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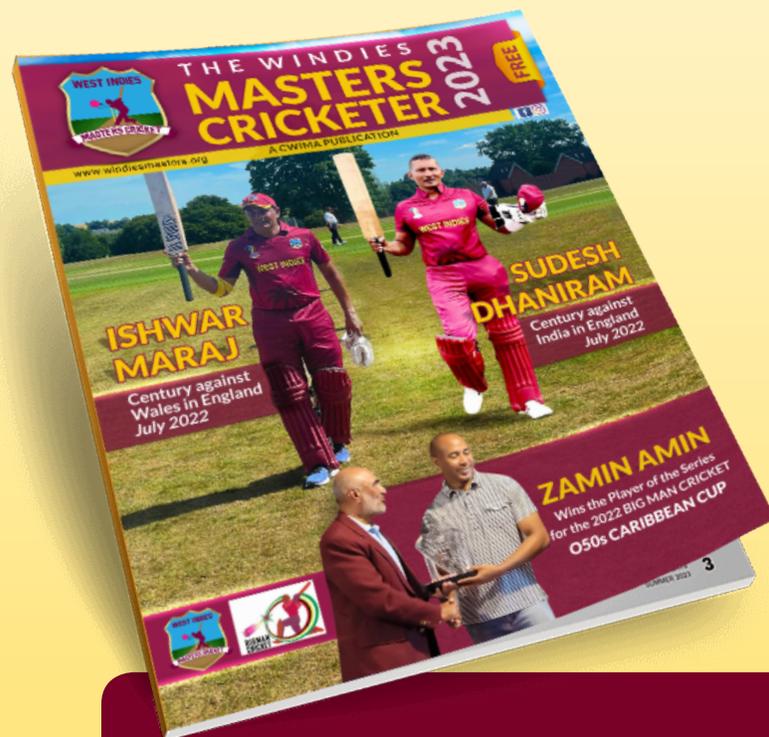
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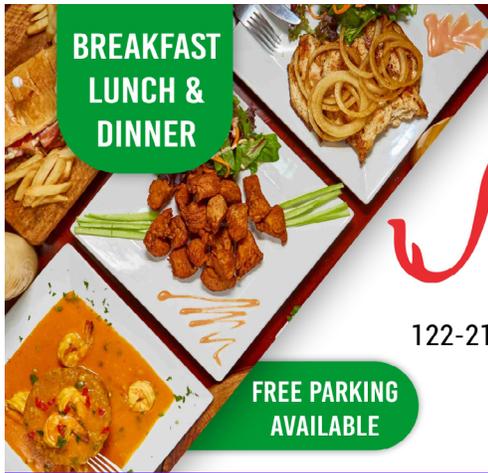
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MESSAGE FROM CWI PRESIDENT

- RICKY SKERRITT

Cricket is a beautiful global sport we can enjoy at any age or stage, from youth to masters. In the West Indies, CWI and its shareholders have not yet ventured consistently into the administration of organized Masters' cricket. But I can reveal that I have become a keen monitor of the masters' game results everywhere. I am especially pleased whenever former West Indies or Territorial Board cricketers have fun and success in masters' cricket locally, regionally, or internationally.

It is awe-inspiring how much masters' cricket has been rapidly growing. Furthermore, it has been proven that participating fathers, mothers, uncles, or aunts are more likely to attract their own younger family members and friends to the sport in which they are active. The more substantial spending power of seasoned cricketers also suggests that such masters' events can potentially benefit the local host venue and country at the very least.

Therefore, I expect it won't be very long before regional Territorial Boards look more seriously at coordinating their own Masters'



cricket leagues and related events in partnership with Ministries of Tourism and other appropriate commercial interests. It is possible and desirous for traditional cricket administrators to do so without being distracted away from their current cricket development priorities.

The good news is that "O50s" cricket has now expanded upwards in age to "O60s" with its own recent inaugural World Cup in Queensland, Australia, last year. I understand there will likely be a similar inaugural O40s

World event later this year in Pakistan.

That is why my message is simply that I will continue to encourage Raj Singh and his colleagues at Cricket West Indies Masters Association (CWIMA) to keep alive their vision for growing masters' cricket locally, regionally, and throughout the North American diaspora - no matter what obstacles you may encounter. I wish you well in all cricket endeavors and hope your teams will achieve international success while waving your West Indian colors with pride and integrity.

MESSAGE FROM IMC CHAIRMAN

- STIRLING HAMMAN

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome our fourteen teams from all around the World to the third 050s Cricket World Cup finally returning to the glorious Cape Town, South Africa from 6-20 March 2023.

This is especially so for our West Indian team who participated so wonderfully in their inaugural 050s World Cup in March 2020 at the same venue when the dreaded Covid sent us home prematurely after 2.5 games. In spite of this, our Calypso Cavaliers distinguished themselves both on and off the field with stellar performances including a brilliant maiden century by Azad Mohammed (104 off 97 balls) vs. Canada. So, the stage is set for all of us to do it again with great enthusiasm and pride despite being denied by Covid for the last 3 years.

Your West Indian Masters movement brilliantly led by Chairman Raj Singh and his Committee, have been so active in preparing your team to perform at their optimum at the right time. There have been 3 North American 050s Masters Championships including Barbados and many trials and net sessions. Now it is time to board the plane and do the big deal at the big dance at the 050s Cricket World Cup. It won't be easy for your Caribbean team to make the finals as you are in a tough draw and on foreign soil. Also, there are major impediments of



fatigue, injuries and lady luck not to mention the ever-present shadow of Covid in the background.

No matter what happens in Cape Town in March 2023, a truly tremendous cricket and life experience awaits everyone involved with the team. The competition and the unique camaraderie of mixing with the 13 other teams on a daily basis for several weeks will ensure this result. Lifelong friends and memories will be forged and all accomplished in the vivid atmosphere of true respect and dignity for your teammates; the opposition; umpires and the game set in one of the world's most imposing and exciting cities.

Your West Indian team and its officials have worked tirelessly and are congratulated on achieving this final goal. The IMCC is so grateful to Raj; the Cricket West Indian Masters Association and your Sponsors in achieving this momentous and historic outcome.

Good luck to every West Indian player and supporter. Whatever occurs please enjoy the tournament in true West Indian style. We are relying on it!

*Stirling Hamman,
Chairman
International Masters Cricket Committee (IMCC)*

BARBADOS CRICKET ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- CONDE RILEY

BARBADOS CRICKET ASSOCIATION is especially pleased to have partnered with CRICKET WEST INDIES MASTERS ASSOCIATION to promote masters' cricket in the Caribbean and further afield. We are also thrilled to welcome CWIMA with its signature event- BIG MAN CRICKET CARIBBEAN CUP, to Barbados as their home for the multilateral masters' cricket series at various age groups.



mini-World Cups- firstly, in November 2022 with eight teams and again in January/February 2023 with six teams. BCA will continue to welcome such tournaments, which provide an attractive opportunity for our cricket colleagues from distant countries to visit our beautiful country of Barbados to enjoy their passion and have a vacation at the same time.

It is a well-known fact that Barbados has a vibrant cricketing history and a tremendous cricketing structure and system for cricket at all age groups. From the cradle to the grave, the game of cricket is integrally ingrained into our collective psyche. BCA is very proud to have partnered with CWIMA to host the BMC Caribbean Cup in Barbados for two

The Barbados Cricket Association will strongly consider making these BMC Caribbean Cup tournaments part of its calendar of activities and continue to work assiduously with CWIMA to promote these tournaments in Barbados and a healthier lifestyle for our masters' cricketers.

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CWIMA CHAIRMAN'S 2022 REPORT

-RAJ SINGH

2022 has been a pretty hectic and successful year for Cricket West Indies Masters Association on several fronts, both on and off the field and masters' cricket in general.

Structured masters cricket only started in 2018 with the administration of O50s cricket since there may have been some grey area on the intention of cricketers over 40 years of age whether they would still be playing ICC international cricket or if they would have wanted a rest from cricket in general. Attempts were being made in 2021 to have the O60s World Cup, but COVID ensured that did not materialize. CWIMA was being actively encouraged to enter a team for the O60s World Cup but was always hesitant to do so since they were mindful of the additional work it entailed, plus the uncertainty of attracting quality players in that age group. We decided to have a go at it in late 2021 when we commenced planning an Over 60s tour to Thailand. Thailand was



one of the few countries that had opened back its borders, coupled with the fact that it was an attractive destination, and also, we had someone on the ground there to assist with logistics. The main focus of that Thailand tour was to have some games for our O60s potentials in a reasonably competitive environment, coupled with the opportunity to have a vacation in an attractive tourist destination open for business

then. The interest generated by this tour was terrific, and plans were well advanced for same, with an itinerary already worked out along with tour fees collected from a group of players rearing to go after such an extended period of hibernation with the dreaded COVID virus. This was all effectively scuttled in late December 2021/early January 2022 when USA announced plans for a joint O50s and O60s Champions Trophy tournament scheduled to be held during March/April 2022 in Houston, Texas.

O50s & O60s Champions Trophy- Houston, Texas- March/April 2022

Our teams had mixed results in this joint tournament that featured four teams in each age group- Hosts USA, Canada, West Indies & USA 'A'. Our teams were severely crippled by a shortage of players and injuries.

Our O50s team came out as Runners up in this tournament, having lost to USA in the finals. There were commendable batting performances in the series from Ishwar Maraj- 157 runs with a highest score of 55;



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William Lashley-116 runs with a top score of 37 runs; and Fareed Hosein-102 runs with a top score of 44. Congratulations to Kenny Girdharry, who was the pick of the bowlers for the W.I in the entire tournament with 9 wickets for an economy rate of 3.36, followed closely by Zamin Amin with 8 wickets and an economy rate of 4.35. Fareed Hosein capped an excellent all-round performance in the tournament with 7 wickets at an economy of 3.98, followed by Vejai Seonarine with 6 wickets at 4.77.

The O60s team, on their first outing finished 3rd in the rankings, having just won a solitary match. Captain Roy Singh top scored with 210 runs with 2 @ 50s and a highest score of 97, followed by Monty Venkersammy with 147 runs and a top score of 54. Kris Ramdat contributed 105 runs and a top score of 53, whilst Hafiz Mohamed also made 105 runs

with a top score of 41. Pramesh Seheult took 8 wickets at an economy rate of 4.42, followed by Prem Singh with 7 wickets at a miserly rate of 3.44. Keith Lawrence also impressed with 5 wickets at 4.17.

Our O50s side had to be disappointed with their performance after such a massive performance in the Americas Cup in Canada a mere 7 months prior. Without trying to make any excuses, W.I. was without some of its key players in this tournament and will have to focus more on their fitness levels continuously to compete at this level. Our O60s team was also hampered by an inadequate squad size and injuries, with W.I. legend Colin Croft pulling up with double hammies in the first match but commentated throughout the tournament. Croft braved it all, along with a few others suffering from injuries to turn out in our final game and bowled his full spell of

9 overs. This tournament was the very first time that the O60s played together as a team. It was reasonably commendable for them, with some impressive individual performanc-

O50s Marlborough Cup- London, England-July 2022

This tournament was most demanding, with new conditions and different oppositions. In hindsight, we have learned a lot from this tour regarding planning practice games and general tour schedules with the amount of travel it entails while considering the proximity of venues and back-to-back games.

West Indies lost all 4 of their practice games against Wales (2), India (1), and England (1) but turned the tables against Wales and India in the Marlborough Cup games and lost to England in the Marlborough Cup final.

