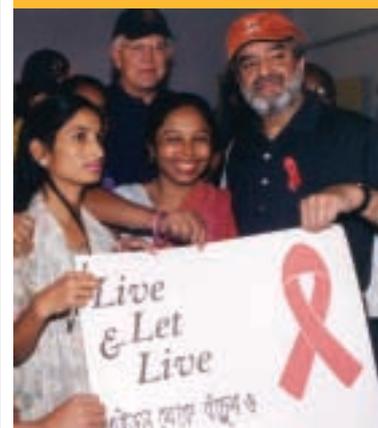
Mr Mani said that the 'ICC Roadshow' provided an ideal forum for the ICC and its members to discuss issues of common interest.

'Malcolm and I have found these visits to be an excellent way of building a better understanding of the issues that are confronting our members as they run the game within their own countries,' said Mr Mani.

'I hope that the countries also take away a better understanding of the ICC and how it is going about fulfilling its mission of leading, promoting and protecting the sport internationally.'

The 'ICC Roadshow' was announced by Mr Mani when he was elected ICC President in June 2003 as part of a program to build a better understanding between the ICC and its stakeholders.

▼ Malcolm Speed and Ehsan Mani visited an AIDS-awareness programme on the Bangladesh leg of the 'ICC Roadshow'.



→ ICC Awards 2004

The stars of the game shine on cricket's night of nights.

There were eight awards at the ICC Awards 2004 presented by Hyundai in association with FICA.

The four individual player awards were voted on by a 50-person Academy comprising the current Test/ODI captains, all members of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires and Referees and a galaxy of former prominent players and respected media representatives.

The two team awards were selected by a Panel chaired by Richie Benaud that comprised Ian Botham, Sunil Gavaskar, Michael Holding and Barry Richards.

The Spirit of Cricket award and the Umpire of the Year were voted on by a combination of players and match officials.

The crystal trophies were produced by Swarovski.



▼ India's Rahul Dravid was the evening's main winner.



Player of the Year

Winner	
RAHUL DRAVID	(IND)
Nominees	
RAHUL DRAVID	(IND)
ANDREW FLINTOFF	(ENG)
STEVE HARMISON	(ENG)
MATTHEW HAYDEN	(AUS)
JACQUES KALLIS	(SA)
BRIAN LARA	(WI)
VVS LAXMAN	(IND)
MUTTHIAH MURALITHARAN	(SL)
RICKY PONTING	(AUS)
VIRENDER SEHWAG	(IND)

Test Player of the Year

Winner	
RAHUL DRAVID	(IND)
Nominees	
RAHUL DRAVID	(IND)
ANDREW FLINTOFF	(ENG)
ADAM GILCHRIST	(AUS)
JASON GILLESPIE	(AUS)
STEVE HARMISON	(ENG)
MATTHEW HAYDEN	(AUS)
JACQUES KALLIS	(SA)
BRIAN LARA	(WI)
VVS LAXMAN	(IND)
MUTTHIAH MURALITHARAN	(SL)
RICKY PONTING	(AUS)
VIRENDER SEHWAG	(IND)

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ODI Player of the Year

Winner	
ANDREW FLINTOFF	(ENG)
Nominees	
STEPHEN FLEMING	(NZ)
ANDREW FLINTOFF	(ENG)
CHRIS GAYLE	(WI)
ADAM GILCHRIST	(AUS)
JASON GILLESPIE	(AUS)
MATTHEW HAYDEN	(AUS)
JACQUES KALLIS	(SA)
VVS LAXMAN	(IND)
MUTTHIAH MURALITHARAN	(SL)
RICKY PONTING	(AUS)
SHAUN POLLOCK	(SA)
ABDUR RAZZAQ	(PAK)
HEATH STREAK	(ZIM)
ANDREW SYMONDS	(AUS)
SACHIN TENDULKAR	(IND)
CHAMINDA VAAS	(SL)
DANIEL VETTORI	(NZ)



Emerging Player of the Year

Players eligible for the Emerging Player of the Year award must be under 26-years-of-age at the start of the voting period (1 August 2003) and have played no more than five Test matches and/or 10 One-Day Internationals before the start of the voting period.

