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Upcoming EAP Events

18 – 29 October
6 – 12 November
3 – 14 January 2011
22 - 29 January 2011

ICC EAP CoE Squad Camp
Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 8 – Kuwait
Australian Country Cricket Championships, Bunbury
Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 3 – Hong Kong

East Asia – Pacific region prepares for Elite Squad Camp

The Pepsi International Cricket Council (ICC) East Asia – Pacific (EAP) Development Programme is preparing for the annual ICC EAP Elite Squad Camp to be held at the Cricket Australia (CA) Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Brisbane from 17th to 29th October 2010.

Some of Australia's very best coaches and staff members will be on hand to put the East Asia – Pacific representatives through their paces, with the ultimate goal being to represent the region at the upcoming 2011 Australian Country Cricket Championships to be held in Bunbury, January 2011.

PNG Barramundi's wicketkeeper Jack Vare, selected to attend his first ICC EAP Elite Squad Camp, is ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

"I am looking forward to attending the 2010 ICC EAP Elite Squad Camp in October", said Vare, who had an outstanding series for the PNG Barramundi's when they hosted the Australian Indigenous XI earlier this year.

"For several years I have seen PNG players selected for this important camp, and each year the participants come back to Papua New Guinea with exciting stories and better cricket skills" explained Vare.

"I have dreamed of representing my country ever since I was a cricket-loving young boy growing up in my village, and to be selected to represent the East Asia – Pacific region is a wonderful honour", said Vare.



"I always look forward to learning new things and facing new challenges, and cricket is a sport that provides great opportunity to exercise what you want to achieve not only on the field but in life as well", said Vare.

"I want to be a role model for my community in PNG, an ambassador for cricket and hopefully represent my country for another 10 years. With Andy Bichel as National Coaching Director we have taken great strides forward recently, he is a great ambassador for the sport", said Vare.

Left: EAP players are put through their paces on the turf wicket facilities at the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence in Brisbane in 2009.

Experience of an AYAD in Vanuatu By Natalie Mendan

It was a great relief as the plane came in to land at Bauerfield International Airport, Port Vila on Saturday 24 April, following my acceptance into the Australian Youth Ambassador for Development Program (AYAD) working with Vanuatu Cricket. Having been involved with the ICC EAP office for nearly twelve months, it was very exciting to have a chance to work directly with a member country.

My name is Natalie Mendan, and within the AusAID funded position, I am working in a twelve-month posting under the title of Community Cricket Assistant Development Officer. This role gives me the chance to work closely with all staff and board members of Vanuatu Cricket, and already much has been happening.

In preparation for the 2010 Pepsi ICC EAP Under 17 Cricket Trophy, our Development staff hosted a successful pre-squad camp, giving Vanuatu Cricket the opportunity to see the talent available to the Under 17 national squad. Work has also begun on the Vanuatu Cricket website, which our Administration Officer, Henry Boe, has taken a great shining too. Finally, the culmination of two weeks hard preparation saw Vanuatu Cricket host our first scoring seminar for 2010. This was an extremely successful event that saw 31 participants educated on scoring in cricket. We hope that this number will only grow as we work together with all of our clubs to ensure that our games continue to be recorded accurately and neatly.

Though that was the action of my first three weeks, the following twelve months shall be a similarly exciting time for cricket in Vanuatu. Aside from the 2010 Pepsi ICC EAP Under 17 Cricket Trophy, which we are proud to host, and the chance for competition in the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 8, development of the game is always a key focus. The next few weeks will be busy with the planning and implementation of a new Women's Cricket Development Squad program in Port Vila and a Village Cricket Development Squad program in North Efate. Both activities aim to increase the knowledge of women and people in the village on the game of cricket, and encourage their participation through playing, umpiring and scoring. In addition, Vanuatu Cricket is in the final stages of planning for the Vanuatu Cricket Outreach Program. This initiative shall see cricket introduced to the islands of Santo and Tanna, and provide a model that Vanuatu Cricket can use to grow the game on other islands as well.

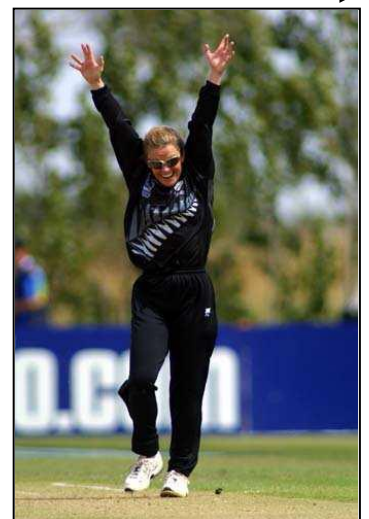
I look forward to my next twelve months here and working with everyone in Vanuatu Cricket to achieve our goals. Vanuatu is a beautiful country and I am excited to be able to explore more of it, and helping to grow its cricket during my posting.