W.I. had quite a few positives to come away from this tour. Our premier batsmen, Sudesh Dhaniram and Ishwar Maraj registered their maiden ODI centuries, 108 against India and 113 against Wales, respectively. Congrats to Sudesh Dhaniram, who had his best tour by topping the aggregate scores in only 5 matches with 215 runs for an average of 53.75 and a century and a half-century. Ishwar Maraj also played in 5 matches with 183 runs at an average of 61.00. Sunil

es by some of the players. They need to work much harder on their fitness levels also and gel a bit more with their colleagues to play as a cohesive unit.

Dhaniram made 179 in 6 matches with a top score of 83. Daniel Sadeo made 163 in 7 matches with a solitary half-century (57). Fareed Hosein continued with his impressive bowling topping the bowling with 10 wickets but was a bit expensive with an economy rate of 5.30. Sunil Dhaniram copped 8 wickets at an economy rate of 4.52, with Zamin Amin taking 7 wickets at an unusually high economy rate of 5.47.

This was a grueling tour with too much traveling and many back-to-back games for such a major tournament. Our guys played well in the circumstances, but here again, we were crippled with an inadequate squad size and injuries. Our squad was made up of just 11 @O50s and 4 @O60s. England has, possibly, the most organized and structured masters' cricket system in the world, with an army personnel as their fitness trainer. This level of commitment to fitness and organization does wonders for your confidence and, obviously, your execution on game day.

O60s World Cup- Queensland, Australia- September 2022

Our O60s ventured into the Sunshine State of Queensland, Australia, to compete in the inaugural O60s World Cup under quite different conditions and inadequate preparation. The weather wreaked havoc with this

tournament, and the schedule was hastily adjusted by the World Cup Committee, which resulted in us playing 7 matches in 9 days. That was a recipe for disaster that would test even the fittest of teams, much less an O60s

team not yet attuned to a proper fitness regimentation. Starting a World Cup having to play 3 back-to-back matches will never do justice for any team that does not play cricket regularly and not having any established leagues for that age group level, followed by a solitary rest day then 2 other back-to-back matches and a rest day in between 2 other similar matches.

From the inception, our full complement of 17 players could not have been met when former Test player, Alvin Kallicharran, broke his finger and had to pull out from the tour at the last minute. This situation was further exacerbated when our vice-captain and opening batsman Kris Ramdat ruptured his ankle tendon and had to return to T.T. for emergency surgery. Off-spinner Gerald Singh was also nursing a rotator cuff injury to his bowling arm that caused us to lose a significant bowler from the get-go. Walter Persaud also struggled with a knee injury after the practice match against India but was forced to play in all the games. Our top batsman, Sunderdat Sookram, pulled up with a knee injury after the first match, which ruled him out of most of the matches. Our star player, Richard Sieuchan, also had a groin

injury midway through the tournament that severely crippled his performance despite participating in all the games. One of our main all-rounders, Hafiz Mohamed, came to Australia under the weather and had to be carefully managed. Our liaison officer, George Downes, of Barbadian roots, was convinced to join us even though he had suffered a knee injury. He also assisted us in recruiting the De Silva brothers, Richard & Roger, from T.T. residing in Australia and were willing to take time off to be a part of our squad for the tournament.

Richard Sieuchan was our top batter with 212 runs and a highest score of 60 not out, and an average of 35.33. Captain Roy Singh followed him with 198 runs at an average of 28.29. No other batter passed 100 runs in aggregate. Prem Singh was the pick of our bowlers, finishing with 16 wickets at an economy rate of 4.51, followed by Hafiz Mohamed with 12 wickets at an economy rate of 4.96.

West Indies won their final encounter against Zimbabwe in the playoffs to finish at number 11 but lost all the other games by reasonably close margins.



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Big Man Cricket O50s Caribbean Cup- Barbados- November 2022

CWIMA, in its first attempt at hosting a tournament, pulled off a major coup when it hosted a mini world cup with its 8-team BMC O50s Caribbean Cup. This tournament was announced at the closing ceremony of the Texas tournament and was hugely successful, barring the inclement weather that affected some of the matches. The countries that participated were: Canada, England, India, UAE, USA, Wales, West Indies, and West Indies A.

The teams played league matches at the BNOC, Pickwick, Windward, St Catherine, and Police grounds. The USA defeated West Indies in the finals at the historic Kensington Oval on Friday, November 11, 2022. CWIMA hosted a gala Closing/Presentation Dinner Awards Ceremony at the Golden Sands

GENERAL

2022 was our very first full year of cricket ever since our formation, and we have achieved quite a lot and have had a very steep learning curve in administering tours and the like. Our players need to adopt consistent training and fitness regimentation, as it has been proven that it is easier to sustain injuries when you are unfit. We trust that those players who intend to take masters cricket seriously will make this commitment for themselves, their families, and West Indies cricket in general. March 2022 in Texas marked a significant milestone in our history when CWIMA was officially constituted as a legal body. Our inaugural magazine, 'The WINDIES MASTERS CRICKETER' and our official website

Hotel following the final. USA carted off the beautiful BMC O50s Caribbean Cup while West Indies had to settle for the Runners up trophy. However, as a consolation, Windies' players copped three of the four individual awards presented that evening:

PLAYER OF THE SERIES

ZAMIN AMIN (W.I.)

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JONATHAN WILEMAN (England)



*Chairman Raj Singh presents inaugural Windies Masters Cricketer magazine to Ricky Skerritt
CWI President*

www.windiesmasters.org were also launched on that said date. West Indies legend, COLIN CROFT was also appointed as our brand ambassador. The members adopted its constitution with a Code of Conduct and held its very first election of officers. The Directors elected to serve were:

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CWIMA wishes to extend best wishes to everyone for a bright and prosperous 2023!



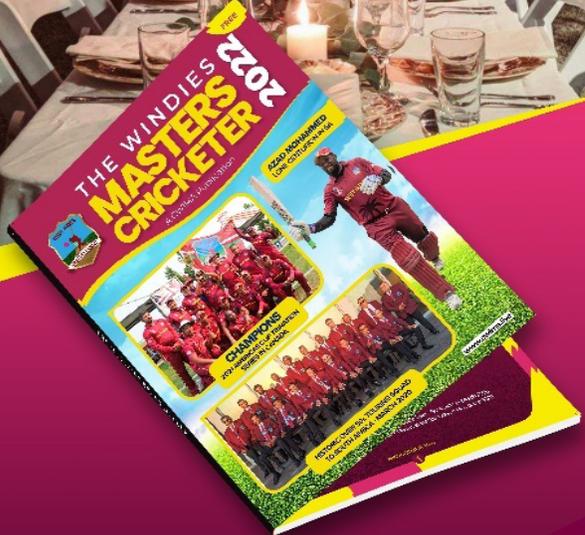
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WEST INDIES MASTERS CRICKET -CONCEPTS & PROGRESS SO FAR!

- COLIN E. H. CROFT

The concept of West Indian 'Veterans' or 'Masters' Cricket teams, with age group separations; Over 40s; Over 50; Over 60s; is not new. Even when I, as a 23-year-old, started playing cricket for West Indies in 1976/77, some of the older players in that team; Roy Fredericks, Deryck Murray, David Holford and Clive Lloyd; were already keen to enact such continuing situations for WI cricket.



Their thoughts were that, even if the retired players might not be playing Tests or One-Day Internationals, at the very least, their presence on the cricket fields and in the dressing rooms, could inspire, and educate, some of the younger, aspiring WI international cricketers. Why not? After all, there were always many vociferous assemblies of retired WI players around the cricket back then anyway, some in great positions as unofficial Coaches, Selectors, Liaison Officers or even Commentators.

Lance Gibbs, Sir Gary Sobers, Charlie Griffith, Sir Wes Hall, Jerry Gomez, Cammie Smith, Sir Everton Weekes, Sir Clyde Walcott, Sven "Charlie" Stayers, Easton Mc Morris, Seymour Nurse, Basil Butcher, Jackie Hendricks, Richard "Prof" Edwards, Clifford Mc Watt,

Joe Solomon, Berkeley Gaskin, Charlie Davis, Bryan Davis, Michael "Joey" Carew, Pascal Roberts, Alfred Valentine, Sonny Ramadhin, Rohan Kanhai, Steven Camacho, Michael Findlay, J.K. Holt - are just some of the past illustrious WI cricketers whom I had met in only my first year of playing for West Indies in 1977. I have met many more since then.

I had played with some, for Guyana, and against a few too. Their suggestions and guidance have always been unbelievably invaluable. Others, like Sir Wes and Sir Clyde, had continued to play club cricket in Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago and Barbados long after their retirements from international cricket.

For whatever reasons, though, especially in the Caribbean, the concept of "Masters' Cricket" never really caught on, even though some of those named; Basil Butcher, Joe Solomon, Bryan Davis, "Joey" Carey, "Prof" Edwards, Seymour Nurse and even J.K. Holt; were still sufficiently fit, had been still playing club cricket, and would come to our practice nets to do demonstrations and coaching. Those were great days, but West Indies has also been the only international cricket team which has not continued that concept of

former international players playing regularly together after international retirements.

Fast forward to 1998. By then, I had been long retired from being a WI cricketer. I remember taking my late wife, Gail, to “play mass” in Trinidad & Tobago’s Carnival, with Peter Minshall’s massive competition-winning band “RED”, just hours before I boarded an aircraft to USA, thence to India, to be a part of an International Masters Cricket Tournament, with a pseudo-WI Masters team which included such players as Collis King, Joel Garner, Alvin Kallicharran, Sir Vivian Richards and Sir Gordon Greenidge.

Over the last twenty or so years, many presentations about Masters’ Cricket have circulated, some even being played in the Caribbean, but nothing sufficiently serious or continuous, until this recent effort by CWIMA – **Cricket West Indies Masters’ Association** - of which one product is “**BIG MAN CRICKET**”.

I only became aware of the CWIMA by chance in 2022. I was reading an article on-line, published by Tony Mc Watt, son of late, former WI player Clifford Mc Watt, and whose publications cover WI cricket. On contacting him, I was put on to one of the main coordinators of CWIMA, Raj Singh.

I was then invited to attend, participate, and to lend some information and knowledge, from my cricketing past, to CWIMA, for an international tournament in Houston, Texas, USA, featuring West Indies Masters, USA Masters, Canada Masters and USA “A” Masters. Very pleasantly, and surprisingly, I was even awarded the honor of being an ambassador.

That tournament in Houston in 2022 opened my eyes as to what CWIMA was really about. Yes, it is about much older cricketers playing the game that they have always loved. However, most of the players were not WI or any other internationals at all. Most were professionals in many other aspects of life not related to cricket. All that they really had in common was that they all had a yearning; a craving even; like Lord Alfred Tennyson’s “The Lotos Eaters”; to continue sampling, playing, even painfully enjoying the game that they had all loved all of their lives; cricket.

The Caribbean has about seven million people overall. That means that there are also seven million team selectors, as everyone knows whom should be selected, including themselves. As my old WI team-mate Michael Holding once said: “Crofty, one of these days, West Indies will put out a cricket team of at least 165 players,



Windies Legend Colin Croft autographs magazine for Windies masters players



Windies legend Colin Croft received his Windies masters hat from Vice Chairman Dave Narine

since every territory will want their own XI playing!” Funny but true!

CWIMA has made considerable progress since I became aware of the organization in early 2022, going to “World Cups” in South Africa and Australia, but the pools of age-group cricketers are way too small. A tremendous infusion of many players is needed, and necessary, if the concept is to survive well.