Winner	
IRFAN PATHAN	(IND)
Nominees	
TINO BEST	(WI)
MICHAEL CLARKE	(AUS)
IMRAN FARHAT	(PAK)
UMAR GUL	(PAK)
YASIR HAMEED	(PAK)
HAMISH MARSHALL	(NZ)
IRFAN PATHAN	(IND)
DEVON SMITH	(WI)



◀ ICC President Ehsan Mani introduces the ICC Awards ceremony.

World XI Test Team of the Year World XI ODI Team of the Year

The two World XI teams will be made up of the best individual players from all international teams in each form of the game. In selecting teams, the selection panel of Benaud, Botham, Gavaskar, Holding and Richards has been asked to select well-balanced sides capable of playing positive, entertaining and successful cricket. Each World XI side will include a nominated captain.

World Test XI	
MATTHEW HAYDEN	(AUS)
HERSCHELLE GIBBS	(SA)
RICKY PONTING (CAPTAIN)	(AUS)
RAHUL DRAVID	(IND)
BRIAN LARA	(WI)
JACQUES KALLIS	(SA)
ADAM GILCHRIST	(AUS)
CHAMINDA VAAS	(SL)
SHANE WARNE	(AUS)
JASON GILLESPIE	(AUS)
STEPHEN HARMISON	(ENG)



▶ Ricky Ponting was nominated as the captain of the Test and ODI teams.

Umpire of the Year

The Umpire of the Year Award was judged from the marks awarded by captains and referees over the course of the voting year.

Winner	
SIMON TAUFEL	



Spirit of Cricket Award

The Spirit of Cricket Award was presented to the team deemed to have played the game in the manner it is intended over the 12 months period.

Winner	
NEW ZEALAND	



▶ Brian Lara and Andrew Flintoff were both members of the world ODI XI.

World ODI XI	
ADAM GILCHRIST	(AUS)
SACHIN TENDULKAR	(IND)
CHRIS GAYLE	(WI)
RICKY PONTING (CAPTAIN)	(AUS)
BRIAN LARA	(WI)
VIRENDER SEHWAG	(IND)
JACQUES KALLIS	(SA)
ANDREW FLINTOFF	(ENG)
SHAUN POLLOCK	(SA)
CHAMINDA VAAS	(SL)
JASON GILLESPIE	(AUS)





Path to ICC CWC 2007 continues for developing nations

WCQS tournament opens door for eight nations to qualify for the sport's biggest event.



The ICC's World Cup Qualifying Series (WCQS) continues in February next year, with eight emerging nations set to contest the WCQS Division 2 tournament - an event that will move one country a step closer to participating in the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2007.

Eight nations - the Cayman Islands, Fiji, Italy, Kuwait, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Qatar and Zambia will gather in Malaysia from 22-27 February with the winner travelling to Ireland five months later for the ICC Trophy.

With the five highest ranked teams from the ICC Trophy gaining automatic qualification for the ICC CWC 2007 in the West Indies, the stakes are certainly high for the eight hopefuls contesting the WCQS Division 2 tournament.

Matthew Kennedy, the ICC's Global Development Manager, said the WCQS structure provided greater opportunity for nations seeking to gain a place in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

'The WCQS has really opened up participation opportunities for

Associate and Affiliate nations,' said Mr Kennedy.

'The structure not only provides more competition for these nations, but gives them a clear path to follow and a realistic chance to qualify for cricket's pinnacle one-day international tournament.'

Teams competing in the WCQS Division 2 tournament in Malaysia qualified either by winning their own regional qualifying series, or by narrowly missing out on direct qualification for the ICC Trophy.

Twelve teams will contest the ICC Trophy in Ireland (1-14 July 2005), while a record 16 teams will compete in the ICC CWC 2007 in the West Indies - an increase of two nations from the 14 that played in the ICC CWC 2003.

The higher number of teams in the event is a result of providing more opportunity for emerging nations to qualify through the WCQS structure.

To see how the ICC's WCQS structure works, visit the ICC's official website at www.icc-cricket.com/development/wcqs.

