

## [ICCA Cricket News Update – April 2009](#)

### [England Breakthrough!](#)

ICCA is delighted to announce that at the tender age of 121/2 yrs, **Anuj Dal** has been selected to the England U16s Indoor Cricket Squad. Having played in the National League Indoor games at the U19 level, Anuj was invited to attend the U16s trials held in March '09. His performance at the trials took the selectors by storm and led to his inclusion in the squad announcement made on 4 April.

Anuj will now have the opportunity to be trained by an International coach over the next few months. If he continues to impress, Anuj has the opportunity to represent England at the **U16s Indoor Cricket World Cup** to be played in Australia in October '09.

This is a proud achievement by one of ICCA's leading youth players and sets an example for others to follow.

### [Cricket Equipment Special Appeal](#)

The appeal was launched in early January and we are delighted to report excellent progress with a collection so far of £3200. As a result, the first tranche of our specialised equipment was purchased which many will have seen extensively used in the indoor training sessions.

Our special thanks to the parents of the following children who have so far contributed towards the appeal:

1. **Pritpal Aujla** 2. **Anish Bagalkote** 3. **Ben Brown** 4. **Anuj Dal** 5. **Deep Desai**
6. **Max Griffiths** 7. **Benedict & Sebastian Harwood** 8. **Rohan & Neel Kothari**
9. **Sachi & Sanat Kulkarni** 10. **Connor Marshall** 11. **Jay & Ryan Mistry**
12. **Aum Parekh** 13. **Neil Patel** 14. **Tom Talbot** 15. **Arjuna Thakker**

Special thanks also to **Hemant Patel** for his generous contribution to the appeal.

There is currently a surplus of £500 which is being allocated to the purchase of a second bowling/fielding machine. For this purchase to proceed, we are still looking to raise a further £1500 and are therefore looking for more support from parents of boys who are still on the "sidelines". I am positive that, with your continuing support, we can achieve this target by the end of April.

Individual contributions in excess of £250 attract 50%+ discounts from the ICCA pro-academy training in 2009 and 2010.

ICCA are the first Nottinghamshire club to have deployed this equipment for Youth cricket and we are proud to demonstrate, with your support, our commitment to a professional approach to the development of cricketing excellence.

## India Tour

ICCA Cricket Academy is pleased to announce its maiden overseas tour to Mumbai, India in October 2009.

An exciting programme of gruelling training and matches has been agreed with a renowned local coach who specialises in youth training. Through his local contacts, some of the training sessions will be conducted by ex-Indian test players.

The current proposed tour itinerary in summary is as follows:

- 16 October – Depart LHR late pm
- 17 October – Arrive Mumbai mid-day on Diwali Day
- 18 October – Training early am/ late pm & acclimatisation
- 19 October – Training early am/ late pm & acclimatisation
- 20 October – Training early am/ Match/ training late pm
- 21 October – Training early am/ Match/ training late pm
- 22 October – Training early am/ Match/ training late pm
- 23 October – Training early am/ Mumbai sightseeing pm
  - Dinner at the Taj with 'special guest'
- 24 October – Training early am/ Match/ training late pm
- 25 October – Training early am/ Match/ training late pm
- 26 October – Training early am/ Match/ training late pm
- 27 October – Training early am/ Mumbai Juhu area visit pm
  - Dinner at Juhu Beach Hotel
- 28 October – Depart Mumbai for LHR mid-day; LHR arrival late pm

Also slated for Sept/Oct are the India v Australia ODI series and the Champions T20 League. If any fixtures in Mumbai coincide with our visit, we will arrange to take the boys to watch the games live.

We are proposing to take two ICCA teams; one each in the 12-14 and 15-17 age groups respectively. Each team requires a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 14 players. Parents are more than welcome to join the touring party.

A detailed presentation on the Tour will be given at the ICCA premises towards the end of April. For further information, please contact Kailash Dal.