Most of the present CWIMA cricketers are probably well set in their professional lives, or retired, and probably well set financially too. Therefore, they can afford to absorb the nowadays astronomical personal costs just for that unique pleasure of travelling anywhere and playing anywhere.

While certainly applaudable, that is also quite dangerous, and can become even cantankerous too, since, having invested so many funds, everyone will want to play, regardless of abilities available and on display. That must bring about much discontent and aggravation.

For CWIMA to move onwards and upwards, with international tours to Australia, England and South Africa already completed, and proposals maybe for tours to India and other places, one situation is noticeably clear; the pools of age-group players must expand almost exponentially. Only then would a really strong, successful, continuing situation obtain, as there is always strength in vast numbers.

Real monetary sponsors must be found, so that many older players who may not be able to afford travel costs, can still be accommodated to take part, enjoy, and play well. If those sponsors could be found, as soon as possible, to finance teams and tours; not individuals; then CWIMA could be here to stay.

Colin E. H. Croft 23 February 2023

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CHAMPIONS TROPHY O50s & O60s - HOUSTON, TEXAS

- RAJ SINGH

After deciding to abort our Thailand tour, CWIMA embarked on a dual tour to Houston, Texas, with both our O50s and our fledgling O60s teams. Again, the competitors were similar to the ones in the Americas Cup in Canada, but this time, the USA was fielding the 2nd XI at both the O50s and the O60s age group levels. This tournament was the first time that CWIMA was fielding an O60s team, and several persons willing to embark on the Thailand tour opted out of playing in this Champions trophy in the USA. The destination was a significant difference for these players, who may not have been inclined to play competitive cricket in the future.

Be that as it may, West Indies had 13 @ O50s players available and 16 @ O60s players. Injuries raised its ugly head for several of our players at both levels, so much so that we had to play several injured players in our final O60s

match against the USA 'A' team for the plate final. Even though we started with 16 players, most had yet to play cricket at this level for an extended period, and we had numerous challenges at this age group level. Firstly, the guys were all playing together for the first time, so it took a lot of work for the captain to manage his players effectively. Secondly, most of these players were accustomed to just playing on weekends and needed to be equipped for the rigors of a full schedule of matches within a short period. Fitness was another critical factor that affected several players. West Indies O60s thus lost their battles to Canada and the USA but won twice against the USA 'A' team. Captain Roy Singh led from the front with 167 runs and narrowly missed out on a century against Canada finishing on an unbeaten 97. Kris Ramdat and Hafiz Mohamed finished on 105 runs each as the only other batters to cross the 100 runs



Managers Raj Singh & Dave Narine pose with the WI O60s team



Media Officer John Ramsingh poses with the WI O50s team

aggregate. Prem Singh, Pramesh Seheult, and Tej Ramroop all finished with 4 wickets apiece in the tournament, with Hafiz Mohamed and Ron Khan finishing on 3.

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West Indies were left winded with the new look USA team and lost both their matches against this determined USA team. We, however, won all of our matches against Canada and the USA 'A' team as expected. The USA brought in some very young 50+ year-olds and were by far the fitter of the 2 groups. Our bowlers held their own in this tournament finishing in the top 3- Kenny Girdharry had 9 wickets and the highest in the tournament, followed by Zamin Amin with 8 wickets and Fareed Hosein with 7 wickets. Our batting did not live up to expectations and can be considered to have failed miserably, with only Ishwar Maraj barely crossing the 100 runs aggregate reaching 102, followed by Fareed Hosein with 87, William Lashley 86, Narine

Bidhesi 75 with the only half-century of the tournament for the WI (67). Vejai Seonarine 61, Rajendra Sadeo 53, and Azad Mohammed 53 also crossed the 50 runs aggregate.

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MARLBOROUGH CUP O50s - ENGLAND & WALES - RAJ SINGH

West Indies has now embarked on a few tours, namely, the O50s Americas Cup in Canada- August 2021, which they easily won against Canada & the USA; the O50s & O60s Champions Trophy in Houston, TX, where they were runners up at the O50s and Plate winners at the O60s; then the O50s Marlborough Cup in England where they finished as runners up to England. This tournament was contested between 4 strong teams -England, Wales, India & the West Indies.

Playing at home, England was always the hot favorite to win this tournament, as they had many quality players available for selection. They have had established leagues for masters' cricket around the country for several years. Wales also had masters' leagues

and were playing at home too. India had the advantage of having several players playing in the English leagues, so they could have also been considered to have an experienced team playing primarily at home and familiar with the conditions. West Indies players are drawn from all parts of the USA, Canada & the Caribbean and only play together if and when they are on tour, so even hosting a tournament in the Caribbean will be like a tour for the West Indies. Once again, our team was not at full strength as we only had 12 @O50 and 4 @O60s players.

West Indies had 7 matches planned within 11 days. This tour had 3 legs, with 4 practice matches and the 3 back-to-back matches for the Marlborough Cup. We commenced



WI O50s touring squad at Heathrow Airport

playing 2 practice ODIs against Wales in Wales, then another 2 practice matches in East London against England and India, then 3 matches for the final leg in Marlborough. This experience proved to be quite rigorous. The organizers may have underrated the rigors of moving from Hotel to Hotel to Hotel and the amount of travel this trip entailed. The touring party comprised 16 players, 1 Manager, and 17 guests (mainly wives and kids). This aspect of the tour was the most enjoyable since it allowed the players to have their partners and families with them while doing something they enjoyed.

After the long trip to Heathrow, the players all congregated to travel by coach bus to Wales, another 4-hour journey, then their first ODI the very next day against Wales. Our boys acquitted themselves reasonably well in this first match falling short by 19 runs. Several of the guys got starts but could not convert to a significant score- Azad Mohammed top scored with 42, Ishwar Maraj 25, Rajendra Sadeo 21, Sunil Dhaniram 20, and Anthony Sahadeo 17. Our bowling did well, but our batting and fielding let us down badly. Windies was also without their star player Sudesh Dhaniram for the Wales leg of the tournament.

Everyone had a day off the next day and hoped to be re-energized, more acclimatized, and ready for battle in the 2nd ODI the following day, but this was not to be as Wales won this ODI quite convincingly, beating WI

by 81 runs. Only Sunil Dhaniram, with a run-a-ball 83 laced with 12 boundaries, and Rajendra Sadeo, with 26 from 30 balls with 3 boundaries and a maximum, offered any resistance. Wales seamer Malith Madurasinghe wreaked havoc with the Windies Masters to finish with 5 for 30 off his 9 overs. Everyone returned to the hotel immediately after to embark on another 4-hour journey to Brentwood for the 2nd leg of the tournament. They were greeted with a power outage upon arriving at the hotel at midnight, lasting until 7.00 am. The next day was a rest day, but everyone was exhausted from the game and

the horrible experience at that hotel. The ladies and a few guys went on a tour of London while the others went about their own business.

The Windies 3rd ODI match was against a strong England XI at Broxbourne, and our guys played extraordinarily well in the circumstances to narrowly lose by a mere 16 runs chasing a mammoth target of 302 for 7. England's innings was piloted by a masterful 148 from Richard Trotman, ably supported by James Williams with 70 off 42 balls. West Indies had a great

start from their openers, Rajendra Sadeo 57 and Anthony Sahadeo 60, putting together 124 for the first wicket. Sudesh Dhaniram kept the run rate going with another half-century, 58 off 63 balls. The top 3 batters went via the LBW route that effectively dented the



Top scorer Sunil Dhaniram poses in front of scoreboard in Wales

Windies hopes of registering their first victory on tour. Skipper Zamin Amin made a quick-fire 32 off 23 balls with 3 boundaries and 2 sixes, but it just wasn't good enough. England had gotten a scare. Before the start of the match, the England management presented a gift to the Windies Manager, Raj Singh, for his invaluable service to West Indies cricket.



Manager Raj Singh receives his award from England Manager Peter Rider

The next day, supposedly a rest day, we traveled for a few hours to Marlborough for our tour's most important leg. Our boys recorded their first victory on English soil, overcoming a spirited Wales team by a narrow margin of 9 runs. West Indies batted first and rattled up an imposing 267 for 8 off their allotted overs, led by a brilliant century from Ishwar

Maraj, who opened the batting and batted throughout the innings for 113 off 129 deliveries with 11 boundaries and 3 sixes. Both Dhanirams, Sunil and Sudesh, supported well with 41 and 25, respectively. Wales had a strong reply but fell short in the end.

The trend of our guys having a brilliant performance followed by a lackluster one continued when they played India the following day at Gravesend with 3 of our key players rested due to injuries- Skipper Zamin Amin, Sunil Dhaniram, and Ishwar Maraj. West Indies batting first folded for a meager 113 with only stand-in captain Kenny

Girdharry with 26* and Anthony Sahadeo 23 offering token resistance. The rigors of our travel, injuries to key players, and having to play back-to-back matches took their toll on our guys. The Indians knocked off the runs for the loss of a solitary wicket. Former Indian test player Sanjeev Sharma led the way with 67* from 71 balls.

The Marlborough Cup, comprising 3 back-to-back @45 overs matches, would always test the fitness level of the best international cricketers, much less O50s players. Our guys were also dealing with the rigors of several hours of traveling by bus from the various locations on tour. Our next matchup was against India, who had beaten us comfortably in the earlier practice game.

India won the toss and elected to take the first strike hoping to possibly grind the WI Masters into the ground since everyone was playing their second back-to-back matches and West Indies had already played 5 games in the last 7 days. India started very conservatively and ended up losing 3 wickets for 48 runs at the first 15-over water break. India then dug in for the next session, where they added around 70 runs while losing the solitary wicket of former Indian test cricketer



Ishwar raises his bat after a majestic century 113



Sudesh Dhaniram celebrates his maiden masters ton vs India at Marlborough College

Sanjeev Sharma for a polished 31. The Windies Masters then regrouped and took regular wickets during the final session to have them all out for 212 in the last over. Fakir Dungaria and Tushar Jhaveri contributed 49 each to take India to a respectable score. Fareed Hosein, who

took 3 wickets for 23 runs in 5 overs, had excellent support from Sunil Dhaniram, who had 2 for 33 off his allotted 9 overs.

In reply Windies lost an early wicket when Sadeo was adjudged LBW for 8 with the score on 13. Sudesh Dhaniram joined the centurion from the previous day, Ishwar Maraj, and batted very sensibly, putting together a 76-run partnership before Maraj was dismissed just 5 runs short of his half-century. The Dhaniram brothers then came together for a beautiful partnership of 86. When it looked like they would have taken it home for the Windies, Sunil danced down the wicket and was stumped for a well-played 29. Sudesh was still on 81 and coasting to his century, which he reached before Windies surpassed the Indian total in the 41st over. Sudesh finished on an unbeaten 108 from 104 deliveries laced with 20 boundaries.

In their 3rd consecutive match in 3 days, West Indies played very well for brief periods but

could not sustain their performance. Stephen Foster starred with bat and ball as the hosts put on a clinical display of O50s cricket. He stroked 83 off 82 balls as England piled on 274/8 off their allotted overs, then cleaned up the Windies tail with 2/5. West Indies did not help their cause, with extras contributing a healthy 50 runs to the England total and the second top score. Sudesh Dhaniram ended with 3 for 43 off his 8 overs and was well supported by Sunil Dhaniram with 2 for 54 and Fareed Hosein with 2 for 46.