▲ The East Asia-Pacific Challenge was held in the shadow of Mt. Fuji in Japan, with Fiji and PNG advancing to the WCQS Div 2 in Malaysia.

CEO Gary Hopkins takes up his role

Earlier this year, the ICC announced its plan to fast track the growth and development of cricket in the USA. Central to this task was to appoint a Chief Executive Officer to lead the strategic project.

Experienced businessman Gary Hopkins commenced this role in August and is charged with a series of priorities to raise the game's profile and participation levels in the USA.



One of his primary objectives is to gain the support of the ICC's Full Member nations to participate in a One-Day International tournament in America.

Any funding from such tournaments will help to build cricket in America through investment in appropriate staffing, coach education, facility development and school programs.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed has emphasised that cricket is not seeking to compete against America's stronghold sports like basketball and baseball, but to tap into the niche market which exists in the country, where more than 10,000 players are involved in the game.

USA won the ICC Six Nations Challenge in UAE in March 2004 to qualify for the ICC Champions Trophy.

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Matthew Kennedy, ICC Global Development Manager



Venues selected for ICC Cricket World Cup 2007

Eight Caribbean grounds will host the 51 matches.

Planning for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 is progressing at a rapid rate with the eight Caribbean venues scheduled to host matches now confirmed.

Antigua, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St Kitts, St Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, will all host matches at the 2007 premier event, with Kensington Oval in Barbados set to stage the tournament final.

The eight venues were chosen and announced in July, after an initial list of 12 bids to host matches was received. All bids went through a thorough analysis, assessment and ground inspection process.

ICC President Ehsan Mani confirmed the cricket community's full support for the West Indies to deliver a world class event.

'The ICC Cricket World Cup will be hosted for the first time in history by the West Indies and they have quite rightly earned this wonderful opportunity to showcase their region to the world,' said Mr Mani.

'For many years, the West Indies were the powerhouses of the sport, giving much joy and inspiration to the game around the world. They deserve the opportunity and honour to host the ICC Cricket World Cup.'

'The cricket community is confident that the enthusiasm, commitment and energy of the West Indian people will unite with a collective effort to host a most successful tournament in 2007.'

Bermuda, Jamaica (Trelawny), St Vincent the United States of America (Florida) missed out on hosting main matches, but may still be involved in staging warm-up games.

New venues will be built in Antigua and Guyana, while the remaining six venues will undergo upgrades in order to host international matches.

Mr Mani explained that while all 12 applications to host matches were highly impressive, the organisation of the 51-match tournament was built around a structure of eight venues for the 16 competing teams.

Barbados will host the final, news that was welcomed by Prime Minister Owen Arthur with a live television address to the nation.

'I charge the whole country to mobilise itself over the next three years to get Barbados ready to make 2007 a date with destiny and a date that will live on as a glorious chapter in the history of this island,' said Arthur. 🏏



▲ Guyana's new venue will host six Super Eight matches.

▼ A new venue in Antigua will host six Super Eight matches.

Allocation of matches and team bases

Barbados:
The Final, 6 Super Eight matches

Jamaica:
Opening ceremony, 1 semi-final, 6 first round matches (including West Indies matches)

St Lucia:
1 semi-final, 6 first round matches (inc England)

Antigua and Barbuda:
6 Super Eight matches

Grenada:
6 Super Eight matches

Guyana:
6 Super Eight matches

Trinidad & Tobago:
6 first round matches (inc India)

St Kitts-Nevis:
6 first round matches (inc Australia)

What happens next?

October/November 2004:
warm up venues announced

April 2005:
Full Member & Kenya rankings and groupings determined

July 2005:
final five teams to qualify from ICC Trophy in Ireland

August 2005:
match schedule announced



News from around the regions - ICC Intercontinental Cup



The ICC Intercontinental Cup is a new tournament that gives the top Associate Member countries exposure to the longer version of the game. The matches have first-class status and the top team from each region will progress to the semi-finals and final to be held in the United Arab Emirates in November 2004. The tournament introduces innovative playing conditions to international cricket including a points system created specifically for the event.

