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JERSEY HOSTS PEPSI ICC WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 6

Jersey will host Pepsi ICC World Cricket League (WCL) Division 6 from 21–28 July 2013.

This will be the second time that Jersey hosts a Pepsi ICC World Cricket League event, after it staged WCL Division 5 in May 2008.

Argentina, Bahrain, Kuwait, Nigeria, Vanuatu and host Jersey will all be competing for the opportunity to finish in the top two of the event and ultimately gain promotion to Pepsi ICC WCL Division 5, which will be held in early 2014.

WCL Division 6 will be held across four venues: Grainville, FB Fields, Les Quennevais and Farmer's Field, with the final to be held at Grainville on Sunday, 28 July.

This divisional event is part of the Pepsi ICC Development Programme, which provides regular playing opportunities for similar standard Associate and Affiliate Members in an international, 50-over competition structure. It provides valuable nation versus nation experience to the competing teams, while also helping the teams improve the standard of competitive cricket on the field of play.

More information on the Pepsi ICC Development Programme and the WCL Structure can be found at www.icc-cricket.com



▲ Nigeria celebrates winning Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 7 in April 2013



▲ Argentina and Bahrain in action during WCL Division 5 in 2012



▲ Jersey returns to WCL Division 6 after finishing fourth in 2011

TEAM PROFILES

ARGENTINA

Argentina will be looking to work its way back up the WCL ladder, having played in WCL Division 3 in 2007 and 2009. After reaching the final in 2007, the side finished sixth in 2009 and was relegated to Division 4, where it finished sixth again and was relegated to Division 5. The side again finished sixth, despite strong performances from Martin Siri and Hernan Fennell, the side's leading run scorer and wicket taker, respectively, and was relegated to this year's WCL Division 6 event.



In 2011, Argentina competed in ICC Americas Division 1, where it finished fourth with one win. As a result, Argentina competed in ICC Americas Division 2 in 2013, finishing fourth with one win in four games.

Coming into WCL Division 6, the Argentinian squad is supported by a wholly Argentinian-born coaching staff. The side contains three players who will be making their debut, while veteran Gary Savage is on track to play his 50th game for Argentina. The country's youngest-ever player, Lautaro Musiani, will also be looking to make an impact.

PLAYER TO WATCH



HERNAN FENNEL

Fennell was Argentina's leading wicket-taker in last year's WCL Division 5, claiming seven victims. The 25 year-old has progressed through the ranks for his country, participating in the ICC Americas Under-19s Tournament in 2007. Fennell claimed seven wickets in the recent ICC Americas Division 2 tournament, including a best of 4-19 against Bahamas.

BAHRAIN



Bahrain will be looking to win immediate promotion back to WCL Division 5 after being relegated in 2012. After securing promotion from WCL Division 6 in August 2009, Bahrain finished fourth in Division 5 in 2010 to retain its position. The team defeated Jersey and Fiji along the way, with Shahzad Ahmed the joint leading wicketkeeper in the tournament (eight dismissals) and Qamar Saeed the second highest wicket-taker (13).

Returning to WCL Division 5 in 2012, Bahrain finished behind Cayman Islands on net run rate to end fifth, narrowly missing out on retaining its position in the Division. Strong performances from Adil Hanif, the highest run-getter of the tournament (265), and Tahir Dar, the fourth highest wicket-taker (12) who also took a five-for, stand the team in good stead, however.

More recently, Bahrain reached the final of the seven-team ACC Trophy Challenge in December 2012. Despite losing to Singapore, Tahir Dar was named Player of the Tournament, and Qamar Saeed was named Bowler of the Tournament. In early 2013, Bahrain finished bottom of its group in the ACC Twenty20 Cup, but will aim to use the recent match practice to its benefit in Jersey.

PLAYER TO WATCH



ADIL HANIF

The experienced batsman was the leading run-scorer in last year's WCL Division 5 tournament in Singapore. The right-hander struck 265 runs, including three half-centuries. Hanif was also his side's most economical bowler in the competition, going for just 3.02 runs per over with his off-spin.

JERSEY

Jersey is returning to WCL Division 6 after finishing fourth in Malaysia in 2011. The side has played as high as WCL Division 4, where, in October 2008, it finished in fifth position on net run rate to be relegated to Division 5.

The side travelled to Nepal in February 2010, where it again finished fifth after only winning one of its matches, despite a good all-round performance.