The West Indies lost their last 6 wickets for just 15 runs, tumbling from 188/4 to 203 all out. Rob Nelson took 3 wickets in an over to finish with personal best figures of 4/23.

The Windies had left themselves too much to do in the last 15 overs – they needed over 9 an over at that stage – despite a valuable partnership of 83 runs from Narine Bidhesi (54) and Azad Mohammed (44). Losing the two Dhaniram brothers for a combined total of 25 runs didn't help. Rajendra Sadeo fought off the English opening attack to score 37



Azad Mohammed playing his signature shot



WI O50s team pose in front of the Marlborough College main pavilion

runs off 62 deliveries with 2 fours and 2 sixes but lost his wicket just when he was well set.

Windies had suffered a huge blow early in the day when they lost the services of its Vice-captain, Ishwar Maraj, with an injured right elbow. Maraj had struck a sparkling 113* on Sunday against Wales and 45 the next day against the Indians.

Earlier in the day, England had gotten off to a rollicking start, with Giles Ecclestone (43) and David Snellgrove (38) adding 99 for the first wicket at 7.6 an over.

Foster came in at 5 and batted beautifully for his 83 – which saw him regain his position as the leading run-scorer in O50Is, overtak-

ing Australia's Peter Solway (690 runs) and becoming the first batsman to score 700 runs at this level.

However, he became the first wicket in a Sudesh Dhaniram's hat-trick that tripped England from 253/5 to 253/8. Before this match, Dhaniram had taken just 1 wicket in O50Is

at an average of 177.



Sudesh Dhaniram receives his player of the tournament from Michael Cann

INAUGURAL O60s WORLD CUP- QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

- RAJ SINGH

Day 1-Sunday August 28

Most of the guys and spouses arrived in LAX today or yesterday to embark on their lengthy journey to Brisbane. The Canadian contingent of Roy, Sandra & Ron winged out from Toronto/Vancouver while Walter traveled from Thailand and Richard adopted the scenic route-TT/London/Singapore/Sydney/Brisbane. During our trip, we lost Monday and arrived Tuesday morning in Brisbane. Richard had left T.T. on Monday and eventually came on Thursday, September 1.



Windies O60s squad at LAX Airport prior to winging out to Australia

Day 2- Tuesday, August 30

The 16-person group from LAX arrived a little after 5.00 am, with Walter and the Canadian trio joining soon after. We departed the airport around 9 am with our bus, which took about 90 mins to arrive at the hotel. Everyone was in great spirits along the journey, even though jet lagged and tired.

Some persons were lucky to have an early check-in, while others had to wait until 2 pm to check in. In the meantime, Sandra spearheaded the uniform distribution to everyone, along



WI Liaison Officer George Downes at the Opening Ceremony for the O60s World Cup

with the welcome kit from the World Cup Committee. Sandra also undertook the duties of Tour Treasurer and did a remarkable job. Since breakfast wasn't available at the hotel, the apartments were all equipped with cooking facilities; everyone went shopping for groceries and other necessities. Some people then had a late lunch or early dinner before retiring. We also met with our Liaison Officer, George Downes, later that evening, where he was recruited to be the 16th member of our squad.

Day 3- Wednesday, August 31

W.I. vs. India- Practice match

West Indies played their first warm-up game against India at the Maroochydore Cricket facility in Queensland, Australia. Having lost the toss, the W.I. team was asked to bat and posted a decent score of 229 runs in their allotted overs of 45 on a wet and challenging pitch. Notable scores were Monty Venkersammy 48, Keith Lawrence 43, and the skipper Roy Singh 36, retired. All the players could participate in the game and gained much-needed experience playing in spring conditions. Temperatures were in the early 50s, progressing to the 60s bordering on 70.

The Indian team then batted when the pitch had dried out, which helped them to score quickly and were able to knock off the winning runs in the 42nd over. We dropped about 5 catches and bowled quite a few wides, and it was obvious that our guys were hurting from the long travel without getting much sleep the previous night. We thought we could achieve what we set out to accomplish by having all 15 of our guys, including our recruit George, a knock in the middle.

Day 4- Thursday, September 1

Net Sessions/Zoo tour

The guys had a scheduled 2 hours net session at 11 am at the Maroochydore CC, which they all attended and participated in. Richard arrived this morning, was picked up by George, and came straight to the ground, where he picked up his kit and then headed to the hotel to get some much-needed rest. The Captain and the Manager attended the Captains and Managers meeting in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, the girls took up an invitation from George's partner, Sue, to visit the Zoo and some other notable sightseeing areas of the Sunshine Coast. The guys returned to the hotel and held their first meeting to prepare for the World Cup.

Day 5- Friday, September 2

Welcome Opening Ceremony

Everyone attended the Opening Ceremony at the Alex Surf Club, which had a beautiful setting on the beach and partially inside. There was a special photography session for all the teams at 1 pm, and our group was one of the better-dressed teams, which benefited from the presence of our 6 spouses. All the teams were well represented at the Ceremony, and there was great camaraderie and socializing among all the teams.



Spouses at the Opening Ceremony



Players & spouses at the Opening Ceremony

Our selectors had met and selected the teams for the first 2 matches that weekend versus Pakistan and the Rest of the World.

Day 6- Saturday, September 3

1st scheduled/aborted ODI-WI vs. Pakistan

The forecast for the weather predicted rain from Friday evening into Saturday morning. Most of the guys were ready to go down for the bus around 7.15 am when the announcement came from the organizing committee that all matches for that day were canceled. A few of the guys then decided to do some indoor nets at the Caloundra CC, but most were very disappointed with the games being called off. At around mid-afternoon, the organizers summoned us to an emergency meeting, where they had revised the fixtures to still have the full tournament played in a condensed period. We tried to get the organizers to reduce the games to 40 overs, but

when the Committee placed it to a vote, it ended up with 6 countries voting for it to remain at 45 overs, and the Chairman voted in favor of this with his casting vote. Pakistan, WI, USA, and others voted for the 40 overs.

Day 7- Sunday, September 4

Net Sessions

WI did not have a game scheduled today, so our guys decided to do a 2-hr. net session at the Maroochydore CC. George shuttled some of the guys while the others used UBER. Once again, the girls took the opportunity to shop and do some sightseeing with Sue.

Day 8- Monday, September 5

W.I. vs. Pakistan- 1st ODI

West Indies faced off against Pakistan in our first match of the over-60s World Cup. West Indies won the toss and put Pakistan in to bat first. West Indies bowled well in the first 15



Players decked out in the sponsors shirt- HUMAN

overs, restricting Pakistan to 48 runs in the first 15 overs for 1 wicket. The second session yielded 3 more wickets but could have been better with a few crucial dropped catches that allowed Pakistan to add 81 runs in this second session. The third session allowed Pakistan to rack up a decent total of 216 all out. The best bowlers for W.I. were Prem Singh 3 for 30 in 8.1 overs, and Hafiz Mohamed, 4 wickets for 24 runs.



Top scorer Richard Sieuchan raises his bat

In reply, W.I. started poorly, losing their first wicket in the second over and three wickets in the first session with a score of 58. The Pakistan team bowled several spinners, taking the pace off, that made scoring very difficult. West Indies finished the game with a total score of 193 for 9 wickets in the 45 overs— notable scores, Richard Sieuchan 50, Roy Singh 29, S Sookram 26, and Hafiz Mohamed 26.

Day 9- Tuesday, September 6 **W.I. vs. Rest of the World- 2nd ODI**

West Indies lost their 2nd game in a row to the Rest of the World team by 4 wickets in a closely fought contest. ROW won the toss and invited West Indies to take the first strike under cold conditions at the Caloundra Cricket Ground. The openers started very cautiously and lost Monty Venkersammy via the run-out route with 38 runs on the board. Keith Lawrence then joined Gossai, and the runs were still hard to come by. Gossai eventually departed for a valuable 22 off 55 balls. Lawrence added 32 runs with his Captain, Roy Singh before he was caught and bowled for 16 off 34 deliveries. After that, Sieuchan then joined Roy, and they started to increase the run rate adding 54 for the 4th wicket before Roy went for an ambitious shot, missed, and got bowled for a well-played 40 off 55 balls with 2 boundaries. Sookram then joined Sieuchan but was soon the 2nd run-out victim leaving WI at 150 for 5. Hafiz Mohamed then joined Sieuchan, and they both continued to play positive cricket to take W.I. to a decent



Another splendid innings from Richard Sieuchan

total of 206 for 5 off their allotted 45 overs. Sieuchan finished undefeated on 60 with 2 fours and 2 sixes, and Hafiz Mohamed finished with 19 off 28 balls. J Courtney finished with 2 for 31 for the ROW.

ROW also started very calmly, with their openers taking their time seeing off the new ball, which was bowled by Sieuchan and Downes, who both bowled their full quota of 9 overs each. Gaskell and Calvert came together after both openers had fallen with 40 runs on the board and added 127 runs for the 3rd wicket before Gaskell retired for 50. Calvert also got a half-century before departing at 167. There was a brief period when ROW wobbled a bit, losing 2 other wickets to Prem Singh at 184 and 195 but eventually got home in the 42nd over.

Richard Sieuchan was named the Man of the match for the W.I., whilst Neil Calvert was named MOM for the ROW.

Day 10- Wednesday, September 7th **WI vs. South Africa- 3rd ODI**

In very muggy conditions, South Africa overwhelmed W.I. in their 3rd round match at the Caloundra Cricket Club by 50 runs. W.I. won the toss and invited S.A. to take the first strike. Through some good partnerships throughout the innings, S.A. was able to post a formidable 202 for 8 off their allotted 45 overs. Ross Holing, who opened the batting, top-scored with a brilliant 57. At the same time, his middle-order batters ably supported him, with A Cupido contributing 36, T Poole 25, V Chamier 22, M Dessendorf 21, and the veteran Omar Henry 16. Walter Persaud was

the pick of the bowlers with 2 for 29 off his 9 overs, H Mohamed got 2 for 31, and Tej Ramroop snared 2 for 47.

W.I. got off to a good but slow start, with the openers Tej Ramroop and Virgil Gossai putting on 41 in 12 overs before Tej departed for 10 off 20 balls. Gossai was next to go at 60 after getting a start with 26 off 63 balls but, once again, failed to step up his strike rate. Captain Roy Singh, who promoted himself up the order to 3, tried to repair the damage caused by the loss of the openers with former TT First Class cricketer Richard Sieuchan. Sieuchan had already made half-centuries in the first 2 ODIs and was leading the batting average for the tournament with 110 in those 2 innings. The wicket began to play very slow and unevenly as the W.I. started their innings, and Sieuchan, unfortunately, fell to a stroke that came off the back of his bat, playing too



Roy Singh receives his MOM award against SA from Roy Meeser

early to be caught at short fine leg. Runs became very difficult to get on the track, and very soon, it became apparent that W.I. had to go for the big shots, which resulted in Roy attempting to go over the top and falling for a well-played 35 off 60 deliveries. Richard De Silva also contributed 16 off 44 deliveries, with scoring being more difficult as the game progressed. West Indies was only able to achieve 4 boundaries in their eventual total of 152/7. V Chamier, with 3 for 25, and T Poole, with 2 for 27 effectively strangled the W.I. batters taking the pace off the ball. Veteran Omar Henry also bowled 8 overs for a miserly 16 runs.

Roy Singh was adjudged the MOM for the WI (35 runs & 2 catches), whilst Ross Holing was awarded the MOM for S.A.