With only two group games remaining, ICC Cricket Quarterly brings an update on the action:

Africa

The African group began with a surprise result as Uganda upset Namibia in their debut first-class match in Windhoek. Kenneth Kamyuka was the star performer taking 2-32 and 5-83 in the two innings. Kenya pulled out all the stops to defeat Uganda in Nairobi, with Ravindu Shah scoring an excellent 135 on the first day. Kenya needs 11.5 points from their final match versus Namibia in Nairobi from 1-3 October to finish top of the table in the region.

Americas

The Americas group kicked off with the resumption of the oldest rivalry in international cricket, USA v Canada. The sides first met in New York in 1844 and the ICC Intercontinental Cup meeting, 160 years later, will also enter the record books. The match at Brian Piccolo Park in Fort Lauderdale produced a remarkable all-round performance from Canada's captain John Davison. Davison followed first innings figures of 8-61 with 9-76, as USA were bowled out for 126. His match figures of 17-137 were the best first-class figures since Jim Laker's 19 wicket haul against Australia at Old Trafford in 1956, and he is only the second man since the Second World War to take 17 wickets in a match. Besides his devastating bowling, Davison also top scored with 84 in Canada's first innings.

The second encounter saw USA bounce back with a victory over Bermuda, with Steve Massiah scoring 104 in the first innings.

Despite USA's victory, Canada won the Americas group and proceeded to the semi-finals by drawing with Bermuda. Hanindar Dhillon was named man of the match for his accomplished innings of 102 not out.



A sharp catch in the match between USA and Bermuda.

Asia

The opening match of the tournament kicked off between UAE and Nepal in Sharjah and proved to be very closely contested. Nepal held out for a draw despite some incisive bowling from Ali Ashad who had match figures of 13-126, while Arshad Ali and Fahad Usman both hit centuries.

For the second match Malaysia travelled to Nepal where they were outplayed by the hosts, Nepal winning by nine wickets. UAE must win the decisive match against Malaysia to stand any chance of qualifying for the semi-finals.

Europe

The European group has been the most closely contested, with Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands all strong contenders. The first match was played in Aberdeen, the most northern point of the globe where first-class cricket is played. Scotland took the early advantage, but the Netherlands fought back with an excellent performance on the last day to salvage a draw.

The second match was a more one sided event with Ireland beating Holland by an innings and 47 runs. Andrew White scored a superb unbeaten 152 on the opening day to set up Ireland's mammoth total of 388 for 8 declared in the first innings.

In the final game, Scotland travelled to Ireland and performed exceptionally to beat the hosts convincingly by eight wickets. The victory was good enough to see Scotland join Canada in the draw for the semi-finals.



Scotland beat Ireland in the decisive match.

Points table

Asia	P	W	L	D	Win Pts	Batting	Bowling	Total Pts
1 NEPAL	2	1	0	1	14	10.5	17.5	42
2 UAE	1	0	0	1	0	10.5	7.5	18
3 MALAYSIA	1	0	1	0	0	4	5.5	9.5
Africa	P	W	L	D	Win Pts	Batting	Bowling	Total Pts
1 UGANDA	2	1	1	0	14	14	13	41
2 KENYA	1	1	0	0	14	6	10	30
2 NAMIBIA	1	0	1	0	0	8.5	7.5	16
Europe	P	W	L	D	Win Pts	Batting	Bowling	Total Pts
1 SCOTLAND	2	1	0	1	14	18	16.5	48.5
2 IRELAND	2	1	1	0	14	13	16	43
3 HOLLAND	2	0	1	1	0	15.5	11.5	27
Americas	P	W	L	D	Win Pts	Batting	Bowling	Total Pts
1 CANADA	2	1	0	1	14	16.5	19.5	50
2 USA	2	1	1	0	14	14	19	47
3 BERMUDA	1	0	1	1	0	13	16	29

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ICC Test Championship

England won all seven home Test matches against New Zealand and then West Indies to climb into second position.

England are still 20 points adrift of leaders Australia but their rating is the highest it has been since the official table was introduced.

Sri Lanka has also made impressive strides up the standings, principally through beating South Africa on home soil.