Far left: Participants in a Cricket Scoring Seminar organised by Natalie Mendan.
Left: Successful participants hold up their scoring qualifications.

Ex-NZ Cricket players to assist the development of female cricketers

The Cook Islands Cricket Association (CICA) have been able to secure the experience of two respected ex-NZ cricketers in Catherine Campbell and Delwyn Costello to run the CICA Women's Telecom High Performance Training Session. The standard and passion for women's cricket continues to grow from strength to strength. CICA is looking forward to member clubs taking advantage of this opportunity to develop their teams ability, learning from players who have been at the very top of women's cricket at an International level. Former New Zealand champion Catherine Campbell is also a member of the ICC East Asia – Pacific Advisory Committee and is extremely passionate about developing cricket in the EAP region.



PNG win inaugural EAP U17 Cricket Trophy

Papua New Guinea have won the inaugural U17 Championships of the East Asia – Pacific region, defeating Vanuatu by 125 runs in the Grand Final of the 2010 Pepsi ICC EAP U17 Cricket Trophy held at Kazaa Field in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Surprisingly, Vanuatu Captain Callum Blake won the toss and elected to field in hot conditions, hoping that his bowlers could grab early wickets and have the PNG middle order under pressure.

PNG began their innings cautiously, and reached 40 without loss after 10 overs of tight bowling from Callum Blake and Nalin Nipiko.

Bau and Jimmy progressed the score to 60 before Jimmy (16) was caught from the bowling of Stephen, however PNG continued to tick the scoreboard over, with Bau (37) and Boge (46) in fine form, PNG reached 5/218 from their 35 overs.

In reply Vanuatu were never in the hunt, with left arm swing bowler Kabua Vagi taking two early wickets and Vanuatu Captain Callum Blake tragically run-out for just 2 to have Vanuatu reeling at 3 for 6.

Ronald Tari (13) and Nalin Nipiko (37) fought hard against the relentless PNG attack, but with the required run rate continuing to rise, Vanuatu lost the final 6 wickets for just 34 runs, PNG the victors by 125 runs.

PNG Batsman Nigel Boge was named Player of the Final for his innings of 46.

In the 3rd v 4th Playoff match between Fiji and Indonesia, Fiji ran out victors by 8 wickets in a competitive game at Independence Park.

Set just 114 to win from their allotted 35 overs after knocking over Indonesia in the 22nd over, Fiji set out to keep wickets in hand early in their chase.

Opener Naipolioni Gu batted well for Fiji, patiently pushing the ball around the field during his 109 minute knock, well supported by Daucakacaka (20*), with Fiji comfortable winners by 8 wickets.



Above: EAP U17 Captains Callum Blake (Vanuatu), Dogodo Bau (PNG), Gema Fajar (Indonesia) and Naipolioni Gu (Fiji) at the Opening Ceremony.

Right: All players and officials form the shape of the UNAIDS ribbon to help raise awareness of the UNAIDS cause throughout Vanuatu. Following the tournament schools and community groups are being encouraged to design a poster for Vanuatu Cricket using the photo.



ICC EAP Player Profile

Name: Mahuru Dai

Country: Papua New Guinea

Batting: Right Handed

Bowling: Right arm off-spin

Highest Score: 142* v Namibia in World Cup Qualifier event

Best Bowling: 5 for 20

Greatest Personal Cricketing Moment: Making the fastest 50 in an International match - 54 from 16 balls.

Favourite International Cricketer: Ricky Ponting

Which International Cricketer Do You Play Similar To? Adam Gilchrist

Who would you rather bat against and why, Brett Lee or Shoiab Akhtar? Shoiab Akhtar because he is inconsistent.

Have you ever made a golden duck? Yes

Have you ever made a diamond duck? No

Who is the best player you have seen from the East Asia – Pacific Region? Jamie Brazier



Above: PNG Captain Rarua Dikana walks off Alan Border field after making a half-century against the ACA Masters team in Brisbane in 2009.

Who is a better spin bowler, Shane Warne or Muttiah Muraliduran? Shane Warne

Who is the fastest bowler you have faced? The opening bowler for Pakistan at the ICC U19 World Cup

What is the best moment of representing your country in the National Cricket team? Winning!

Which 3 cricket personalities would you most like to have dinner with:

1. Misty (PNG)
2. Kila (PNG)
3. Rarua (PNG)