Day 11- Thursday, September 8 **Rest Day**

The players had a well-deserved rest day after 3 days of grueling cricket. Manager Raj Singh and Captain Roy Singh joined the other captains and Managers worldwide for an appreciation lunch sponsored by the CWC Organizing Committee at the Alex Surf Club. The lunch was a nice gesture by the O.C. and well appreciated by all. This lunch was immediately followed by the Countries meeting, where all the countries were represented except S.A. & N.Z., who had other commitments before the Organizing Committee had issued the revised schedule. It was agreed that each country would have a solitary representative to the management committee to govern the affairs of O60s cricket going forward. Hosting for the 2024 O60s WC was another hot topic

up for discussion. The group agreed to set up the criteria for the submission of bids for the hosting of this event and circulate to all the countries who had an interest in hosting the next W.C. in 2024. India, SL, England, Canada & UAE all expressed interest. Bids will be entertained by the end of Sept 2022, and a decision to be made by the 13 countries' reps on the successful award.

Day 12- Friday, September 9 **W.I. vs. N.Z.- 4th ODI**

On a wet and cold day, the West Indies again meekly folded after dismissing the Kiwis inside the eventual rain-reduced allotment of 25 overs. After a rain-delayed start, the match eventually got underway as a 36 overs affair, but the heavens again opened up in the 10th over after W.I. inserted N.Z. to take the first strike. Kiwis posted a formidable 124 all out in the 23rd over, which was increased to 132 under the DLS method for an interruption during the innings. Hafiz Mohamed was the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 20. He was ably supported by Prem Singh with 3 for 31 and Pramesh Seheult with 2 for 23.

W.I. began their reply disastrously, losing Monty Venkersammy off the first ball going via the LBW route. They lost 2 quick wickets in First Class players Sieuchan and Sookram to leave them on 5 for 3 wickets. Roy Singh attempted to repair the early damage, but W.I. eventually folded for a below-par 49 all out. Roger Strachurski was the chief architect of the Windies demise with 4 for 18.

Since it was a bowlers' day, it was no surprise that 2 bowlers earned the Man of the Match

for their sides—Hafiz Mohamed for the West Indies and Roger Strachurski for the Kiwis. The Kiwis then presented a gift to Monty Venkersammy for the Play of the Day for an incredible catch that he took.

Day 13- Saturday, September 10

W.I. vs. USA- 5th ODI

The USA batted first and scored a pretty decent total of 198 for 7 off their allotted overs. Opener C Barlingay top-scored with 52, ably supported by Dave Ramdan, with 43 and M Riley, with 36. Tej Ramroop was the pick of the bowlers with 2 for 31, but Prem Singh went for 2 for 52. There was a wicket apiece for George Downes and Ron Khan.

W.I. started disastrously, losing their first 3 batters for 0s and with just 2 runs on the board. A recovery had to be staged by Richard Sieuchan and Roy Singh again before Roy departed with the score on 47. Sieuchan found valuable allies in Gerald Singh, 21, Tej Ramroop, 22, and George Downes, 21, but they were not enough to get the W.I. across the line. Sieuchan pulled up with a groin injury during his top score of 55 and was later named the MOM for the W.I. team. W.I. finished with 163 for 8 off their 45 overs.

The evening culminated with a sumptuous BBQ organized by the guys led by Pramesh and Harvey, with most of the other guys chipping in to assist in the arrangements and Roy doing most of the BBQ. Everyone had a great time at the hotel.

Day 14- Sunday, September 11

Rest day

Today was another well-deserved rest day for everyone. Everyone divided themselves into groups and did various tours and/or shopping. One group of 7 persons, with most of the couples did a midday boat cruise just off Mooloolaba, which was quite beautiful, whilst another group was escorted to Brisbane to the cricket store, then to the glass-top mountains before they returned to their rooms to cook the goat curry from the night before. All the ladies chipped in to assist with this cooking process headed up by Pramesh & Prem.



Ladies cooking in one of the apartments in the Hotel

Day 15- Monday, September 12

WI vs Sri Lanka-6th ODI

W.I. lost the toss and was inserted to take the first strike. They had lost their first 2 wickets for 40 runs at the first 15-over interval, with their skipper Roy Singh and opener Keith Lawrence staging a recovery. Lawrence got out at 59, precipitating wickets falling in a steady procession afterward to leave West Indies all out for 125. Roy Singh scored 37 off 84 balls, with only Keith Lawrence and Tej



Ladies in full support

Ramroop offering token resistance on 19 and 13, respectively. Two of the S.L. bowlers got 3 wickets apiece- N. Gowripalan and Pieris.

West Indies started bowling very focused and had Sri Lanka reeling somewhat at the 15 overs interval with 4 for 34. Prem Singh had 3 out of those 4 wickets, with Walter snaring the other. The Sri Lankans then regrouped and batted sensibly around Ragavan, who guided S.L. to victory for a well-played 47. S.L. ended up losing 6 wickets in the process. Prem Singh finished with his best figures of 3 for 13. Hafiz Mohamed finished with 2 for 31.

Day 16- Tuesday, September 13

W.I. vs. Zimbabwe- 7th ODI

WI finished the tour on a high, recording a convincing victory against the lowly-ranked Zimbabwe. W.I. won the toss and elected to take first strike against a tired Zimbabwe team. Sunderdat Sookram and Ron Khan opened the batting putting on 46 runs before Sookram got out for a well-played 33 just when he looked very ominous. Khan followed soon after for 12, and all the other batters kept up the momentum with quick runs. Valuable contributions came from Roger De Silva with 30, Richard Sieuchan 27, Roy Singh

24, Keith Lawrence 23, Hafiz Mohamed 23, and Tej Ramroop 11*. This display was by far the best batting effort by the Windies to finish on 223 for 7 after their allotted overs.

Zimbabwe started very sedately but lost 2 quick wickets on the stroke of the 15-over interval to be set back at 40 for 2. W.I. then picked up 2 other quick wickets to leave ZIM delicately poised at 48 for 4 in the 21st over. Thereafter, Wallace and Steyn staged a mini-recovery with a century partnership worth 115 runs before Steyn departed for a well-played 59. W.I. was hampered by the injury to Hafiz Mohamed, who could not bowl, and the other bowlers did not measure up well. However, ZIM never threatened to overcome the healthy score posted by the Windies and finished with 181 for 6 off their allotted overs. G Steyn was named MOM for the ZIM team. Richard Sieuchan was named MOM for W.I. for his best bowling figures of 3 for 16 bowling off a short run.

Day 17- Wednesday, September 14

Rest day- Brisbane tour/shopping & Glass top mountains

The finals between New Zealand and Pakistan was played today, but everyone chose to spend the day doing other stuff except cricket but followed the match closely online.

The day was spent again with George and Sue taking 2 groups doing different tours. The couples went to Brisbane to do some shopping for souvenirs at the Brisbane Mall after stopping on the way for breakfast. Thereafter, everyone enjoyed the sumptuous lunch taken at the only Caribbean-style restaurant



Sightseeing tour Roy, George, Raj & Harvey



Having lunch during the tour

that was located just outside of Brisbane. George then took us up the mountains, where he stopped at several lookout points to witness the magnificent glass-top mountains and other points of interest.

Another group of guys again went to the Greg Chappell cricket store to purchase cricket gear and the beach opposite the hotel. Upon our return, Roy treated a group, including George & Sue to a delicious home-cooked Chicken curry, dhol, and rice.

Day 18- Thursday, September 15 **AWARDS/CLOSING CEREMONY**

This gala affair that was very well attended by all the teams, a few dignitaries, and some great cricketers such as Mike Proctor, Omar Henry, Eddos Brandes, and Brian Davidson.

World Cup Champions Pakistan made a grand entrance after everyone had already arrived.

Amazing Cricket Facts

Who is the only bowler to have picked up a wicket off the last balls of their career in all 3 formats?

Glenn McGrath after picking up loads of wickets in international cricket ended his career for Australia in the best possible manner. He picked up a wicket off his last ball in Test, ODI as well as the T20I. He is the only bowler to achieve this feat.

BIG MAN CRICKET O50s CARIBBEAN CUP - BARBADOS - RAJ SINGH

This inaugural tournament hosted by CWIMA was an outstanding success by all standards. The inclement weather curtailed some of the matches, but everyone had a fantastic time at this event. This tournament was equivalent to a mini-world cup and surely met its expectations. West Indies fielded 2 teams in this tournament that featured Canada, England, India, UAE, USA, Wales. There were 2 pools of 4 teams:

- **Group A- India, USA, Wales & West Indies**
- **Group B- Canada, England, UAE & West Indies A**

There were 12 league games and 8 playoffs, including the finals. Several first-class venues were selected- BNOC Sports Club, Police Sports Club, Wanderers CC, St Catherine CC, Windward CC, and Four-Square Oval. Due to the constant rainfall, the wickets were not conducive for batting, and most teams had several low scores. There was just one solitary score above 200 registered by England vs. Canada (202 for 5) and just 2

scores over 150 runs- USA 189 for 9 in the finals and USA again with 158 for 8 vs. India. Most of the other scores were under 150 for the matches that went to the fully allotted 45 overs, while those rain-shortened games were even lower.

Since all the teams had so many low scores, it was no surprise that a bowler was determined as the Player of the Series- Zamin Amin. Zamin also copped the best bowler for the series, while Jonathan Wileman won the best batsman of the series. West Indies wicketkeeper, Anthony Sahadeo copped the best fielder award since he had a great series overall behind the stumps.

The grand final was held at the world-famous Kensington Oval between the USA and West Indies, with the USA completely dominating the West Indies for the majority of the game. Hereunder is the link for all the scorecards of all the matches in this tournament.

<http://www.windiesmasters.org/cwima/listMatches.do?league=30&year=null&clubId=30679>

Amazing Cricket Facts

Who is the only player to hit a six off the first ball of a test?

The king of six-hitting, Chris Gayle showed why he is called so in a test match against Australia. He hit the first ball of the match for a six and remains the only player to do so.



2022 OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS

West Indies O50s masters enjoyed a full year of cricket after the COVID pandemic and most of their seasoned veterans contributed to this success in 2022. Hereunder, we outline

their cricketing careers and performances that made them our heroes for 2022 and wish them continued success:

KENNY GIRDHARRY **BEST BOWLER -2022 O50s CHAMPIONS TROPHY**

In Spring 2022, the O50s Champions Trophy was held in Houston, Texas, where the West Indies' opening bowler, Kenny Girdharry, was awarded The Best Bowler for taking the most wickets. Throughout the five matches, Kenny took 9 wickets for 131 runs, averaging 14.56 runs per wicket and had an overall economy rate of 3.36 runs per over. Despite seven other bowlers taking eight wickets each and two with seven wickets each, Kenny stood out as he had a superior economy rate and bowled the most dot deliveries in the tournament, an impressive 156 dots or 26 overs out of 39 overs bowled.

Kenny's excellent performance began with 4 wickets for 30 runs against the USA "A" team, followed by 2 for 17 against Canada, 2 for 32 against USA, and 1 for 22 against USA "A" team in the semi-final. He opened the bowling in each game and bowled his full quota of 9



Kenny poses with his award

overs in one spell, except for the semi-final, which was reduced to a 22-over match. This performance showcased his remarkable fitness level in the scorching Houston heat. Unfortunately, despite Kenny's outstanding individual performance, the West Indies O50s team faltered in the final against the USA team.