Jersey jointly hosted the ICC European Division 1 Championship 2011 with Guernsey, and finished third after its co-host and regional rival by eight wickets in the play off.



Wicketkeeper-batsman Ed Farley has been leading the way with the bat for Jersey in recent times, hitting over 100 runs more than the next highest run-scorer – skipper Pete Gough – in all formats in 2012, while Corne Bodenstien picked up the most wickets.

Jersey got in some useful practice as a squad ahead of WCL Division 6 by competing in the 2013 ICC European Twenty20 Championship Division 1 in England earlier in July. The squad included a large number of young players who did not compete in the 2011 event.

PLAYER TO WATCH



ED FARLEY

The 25-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman has proved himself adept at performing when the pressure is on. The right-hander was named Most Valuable Player of the Tournament at the ICC European Division 1 Championship 2011, striking 57 against France in the semi-final, followed by a 48-ball 90 to defeat Guernsey for third-place. Farley's good form carried on through 2012 and 2013, hitting 89 not out off 87 balls in June this year against a Cricket Club Conference side.



KUWAIT

Kuwait retained its place in WCL Division 6 after finishing third in Malaysia in September 2011, following promotion from WCL Division 7 in May 2011. Irfan Bhatti was Kuwait's leading run-scorer in the tournament with 212 runs in six innings.



Kuwait finished seventh in the ACC Trophy Elite 2012 after defeating Maldives in a play-off thanks to a 69 from Kashif Sharif. Sharif finished as leading run-scorer for his nation (219 runs), while Sibtain Raza, Abid Mushtaq and Irfan Bhatti all passed 150. Ali Shahzad, Hisham Mirza and Kashif Sharif all took six wickets.

Kuwait put up a decent showing in the ACC Twenty20 Cup 2013 but missed out on a semi-final spot in a tough group alongside UAE and Afghanistan. Victories over Oman and Bahrain were offset by narrow defeats against the group qualifiers, and there were impressive performances with bat and ball throughout the tournament to give hope of a good showing in WCL Division 6, the side's fourth appearance in a WCL tournament.

The side is led by Hisham Mizra, who has captained the team since 2010, and it also features a number of players who have appeared in all three of Kuwait's WCL appearances.

NIGERIA

Nigeria has developed into a yo-yo team in the WCL, returning to Division 6 after winning WCL Division 7 in Botswana in April 2013. This came after relegation from Division 6 in 2011 on the back of another promotion from Division 7 earlier in the same year.

Nigeria defeated Vanuatu in the most recent Division 7 final, with both teams promoted after finishing in the top two. After a dreadful start to its campaign, Nigeria clinched its place in the final thanks to victory over Germany. The side then gained revenge for a group stage loss to Vanuatu with a six-wicket triumph in the final.



In May 2011, Nigeria won ICC Africa Division 2 to advance to Division 1, where the side lost the third-place play-off to Kenya and narrowly missed out on winning a spot in the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier 2012 in the UAE.

Nigeria experienced a disappointing Pepsi ICC Africa Division 1 Championship in Uganda in February/March 2013, finishing fifth after winning one match in the 20-over tournament. However, the side will be pleased to have such recent international experience, and brings to Jersey a mix of experience as well as new faces.

VANUATU

In 2009, Vanuatu won the ICC East-Asia Pacific Division 2 Trophy, beating Samoa to the top spot and thus qualifying for WCL Division 8 in Kuwait in 2010. The small Pacific nation finished third overall to retain its place in Division 8. Vanuatu went on to win a bronze medal at the 2011 Pacific Games and then finished runner-up to PNG at the Pepsi ICC East Asia-Pacific Division 1 Championship.



The side showed off its all-round skills to win Division 8 in 2012. Patrick Matautaava was the highest wicket-taker of the tournament, bagging 14 from five matches, while Nalin Nipiko and Trevor Langa were pivotal with the bat.

In February 2013, the side finished runner-up at the Pepsi ICC EAP Division 1 Championship. Vanuatu won five of its matches before losing a hard-fought final to PNG by 38 runs.

Vanuatu continued its upward mobility in April 2013 when it claimed promotion from WCL Division 7 on its first attempt after winning all five group matches, before losing to Nigeria in the final.

In Jersey, Vanuatu is represented by a squad that is almost exclusively Vanuatu-born (all except for one), and three of the players are also in Vanuatu's U19 team.