That defeat compounded a recent poor run for South Africa that has seen it drop four places and 17 rating points over the last 12 months.



England won seven out of seven home Test matches to climb to second in the table.

ICC Test Championship Table (As at 1 September 2004)

Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Jun04	Rating change since 1 Sep 03
1 (1)	AUSTRALIA	129	+2	0
2 (3)	ENGLAND	109	+6	+8
3 (6)	PAKISTAN	105	+6	+15
4 (4)	INDIA	104	+2	+10
5 (7)	SRI LANKA	103	+9	+12
6 (2)	SOUTH AFRICA	102	-10	-17
7 (5)	NEW ZEALAND	94	-7	-12
8 (8)	WEST INDIES	73	-7	-10
9 (9)	ZIMBABWE	51	-4	-7
10 (10)	BANGLADESH	1	0	+1

1 June ratings in brackets. Developed by David Kendix.

Recent Test series results

May-Jun	England v New Zealand	3-0
May-Jun	West Indies v Bangladesh	1-0
Jul	Australia v Sri Lanka	1-0
Jul-Aug	England v West Indies	4-0
Jul-Aug	Sri Lanka v South Africa	1-0

Forthcoming series

Oct	India v Australia	(4 Tests)
Oct	Bangladesh v New Zealand	(2 Tests)
Oct	Pakistan v Sri Lanka	(2 Tests)
Nov	Australia v New Zealand	(2 Tests)
Nov	India v South Africa	(2 Tests)



ICC ODI Championship

Sri Lanka and New Zealand have been battling it out for the right to be regarded as the second best One-Day International side behind Australia.

In the last three months New Zealand's rating increased by eight points as a result of its victory in the NatWest Series in England.

But Sri Lanka was even more impressive in thrashing South Africa 5-0 to move to second place with a rating of 123, an increase of 18 points over the last year.

South Africa was second in the Test and ODI tables three months ago but has slipped to sixth in both tables.



New Zealand's victory in the NatWest Series helped put it third in the official ODI table.

ICC ODI Championship Table (As at 1 September 2004)

Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Jun04	Rating change since 1 Sep 03
1 (1)	AUSTRALIA	138	+2	+3
2 (3)	SRI LANKA	123	+13	+18
3 (4)	NEW ZEALAND	117	+8	+11
4 (6)	PAKISTAN	105	-1	0
5 (5)	INDIA	103	-4	-1
6 (2)	SOUTH AFRICA	102	-11	-16
7 (7)	ENGLAND	102	-3	-5
8 (8)	WEST INDIES	101	-1	-5
9 (9)	ZIMBABWE	61	-1	-2
10 (10)	KENYA	28	0	0
11 (11)	BANGLADESH	0	-2	-1

1 June ratings in brackets. Developed by David Kendix.

Recent ODI series results

Jun-Jul	Tri Series (Eng, NZ, WI)	NZ win
Jul-Aug	Asia Cup	SL win
Aug	Sri Lanka v South Africa	5-0
Aug	Tri Series (Aus, Ind, Pak in Holland)	Aus win

Forthcoming series

Sep	ICC Champions Trophy (England 2004)
Sep-Oct	Tri Series (Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Zimbabwe)
Oct	Bangladesh v New Zealand (3 ODIs)
Nov	Zimbabwe v England (5 ODIs)
Dec	Australia v New Zealand (3 ODIs)



ICC Management Team - an introduction



ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed is proud of the Management Team that has been assembled at the ICC.

'We have been able to bring together a very competent, well-qualified and energetic group of senior managers who have willingly undertaken the task of changing the culture of ICC,' said Mr Speed.

'They possess a diverse range of skills and are prepared to take on new challenges that have changed the face of ICC. I would back this group against the management team of any other sport.'

Malcolm Speed Chief Executive Officer

Malcolm Speed has been CEO of the ICC since 2001 having previously held the same position for the Australian Cricket Board (now Cricket Australia) since 1997. For twenty years prior to joining Cricket Australia he held senior positions in Australian basketball. With a long background as a barrister in Australia, he is accustomed to the cut and thrust that is now part of cricket administration. Malcolm and his wife live in London and they have three adult children who live in Australia. In younger days he played basketball for the Melbourne Tigers and is also reported to have been a handy left arm opening bowler. He is now limited to infrequent forays onto the golf course.