Kenny was thrilled to share this moment with his teammates, management, and the great West Indies fast bowler Mr. Colin Croft, who is an Ambassador of the CWIMA and travelled with

the team throughout the tournament. Kenny hopes to perform even better in future tournaments and continue to excel. We wish him all the best for the future.

During his career, Kenny played alongside former Guyana and West Indies captain Carl Hooper since early teens all the way to the

Northern Telecom's Regional Youth Tournament and was part of the final 20-man squad in the year Carl Hooper dominated the tournament held in Guyana. Kenny had the honor of opening bowling for Georgetown Under 16 and taking 6 wickets for 8 runs plus taking the only helmet trick in the Scarborough Cricket Association league- Toronto, Ontario, and in that particular game, took 6 wickets in 7 deliveries. Kenny has made several centuries along the way and taken numerous 5 wicket

hauls plus a few hat tricks, including one at Case Cup level. His highest score is 124 runs, with his best bowling figure being 7 wickets for 14 runs. Additionally, Kenny was responsible for creating the first softball league in Canada in 1996 for the first 17 years before voluntarily relinquishing the post. He has been the Captain for the Scarborough Angels Cricketers in Toronto since 1996

SUDESH DHANIRAM **WI PLAYER OF THE SERIES IN 2022 O50s MARLBOROUGH CUP**

Sudesh Dhaniram needs no introduction to the world of cricket, and, as expected, he continues to carve out a name for himself in masters' cricket around the world. Without a doubt, Sudesh is one of the most stylish and exciting batsmen that plied his trade during the 80s for Berbice, Guyana, West Indies U23, and West Indies Board XI teams. Dhaniram represented the West Indies B team on tour to Zimbabwe, played League cricket in England and Wales from 1988 to 1994, and played a few games for Glamorgan and the U.S. He had a promising career in Guyana and the West Indies. Everyone marveled at his excellent technique as he faced up to the best in his heyday. Alongside the great Joe Solomon, they are both credited with a unique record



of being the only 2 players to score successive centuries in their first 2 matches at the regional first-class level. In April 1987, Dhaniram made a fantastic debut scoring 102 against the Joel 'Big Bird' Garner-led Barbados at GCC Bourda. In his next match, the flamboyant opener silenced the Leeward Islands with an unforgettable 131.

Sudesh had a very lean start to his masters' crick-eting career for the West Indies in Cape Town, South Africa, having some dubious decisions made against him there. By his standards, his series in the Americas Cup in August 2021 also fell short. He missed the Champions Trophy in Texas but announced his arrival at the Marlborough Cup in England with some scintillating

batting. Sudesh eagerly awaited this tour and ensured most of his family was there. In his first match against England, he recorded a glorious 58 off 63 balls when the W.I. were chasing a mammoth 302 for 7 made by England. His next 2 innings were mediocre, where he managed just 0 against India and

25 against Wales in the first official match of the Marlborough Cup. He then announced his presence in the 2nd match of the triple-header with a masterful century against the Indians- 108 off 104 deliveries laced with 20 boundaries. His century ensured West Indies won their 2nd 2022 Marlborough Cup tournament match.

ISHWAR MARAJ CENTURION IN 2022 O50s MARLBOROUGH CUP

Ishwar has represented many national teams in his cricketing career, including St Lucia in the Stanford T20 and Canada in the ICC World Cup. He is a very attractive left-handed opening batsman and right-handed medium pacer/Off-spinner who excels at finding the gaps and keeping the scoreboard moving along in one-day cricket. Ishwar was particularly strong behind the wicket, using a mixture of cuts, glances, and deflections to work the ball around, but he can also drive well and has a solid defense. Before going to Canada, he played high-standard club cricket in Trinidad and also coached and played professionally in the U.K. He had a strong showing in the 2001 ICC Trophy with three half-centuries, none more important than the 50 in the win over Scotland that took



Canada to the World Cup. He is a reliable fielder and an occasional right-arm spinner. He captained Overseas CC in the Toronto and District League. He carried his bat for 53 in Canada's World Cup match against South Africa, a painstaking inning that set a record for the slowest World Cup half-century. He is currently the Coach and trainer at Queens Park Cricket Club and is still actively involved in domestic leagues in T.T.

Ishwar had a mixed tour of England & Wales and was distraught when an elbow injury ruled him out from the final against England in the Marlborough Cup and may have costed West Indies the game. In the first match against Wales, he batted throughout the innings to register his maiden masters' ODI century.

ZAMIN AMIN

PLAYER OF THE SERIES & BEST BOWLER- 2022 BMC O50s CARIBBEAN CUP

Zamin has been one of the most consistent performers for our West Indies masters ever since our formation and continues to lead from the front. Zamin was born on April 5, 1963, at Albion, in the County of Berbice in Guyana: a left-arm orthodox bowler and right-hand middle-order batsman. In 1981, he represented Guyana's Under-19 team against Barbados in the West Indies Benson & Hedges tournament and shortly after migrated to the United States.

Zamin made his senior debut for the USA national cricket team at the 1990 ICC Trophy in the Netherlands and was appointed Captain of the USA's national team after the tournament, and success came immediately. The USA won the Auty Cup against Canada for the first time after several years. In October 1998, Amin played for the USA in the 1998-99 Red Stripe Bowl, the West Indies domestic one-day competition. Amin's next major international tournament was the 2000 Americas Cricket Cup in Canada. After that, he did not return to the national team until March 2004, when he represented the USA in the ICC Six Nations Challenge in the United Arab Emirates. Later that year, Amin was selected to make his first-class debut, playing against Canada in the newly established ICC Intercontinental Cup. Zamin held the record for the most List-A wickets (47) for



Zamin Amin receives his award from WI legend Ian Bradshaw

the USA from 2004 until Usman Shuja surpassed that record in 2013.

In what would be the twilight of his career, Zamin was named Captain of the West Indies O50s Cricket World Cup team to Cape Town, South Africa, in March 2020. However, that tournament was aborted into the third game because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most recently, in August of 2021, Zamin led the West Indies O50s team successfully in the Americas Cup Tri-Lateral O50s series in Mississauga, Canada, against the USA and host Canada. The West Indies O50s team won all 5 games, including a practice match.

Zamin has since had 2 other outings as captain of the O50s team when he led the team against 3 strong opposition teams, namely: Wales, India and England, in unfamiliar conditions in the Marlborough Cup, England during early July 2022. Some of our players had some exposure over there but the team suffered from an excessive amount of traveling and back-to-back games. CWIMA then hosted 7 other teams in Barbados for the BIG MAN CRICKET O50s CARIBBEAN CUP. West Indies finished as runners up but Zamin's Player of the Series and Best Bowler awards were the bright sparks in a somewhat gloomy Barbados in November. The batting

just did not click as the rain affected the wickets and the tournament very badly.

USA marked first lien on the inaugural BMC Caribbean Cup O50s trophy.

ANTHONY SAHADEO BEST FIELDER-2022 BIG MAN CRICKET O50s CARIBBEAN CUP

Anthony sought a transfer to join the West Indies team after initially turning out for the USA team in Canada-August 2021 during the Americas Cup and then again in the Champions Trophy in March 2022. He had his first season with the West Indies during their tour to the UK in July 2022. Anthony enjoyed an excellent season there



Anthony Sahadeo receives his award from WI legend Ian Bradshaw

both behind and in front of the stumps and another great season in the BMC Caribbean Cup in Barbados to finish the year as the number 2 keeper in the world. His performance in the latter tournament was good enough to earn him the best fielder of the tournament.

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- RAJ SINGH

We cannot improve into the future, both as a body and a team, without reflecting on our past.

CWIMA has evolved ever since its inception as an O50s Organizing Committee in February 2019, tasked with putting together a group of players to take part in the O50s 2020 World Cup in South Africa, then forming themselves into a Steering Committee in November 2019, then into a fully-fledged constituted body as CWIMA in March 2022. There was a gap of almost 18 months within these 4 years where absolutely no cricket was being played which our group utilized well to document our journey and commence our organization's legal framework. There has been numerous growing pains ever since, as can be expected with new organizations. Still, it is crucial that we learn from these issues and make corrections as we move forward in charting our destiny. We have adopted our constitution and a Code of Conduct, which rules and principles guide our actions and events. We may need to revisit these documents as we grow and discover loopholes or nuances in the

same due to our evolving circumstances.

Our performance on the field has been relatively successful over the years. West Indies is in a unique situation with its players being drawn from all parts of the world and hardly ever having the opportunity to play together. There is no established masters league for any age group level in the Caribbean like most of the other countries, and it is only due to the commitment of those players that we currently have that ply their trade in their countries of residence that allows us the luxury of basically fielding fairly competitive teams for the various series and World Cups. Lack of adequate financial resources is a major bugbear for most countries now establishing and developing masters' cricket in a structured manner as we do not have a permanent source of funding and revenue. Fitness is a key factor that needs to be worked on by all of our players. Most of our West Indian players are blessed with abundant natural talent, but they need to emphasize this very crucial area of fitness.

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CWIMA has been building solid relationships with the authorities in Barbados, which have begun to bear fruit. Barbados is very rich in its cricketing history and has always been an attractive tourist destination for all and sundry. CWIMA has introduced the concept of the BIG MAN CRICKET in Guyana and Barbados so far and intends to have it spread to Trinidad and Jamaica in 2023 and to other parts of the Caribbean soon, thus unearthing more talent from which we can select our teams and further developing masters' cricket in the West Indies.



We trust that the governments and the cricket boards in these territories can follow the lead of the Barbados Cricket Association and the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc to promote the concept of destination sports tourism in their respective countries. Masters' cricketers are the ideal target market that can be used

by the authorities to promote the economic development of their countries since most of the Caribbean islands depend tremendously on their survival with the tourism product.

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BIG MAN CRICKET 1, A DEBUT TO REMEMBER -WEST BANK WARRIORS LIFT INAUGURAL TITLE - JOHN RAMSINGH

West Bank Warriors etched their names into the history books of cricket in Guyana by winning the inaugural edition of Big Man Cricket (BMC) 25 overs tournament on October 22, 2022. After the final was postponed several times due to unfavorable weather and Covid-19 restrictions, the curtains eventually dropped on a gloomy day at the historic Georgetown Cricket Club (GCC) Bourda ground. After several twists and turns, the Warriors emerged as champions beating Essequibo Eagles by 25 runs in a low-scoring thriller.

Scheduled for 11 am start, play eventually got underway at 1 pm after a sudden downpour approximately three hours earlier gave the match officials instant headaches. A smart decision was taken to use shorter boundaries due to soggy ground around the perimeter of the

otherwise lush outfield, and the game was eventually played out uninterrupted.

Essequibo Eagles, through captain Bhesham Seepersaud, won the toss and opted to bowl, a decision that proved to be correct on a pitch that was slightly on the slower side, making stroke play challenging. West Bank Warriors stuttered to 112 for 9 from their quota of 25 overs, with the evergreen Anthony Ifill hitting the top score of 24 while Seepersaud claimed 4/25 with his left-arm spin bowling

for the Eagles. In their turn at the crease, the guys from the 'Cinderella' county found the going tough and lost wickets in bunches before they were bowled out for 87 in 23 overs. Ifill was the chief wrecker with 3/10 and got excellent support from Player of the Match Chanderpaul Singh (3/13) with his wily leg breaks.



Sham Persaud, Captain of West Bank Warriors receiving the BMC 1 Winners Cup from Raj Singh, Chairman of the BMC

The final ended a memorable tournament, which was launched on March 12, 2021, as a round-robin tournament with eight enthusiastic teams. The top four teams after the preliminary rounds were set to battle in the semi-finals before the top two teams vie for title honors, but the plans were badly affected by rain.