PLAYER TO WATCH

SIBTAIN RAZA

Sibtain Raza shone with the ball in the previous WCL Division 6, taking 12 wickets to help Kuwait into third place. He then showed his all-round qualities with 77 off 84 balls in the 2012 ACC Trophy Elite to help defeat eventual joint-winner Nepal in the group stage.



PLAYER TO WATCH

OLADOTUN OLATUNJI

Oladotun Olatunji finished as the leading run-scorer in WCL Division 7 with 355 runs. A match-winning 67 not out in the final against Vanuatu was preceded by two centuries—125 not out against Botswana and 127 not out against Ghana. Each of these crucial innings was achieved at better than a run-a-ball.



PLAYER TO WATCH

PATRICK MATAUTAAVA

Right-arm medium pacer Patrick Matautaava was the star bowler as Vanuatu in WCL Division 8 in 2012, claiming 14 wickets in five matches with a best of 6-10 against Norway. Matautaava also showed all-round potential with 48 in the semi-final against Belgium. The 21-year-old then impressed in Division 7 when he topped his side's batting averages with 133 runs and took 8 wickets.

WELCOME MESSAGES



ALAN ISAAC

Welcome to Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 6 on the island of Jersey. Since the Pepsi ICC Development Programme began in 1997, much work has been done to spread the game of cricket across the globe, and that effort and financial investment is bearing fruit. As our great sport continues to grow even stronger around the world, the ICC now has 106 Members, 96 of whom are Associates and Affiliates,

spread across five regions. As the overall standard of cricket continues to improve outside of the 10 Full Members, there is now a clear pathway for every team to continue to develop its cricketing skills and talents.

The WCL is an important competition that provides all of our Members with the opportunity to compete with the very top teams in the Associate and Affiliate world. This plays an important role in improving the standard of competitive cricket on the field of play, and also complements the ICC's ongoing work to improve all facets of the development of the game, including facilities, coaching, governance, education and domestic competitions.

I would like to thank the Jersey Cricket Board for its hard work in helping to stage this event, the media who help to promote Associate and Affiliate cricket, and also to our excellent sponsor, Pepsi, for the ongoing support in the development of cricket world-wide.

Finally, I urge the match officials and all the players of Kuwait, Argentina, Bahrain and our wonderful host Jersey, who are joined from WCL Division 7 by Nigeria and Vanuatu, to enjoy the experience of representing their country, to play the game in the best spirit, and may the best team win.

Alan Isaac
ICC President



WARD JENNER

As Chairman of the Jersey Cricket Board, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Jersey.

We are indeed honoured and excited to once again host an ICC World Cricket League division tournament. This prestigious Division 6 tournament brings together another five ICC nations to our island and we bid them a warm welcome.

Jersey has an increasing profile in the cricket world, and it is great to see the island staging another ICC event after the successful hosting of the ICC World Cricket League Division 5 in 2008. Jersey has also hosted numerous ICC Europe tournaments from the U15 level upwards.

Jersey is a very beautiful island with many tourist attractions, lovely beaches and cliff walks. We hope you will have time to take advantage of the sights and sounds of this unique island.

I sincerely hope that ICC WCL Division 6 in Jersey will be a memorable tournament for all squad members, administrators, fans and members of the media, both local and travelling.

Last but not least, my sincere gratitude to the organizing committee, ground representatives, volunteers and supporters in helping to host this important event and to the ICC for once again having faith and trust in the Jersey Cricket Board.

With Best Wishes

Ward Jenner
Jersey Cricket Board Chairman

PEPSI ICC WCL DIVISION 6 MATCH SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	GRAINVILLE	FB FIELDS	LES QUENNEVAIS	FARMER'S FIELD
	Sat 20 July	Team Practice			
1	Sun 21 July	Jersey v Kuwait	Bahrain v Argentina	Vanuatu v Nigeria	
2	Mon 22 July	Kuwait v Nigeria	Vanuatu v Argentina	Jersey v Bahrain	
3	Tue 23 July	Rest/Reserve			
4	Wed 24 July	Vanuatu v Bahrain	Jersey v Nigeria		Argentina v Kuwait
5	Thu 25 July	Jersey v Argentina	Kuwait v Vanuatu		Bahrain v Nigeria
6	Fri 26 July	Rest/Reserve			
7	Sat 27 July	Argentina v Nigeria	Kuwait v Bahrain		Jersey v Vanuatu
8	Sun 28 July	Final	3rd v 4th Play Off		5th v 6th Play off