Jeff Rees General Manager and Chief Investigator - ACSU

Originally from south Wales, Jeff served as a London police officer for 35 years, spending his last 10 years as one of a very small number of senior investigators at New Scotland Yard. He successfully headed a host of high profile murder and kidnap investigations, and wrote the national instructions for the latter. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal for outstanding service in 2000 and retired from the Metropolitan Police in September 2000 to become the Chief Investigator and then General Manager of the ACSU. He is married with two teenage daughters.



Campbell Jamieson ICC Commercial Manager

Campbell Jamieson has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in cricket administration, both at a national and international level. As an employee of the Australian Cricket Board for seven years from 1989, he was seconded to the ICC for one year as Executive Assistant and Events Manager in 1996 - he shows no signs of returning - and was appointed to the important role of Commercial Manager in 2001. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree, and played grade cricket in Australia for Melbourne and North Melbourne. On the rare occasions when he is not travelling on ICC business, Campbell lives in Monaco.



Brendan McClements General Manager - Corporate Affairs

Brendan McClements joined the ICC as its first General Manager of Corporate Affairs in May 2002 following an international search. He previously held a similar post at the Australian Cricket Board, prior to which he held senior public affairs and communications positions within the business, consultancy and sporting fields. With a degree in Public Relations, Brendan has forged a successful career in his chosen discipline. He lives in London with his wife Emma and three young children. In younger and fitter days, he was an opening bowler and a very effective Australian Rules Football player.



David Richardson General Manager - Cricket

Former South African Test wicket-keeper David Richardson was appointed the ICC's first General Manager of Cricket in January 2002. David played 42 Test matches as wicket-keeper, taking 152 dismissals. On retiring from international cricket in 1998, David, a qualified lawyer, maintained close contact with the game as both a Business Director with Octagon SA, the company responsible for negotiating player employment contracts with the United Cricket Board of South Africa, and as a media commentator before relocating from Cape Town with his wife and three young sons to live and work with the ICC in London.



Matthew Kennedy Global Development Manager

Matthew Kennedy has worked exclusively in cricket administration since completing a Bachelor of Business - Sport Management at Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia. This included over seven years at the Victorian Cricket Association in various roles, before joining the ICC in 2000 as its East Asia-Pacific Regional Development Manager, based at Cricket Australia. Matthew re-located to London with his wife and young daughter to take up the role of ICC Global Development Manager in January 2004 and is enjoying the huge challenges involved in running the ICC Development Program.



Faisal Hasnain Chief Financial Officer

Faisal Hasnain completed his early schooling in Karachi and passed with distinction from Ealing College, London, before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant for England and Wales. He has since worked within the accounting industry with Ernst & Young and within the banking and finance industry with the Chase Manhattan Bank and Citigroup. He is a former junior chess champion and his other interests include cricket and bridge. Faisal joined the ICC in 2002 when he re-located from London to the Monaco office.



John Moore HR and Administration Manager

John Moore has 20 years experience in Human Resources and IT and joined the ICC in 2004. He has a degree in Psychology, a Post Graduate Diploma in Personnel Management and recently obtained a Masters in Individual and Organisational Development from The University of Westminster. He is a Chartered Member of The Institute of Personnel & Development. He remains a passionate cricketer and turns out for his local club team every Saturday and most Sundays.



Urvasi Naidoo In-House Lawyer

Urvasi Naidoo qualified as a solicitor in 1992, developing a niche practice advising on immigration issues relevant to sports. She studied Sports Law at King's College, London, and then at Anglia Polytechnic University where she completed an LLM in International Sports Law. In January 2001 she moved to the USA where she worked for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the Olympic Winter Games 2002 in their Brand Protection Department before returning to the UK in April 2002 to join the ICC as its first In-House Lawyer and Company Secretary. Urvasi is a regular badminton player and keen cricket fan.