The opening round of matches was played on the March 13 weekend at venues across the country, but after just two weeks of riveting action, the drama began with the unpredictability of the weather, which kept the players off the field for one year straight. Upon resumption on March 5, 2022, and in the interest of time, a decision was made to allow the top four teams to contest the semi-finals. In the knockout matches, the Warriors beat GT Royal Rangers, while the Eagles overcame a powerful Jai Hind Jaguars unit to book their places in the final. Again, the rain intervened, and the final was played six and a half months after the semis.

In the inaugural year of the tournament, BMC was blessed to have the usage

of several venues such as Number 72 ground, Corentyne, Jai Hind ground Albion, Imam Bacchus ground Essequibo Coast, Metenmeer-zorg ground West Coast Demerara, Enmore Community Centre ground East Coast Demerara, Farm Community Centre ground East Bank Demerara and Bourda in Georgetown.

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In addition to the semifinalists, the four other teams that took part in the tournament were; Upper Corentyne legends, West Dem Vipers, Real Warriors, and Timothy's Motorcycle Masters.

After the tournament, Bsham Seepersaud was awarded as the player with the most wickets, and Ramesh Narine, also of Essequibo Eagles, had the most runs. At the same time, John Sumair of Jai Hind Jaguars registered the highest individual score of 112. Steve Haripaul of West Bank Warriors produced the best bowling figures of the tournament, 5-1-4-5, against Real Warriors at Farm Community Centre ground.

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BMC AMAAS SPORTING SERVICES O50s TOURNAMENTS - BARBADOS

- ANTHONY MORRIS

AMAAS Sporting Services held its first and Barbados' first Masters (O50s) T20 Cricket Tournament in 2020, and it was a huge success with great spectatorship weekly. Unfortunately, due to the covid pandemic in 2021, no sports were allowed, but with the resumption of sports, we could host yet another successful tournament in 2022. This tournament has now become an eagerly anticipated event on our national calendar. This age group of cricketers represents most of Barbados' past Division 1 cricketers. Also, it includes past national players, thus creating mouthwatering match-ups on weekends that the public truly enjoys and is witnessed by the vast numbers of spectators who attend.

This tournament is organized by Anthony Morris, CEO of AMAAS Sporting Services and also a local player who would have played at the highest level of Barbados local cricket at that time (Div. 1). Having gained considerable knowledge about cricket on and off the field from being a club captain for over 20 years and organizing club tours to countries such as Canada, England, and Caribbean Islands such as Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and Guyana and gaining many

friendships which lead to conversations about needs of older cricketers. Thus, the vision to create leagues for masters' cricket started with the O50s, whom I thought was more in need of their tournament to be able to compete on a level playing field rather than having to compete against younger players every weekend at club level.

With live on-the-ground commentary at selected matches and media coverage which went as far as New Zealand, United Kingdom, Canada, and the Caribbean, persons followed the results with great interest, thus, fulfilling our ambition of going worldwide with this tournament. In 2022, we were also able to

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After going through challenging times during Covid pandemic and still managing to pull off two successful tournaments, we now turn our focus to the third edition. January 14, 2023, is expected to be the starting date as we continue to make it a bigger and better event.

The tournament was played with 4 teams [Legends, Limers, Travellers, Veterans) in its first 2 years. The Veterans Team, which includes Cricket West Indies O50s players such as Brian Johnson, Anthony Morris, Ian Drakes, and Emmerson Jordan, won the inaugural tournament in 2020, defeating the Travellers Team. No tournament was played in 2021 due to Covid lock down, and in 2022 the Limers Team, with WI Masters players in Keith Seale, Ken Mayers, and Jefferson Gibbons, defeated the Veterans Team in an exciting final. Interest has continued to grow towards this tournament, and in 2023 we will have 5 teams; with the inclusion of the Challengers Team led by WI Masters player William Lashley, which shows its continued growth, the tournament is expected to run for 5 weeks.

Leading Batsmen are (Runs): Ron Bates (VET) 423, Owen Birch (TRAV) 361, Wilbur Bruce (TRAV) 313, Adrian Braithwaithe (TRAV) 271, Michael Agard (LIM) 269, Ken Mayers (LIM) 264, George Reifer (LEG) 258, Keith Seale (LIM) 248, Geoffery Lafond (VET) 230, David Pitt (LEG) 203.

Leading Bowlers (wickets/Econ): Ian Drakes (VET) 17/5.48, Brian Johnson (VET) 17/5.22, George Reifer (LEG) 17/6.07, Shem Springer (TRAV) 16/6.44, Victor Patrick (LIM) 14/5.39, Vibert Greene (VET) 12/5.56, Adrian Braithwaithe (TRAV) 11/6.70, Winston Gittens (LIM) 11/6.42, Wesley Straker (TRAV) 10/7.26, Anthony Morris (VET) 8/3.77.

This tournament has also played its role in identifying players to represent the West Indies Masters O50s and O60s Teams, and as recently, in the successfully held Big Man Cricket (BMC) O50s Tournament in Barbados, 10 players were selected to represent the two West Indies Teams.

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Sudesh Dhaniram - # 14:

All Rounder. Right Hand Top Order Batsman and Right Arm Off Break Bowler. Represented Guyana (46 FC games and 4 hundreds) and the US National team. Represented WI O50s in the 2020 WC in South Africa, the Americas Cup Tri Series in Canada 2021, Marlborough Cup in the UK & the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022.



Sunil Dhaniram - # 59:

All Rounder. Left Hand Top Order Batsman and Left Arm Orthodox Bowler. Represented Guyana and the Canadian National team (32 FC, 44 ODIs, 11 T20Is games and 3 hundreds). Represented WI O50s in the Americas Cup Tri Series in Canada 2021, Marlborough Cup in the UK 2022.



Narine Bidhesi - # 19:

Right Hand Middle Order Batsman / Right Arm Off Break Bowler. Played 11 First Class and 6 List A Matches for Trinidad. Represented WI O50s in the 2020 WC in South Africa, O50s Champions Trophy in Houston, Marlborough Cup in the UK & the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022. Level 2 Coach.



Kenny Girdharry - # 21:

Right Arm Medium Fast Bowler / Right Hand Batsman. Played at the under 16 & 19 levels and Case-Cup in Guyana plus Premier Division in Canada. Captain of the Scarborough Angels Cricketers in Toronto. Represented WI O50s in the 2020 WC in South Africa, the Americas Cup Tri Series in Canada 2021, O50s Champions Trophy in Houston, Marlborough Cup in the UK & the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022.



Fareed Hosein - # 54:

All Rounder. Right Arm Leg Break/Googly Bowler. Right Hand Batsman. Captained the Exchange Sports Club of Trinidad for 8 years taking them from Division 3 to Division 1. Represented WI O50s in the 2020 WC in South Africa, the Americas Cup Tri Series in Canada 2021, O50s Champions Trophy in Houston, Marlborough Cup in the UK & the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022.



William Lashley - # 2:

Right Hand Middle Order Batsman / Right Arm Off Break. Represents the BNOB Masters Cricket Team - Barbados, WI O50s Champions Trophy in Houston & the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup



Anthony Sahadeo - # 186:

Wicketkeeper/Batsman. Represented the US in the O50s Champions Trophy in Houston, the WI in the Marlborough Cup in the UK & the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022.



Ishwar Maraj - # 50:

Left Hand Opening Batsman / Right Arm Medium / Off Break Bowler. Captain the Canadian National Team and represented Canada in the 2003 World Cup in South Africa. Played 6 ODIs. Represented WI O50s in the 2020 WC in South Africa, O50s Champions Trophy in Houston, Marlborough Cup in the UK & the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022.



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Azad Mohammed - # 9:

All Rounder. Right Hand Middle Order Batsman / Right Arm Off Break Bowler. Represented WI O50s in the 2020 WC in South Africa and scored the only century (104) for WI O50s, O50s Champions Trophy in Houston, Marlborough Cup in the UK. Also represents – Caldrac Sports Club, Couva Sports, Munroe Road Sports and Central Trinidad Over 40 Touring Team. Scored a record 227 not out for Caldrac Sports and won the title of ‘Cricketer of the Year Award’ in 2004 National League.



Vejai Seonarine - # 219:

All Rounder. Right Arm Off Break / Right Hand Middle Order Batsman. Played in one List A match for Guyana. Represented WI O50s in the Americas Cup Tri Series in Canada 2021, O50s Champions Trophy in Houston.



Delroy Morgan - # 130:

Right Hand Top Order Batsman and Right Arm Off Break Bowler. Represented Jamaica in 62 FC games and scored 3 hundreds and 39 List A games.



Richard Ramrekha - # 09:

Left Hand Top Order Batsman and Right Arm Off Break Bowler. Played for UWI in 1992, 1st Division for Club Petrotrin, Davis Cup T20, Fatima T20, Volcano Cup, Panama T20 Cup, Ponciana. Masters Orlando T20 & Carriacou Masters Cup in Grenada.



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Rajendra Dilraj - # 5:

Right Arm Leg Spinner / Right Hand Batsman. Represented the WI in the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022, the Central Zone TTCB and the TTUTA in Trinidad and currently the Manager of the TTUTA team.



Chanderpaul Singh - # 99:

Right Arm Leg Spinner/Googly Bowler. Right Hand Batsman. Represented West Bank Warriors in the Big Man Cricket (BMC) Over-45 Tournament in Guyana and WI in the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022



Basil Bryan Persaud - # 42:

Right Medium / Right Hand Batsman. Represented Essequibo under 15, under 19 and senior team, Everest Masters in various tournaments within the Caribbean and US.



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Ian Drakes - # 49:

Left Arm Medium/Fast / Right Hand Batsman. Represent UWI O40s and BENFICA in Barbados, the WI in the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022.

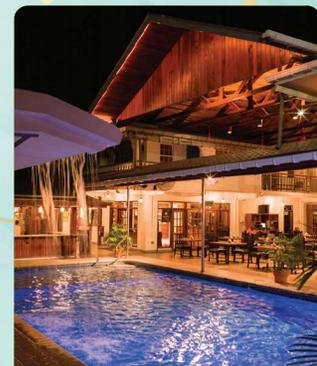


Balwant "Roy" Singh - # 11:

Opening bat (right hand) and wicket keeper. Started playing first division at 14 years of age, Canadian under 19 team as vice-captain and toured Denmark for the junior world cup 1981. Represented Ontario several times and played first division League cricket and representative cricket for years. Last 15 years, only played friendly cricket for Inverhaugh Cricket Club and toured extensively (20+tours). Represented both Canada (2018) and West Indies (2020) in the over 50 world cups, the Americas Cup Tri Series in Canada 2021, O60s Champions Trophy in Houston, O60s World Cup - Australia, Marlborough Cup in the UK & the BMC O50s Caribbean Cup 2022.



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Balwant Roy Singh # 11

Right hand opening Batsman, full time keeper and part time spinner. He has book-ended his international career by representing Canada at Under-19 level, in Denmark as vice-captain in World Cup qualifiers, and Over-50s level for Canada in 2018 and West Indies in 2020. In between, he played a lot of top-level club cricket in Toronto, representing Ontario several times.