## Player Progress

Congratulations to the following boys for being selected to the City District Winter Squads:

**U11s – Kathan Desai**

**U13s – Amith Kamath, Simren Landa, Kiran Sharma & Parth Zaveri**

**U15s – Ankith Kamath & Yash Gupta**

These boys join **Neel Kothari, Sunny Sehmbi & Tom Talbot** who were pre-selected following their success last year.

Congratulations also go to the following boys for achieving important milestones:

**Ben Harwood** – Selection to the 'A' squad in the U11 school team

**Amith Kamath** – Appointment to the U12 school team captain

**Max Griffiths** – Promotion to the 'A' squad in the U13 school team

**Pritpal Auja** – Promotion to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI school team squad

Parents are requested to keep us informed of important cricketing achievements of their child.

## Diary Dates

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

9 May : Outdoor training commences  
19 July : Swaminarayan Cricket Open Day  
Late July : Radcliffe CC kwik cricket festival  
End August : U10 Development County Trials  
**13 September : ICCA Annual Prize Giving Function**  
October : U12/14 County trials  
**16 October : ICCA India Tour commences**  
November : U11 County Trials  
December : U13 County Trials  
January 2010 : U11/13/15 Nottingham City District Trials

## ICCA Academy Training

Additional short training programmes currently being offered are:

1. April 13<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - Pro-Academy with Andy Pick
2. April 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – One-on-one batting sessions (half-hour duration) at NSCL from 3pm to 7pm.
3. U10 Development Pre-Trial Coaching – Specially focused 4wk programme in the U10 age group; this will be on Sunday mornings for 2hrs commencing last week in July.

For enrolment on any of the above programmes, please contact Kailash Dal.

## Outdoor Training

Our 13wk indoor training programme has now successfully concluded with the last sessions held on 4<sup>th</sup> April. We were delighted to see close to 100 children participate in this programme with several new players (including girls) joining the club.

The training this year made extensive use of the special equipment recently purchased, including the heavy use of our very own fielding/bowling machine. All the coaches are delighted at the progress shown by the children. It was particularly pleasing to see the children coming to the training all “fired up and ready to go”!

Outdoor training commences on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May. **Registration for the Summer training is compulsory if your child wishes to play competitive matches for ICCA.** Regular attendance at the training sessions is also mandatory for team selection; the only exception being if the player also plays school matches on a Saturday. Summer registration forms have been e-mailed to all players on our database; completed forms to be sent to Hemant Patel as soon as possible.

**Players are reminded that if the coaches do not see commitment to training or matches, they will not be considered for nomination to the various County/District trials later this year.**

## Summer Leagues

ICCA will be participating in the following :

City District League (commencing May) – Hardball games in the U11/U13 & U15 age groups

Nottingham City Quick Cricket - softball kwik cricket for U11s; 2 teams entered (commencing June for 5 wks)

Radcliffe CC Kwik Cricket Festival – One day tournament in late July for quick cricket teams

## Communications

Please note that a majority of the communication with players/parents is now being done through e-mail; only in exceptional circumstances use of the telephone is being made. It is, therefore, vital that we have your correct e-mail address and that you regularly check your messages. Failure to do so will mean that a player will miss out on opportunities of training or matches.

## ICCA Cricket Website

The official ICCA website was launched in March '09 and all cricket information is displayed there. Please visit the website for all important news and announcements of forthcoming events.

We have now activated our own sub-site within the ECB's play-cricket website. This is being uploaded with current information about ICCA's cricketing activities. All future outdoor league match results/commentary will be loaded on this site.

For those unaware, the NSCL Indoor match results and individual player statistics are displayed on the NSCL website. All players are encouraged to visit this site as frequently as possible.

Details of the above web addresses are as follows:

1. ICCA - <http://www.theicca.co.uk>
2. ICCA ECB play-cricket - <http://icca.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>
3. NSCL Indoor Leagues - <http://www.nottinghamcommunitysports.co.uk/>

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