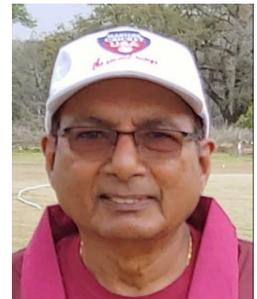
Virganand Gossai #10

Virganand Gossai played second division cricket in Guyana, then migrated to the USA in 1978 and played for several teams. Captained a few teams in New York and Florida. Right hand opening batsman and a part time keeper, occasional leg break bowler. Have made several centuries over his cricketing career.



Ronald Khan # 8

Born in British Guyana residing in Canada. In 1977 Ron became a member of MRCSCC. As captain of the 'B' team they won the H&D league 13 consecutive years, and the league championship 8 times. Also winning the Ed Burns Trophy. Ron had 2 hat-tricks and several batting trophies.



Keith Lawrence # 17

Keith's passion for cricket was born in the small village of Plaisance on Guyana's East Coast. He played high-school cricket at Queen's College and represented the University of Guyana in the 1970s before briefly joining the celebrated Demerara Cricket Club in Georgetown. Moving to Antigua in 1982, Keith opened the batting for St. John's CC and looked a good prospect for future first-class selection when he left the Caribbean for the U.S. in 1982.



Hafiz Mohamed # 62

Left hand opening batsman and wicket keeper. Played in the 2020 over 50s World cup representing West Indies.



Krishendath “Beck” Ramdat # 60

Right hand batsman

Trinidad school boys '78, secondary school '78/'79, Cap't Edinburgh touring team to England, Canada, USA '85,'86,'87.

Kris is a solid, dependable right-hand batsman. He can bat at any number but is best suited at the opening slot.



Tejnarine Ramroop # 127

Right hand opening batsman and right hand off spinner.

Played 1st Division for Blairmont Cricket Club. Played in 1st Division Windward Island Cricket Tournament 1989-1996. Player in the West Indies Lawyers Cricket (WILCT) Team from 2011 to Present. Played 3 World Cups for WILCT. Captain of Blairmont Jaguars Cricket Club.



Pramesh Seheult # 65

Left hand batsman, Right-Arm Medium Seam

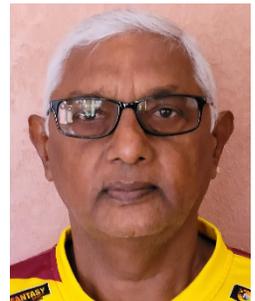
Pramesh Seheult has a long record of involvement in cricket at the regional level in Trinidad and Tobago as both a player and manager. He captained the Valley Boys Sports and Culture Club for about 15 years, taking them from the south zone division 4 to the national league.



Prem Deonarine Singh # 19

Left arm spin, right hand bat. Represented West Indies over 50 in 2021, under the captaincy of Zamin Amin.

Got the most wickets and match figures of 5 for 11 including a hat trick. West Indies was declared champions.



Montgomery Verkersammy # 35

Monty Verkersammy is a top-order left-hand batsman that can open as well. He played school cricket in Albion, Guyana before migrating to the United States. He played for Vikings CC before moving to Southern California, where he represented the Southern California (SCCA) and the West Zone USA team. In 1992, he was picked for the USA World Cup team.

Most recently was an MVP and opener for the USA team. He comes from a Berbice cricketing family that played for the West Indies, USA, and Guyana: His uncle is Rohan Kanhai, cousins are the Etwaroos brothers, Sen Gopaul and Kennedy Verkersammy.



Gerald Singh # 526

Gerald Singh is a middle order right hand batsman, and slow medium right-hand bowler. He played in the East Coast Demerara Northcote competition before leaving for the USA in 1979. In New York he played for forty seasons, mainly in the Eastern American, Nassau, and Masters Cricket Leagues. He has toured and played in several countries including England and Canada. He was a member of the USACA Board, and Chaired the New York Region.



Richard Sieuchan #61

Left Hand lower order batsman and Right-hand Medium Pacer. Played 7 first class and 9 list A matches for Trinidad and Tobago between 1986 and 1991.



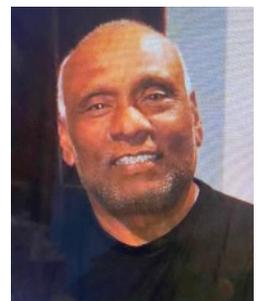
Walter Persaud # 911

Walter Persaud is a right-handed middle order batsman and right-arm seam bowler. He played youth cricket in Guyana before moving to Canada where he played club cricket. After a twelve-year break, Walter returned to cricket in England, and has since been playing in Thailand and around Asia including India, Singapore and Malaysia, as well as in the USA. In 2021, he appeared for the West Indies O50s in a Tri-nation tournament in Toronto. In the last four years, he has emerged as one of the leading bowlers in Thailand, and in 2021, won the prestigious Cricketer of the Year Award for his club and the Best Bowler Award from the national Cricket Association of Thailand.



Sunderdat Sookram # 27

Sunderdat (Mukesh) Sookram. Right hand top order batsman, off spinner, good fielder, part time wicket keeper. Played Youth cricket and 1 st Division cricket in Trinidad, moved to the USA representing the All-American team 1987 against a touring West Indies team. Represented USA in the America Cup in Canada 2000. Won the Kingfisher tournament in San Francisco 2000 as Captain. Played for Sims West Indian International, unbeaten for 7 seasons, Captain GWIA cricket club to over 15 championships.



Howard Jodhan # 6

Right hand middle order batsman.

Represented West Indies over 50s at the 2020 World Cup. Played for different teams in the first division in Trinidad. Played for Cranfield University in England.



WI O50s PLAYERS WORLD RANKING

Player	Batting						Bowling					Overall
	M	R	Avg	SR	HS	Rank	Wkts	Avg	Econ	SR	Rank	Rank
Zamin Amin	20	113	8.69	71.97	32	93	29	16.86	3.51	28.8	2	5
Sudesh Dhaniram	14	417	34.75	84.24	108	9	9	27.00	3.47	46.7	44	7
Sunil Dhaniram	9	254	42.33	89.44	83	30	11	24.82	3.64	40.9	27	17
Fareed Hosein	18	185	20.56	73.12	44	44	22	27.00	4.93	32.9	7	21
Azad Mohammed	12	272	27.20	77.49	104	26	11	31.36	5.19	36.3	33	34
Ishwar Maraj	15	387	32.25	60.85	113	12	0	0.00	4.06	N/A	N/A	42
Vejai Seonarine	6	57	19.00	86.36	31	173	13	13.77	3.77	21.9	22	53
Anthony Sahadeo	17	257	19.77	76.26	60	28	1	36.00	4.00	54.0	N/A	61
Kenny Girdharry	16	66	16.50	44.30	26	162	9	32.00	3.65	52.7	45	69
Brijmohan Harihar	9	18	9.40	106.82	18	200	9	27.00	4.34	37.3	47	73
Rajendra Sadeo	20	312	16.42	58.98	57	19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91
William Lashley	8	121	30.25	47.08	33	87	6	29.00	4.02	43.3	89	96
Roy Singh	18	168	15.27	55.08	58	51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	111
Chanderpaul Singh	5	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	14.50	3.41	25.5	49	174
Narine Bidhesi	17	156	13.00	49.37	54	56	2	42.50	5.86	43.5	194	176
Brian Johnson	5	93	31.00	57.41	58	120	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	207
Anthony Morris	5	49	24.50	96.08	40	195	2	18.50	2.96	37.5	169	232
Rajendra Mangalie	4	40	20.00	45.98	32	N/A	3	13.67	3.73	22.0	147	234
Ian Drakes	4	8	8.00	88.89	4	N/A	2	31.50	3.94	48.0	177	243
Shiv Seeram	3	40	40.00	72.73	36	N/A	0	0.00	4.14	0.0	N/A	292
Mark Audain	5	32	16.00	69.57	18	N/A	0	N/A	4.00	N/A	N/A	341
Krish Harricharan	7	52	13.00	40.31	29	189	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	346

Rank is based on all International Over 50s cricketers. Batting based on runs scored. Bowling based on wickets taken. Overall includes points for batting (runs, SR, 6's & 4's), bowling (wickets, maidens, econ) and player of the match, catches, stumping and run out. Minimum 3 games played. **Statistics to Feb 20, 2023.**

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Players	Batting						Bowling					Overall
	M	R	Avg	SR	HS	Rank	Wkts	Avg	Econ	SR	Rank	Rank
Hafiz Mohamed	10	193	27.57	62.46	41	3	15	14.60	4.58	19.1	2	1
Richard Sieuchan	7	212	35.33	67.95	60*	2	6	25.83	3.44	45.0	4	2
Balwant Roy Singh	11	365	40.56	67.47	97	1	1	24.00	6.55	22.0	9	3
Prem Deonarine Singh	11	18	N/A	100.00	10	15	20	19.80	4.29	27.7	1	4
Krishendath Ramdat	4	105	35.00	80.15	53	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
Keith Lawrence	10	127	14.11	47.21	34	4	2	27.00	6.00	27.0	8	6
Montgomery Venkersammy	8	117	16.71	61.90	40	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7
Tejnarine Ramroop	11	68	17.00	63.55	32	8	12	30.33	4.85	37.5	3	8
Ronald Khan	5	13	13.00	35.14	12	17	4	25.00	5.00	30.0	7	9
Virganand Gossai	5	68	13.60	35.42	26	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10
Harry Narine Heeralal	4	31	10.33	77.50	31	10	0	N/A	9.33	N/A	11	11
Howard Jodhan	4	17	5.67	26.98	13	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12
Sunderdat Sookram	6	70	14.00	55.12	33	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13
Gerald Singh	3	23	11.50	37.10	21	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14
Richard De Silva	6	21	21.00	32.81	16	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
Walter Persaud	7	21	5.25	44.68	11*	13	5	41.80	3.65	68.8	6	16
Pramesh Seheult	10	0	0.00	N/A	0	18	6	37.33	5.31	42.2	4	17
George Downes	5	26	13.00	49.06	21	11	1	77.00	4.28	108.0	9	18

Additional Information

Rank is based on all West Indies O60s cricketers with minimum 3 games.
Batting based on runs scored. Bowling based on wickets taken.

Overall points are
batting (1 run = 1 point; 50s = 25 bonus);
bowling (1 wkt = 40 points; 1 run conceded = -1 point) and
fielding (1 catch = 10 points; 1 stumping = 15 points).
Points divided by # of games.

2023/2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PERIOD	TOURNAMENT	COUNTRY
January/February, 2023	BIG MAN CRICKET O60s CARIBBEAN CUP	Barbados
March, 2023	O50s WORLD CUP	Cape Town, South Africa
September/October, 2023	O40s WORLD CUP	Karachi, Pakistan
November/December, 2023	BIG MAN CRICKET O60s CARIBBEAN CUP	Barbados
February/March, 2024	O60s World Cup	Chennai, India.
June/July, 2024	Marlborough Cup	England
September/October, 2024	BIG MAN CRICKET O50s CARIBBEAN CUP	Barbados
November 16 th - December 1 st , 2024	O50s World Cup	Colombo, Sri Lanka



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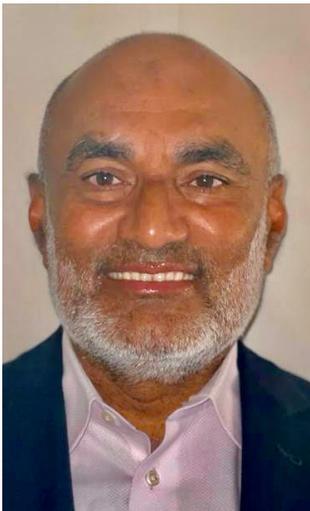
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