

MALAYSIAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION / BENSON & HEDGES CRICKET CARNIVAL '96

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AN INTRODUCTION

Maldives is an island nation of about 1190 coral islands spanning an area of 90, 000 km in the Indian ocean south west of Shri Lanka. Cricket in the Maldives has a long history that goes way back to 1888. When Maldives became a British protectorate in 1887, cricket was introduced to the Maldives by the English.

Cricket was started to play effectively at national level in late 1940's. The game was played continuously since then, but it has its ups and downs. There has being some enthusiasm in the development of the game since President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom took office in the late 1970's. In fact a greater effort was made to develop the game in the 80,s, as in 1984, Maldives celebrated the 25th anniversary of holding the National Cricket tournament.

We the Cricket Control Board of Maldives, are proud of the effort that is being put by cricket lovers in the development of the game. Maldives Cricket Foundation is one such organisation established for the purpose of developing and promoting cricket in the Maldives.

Participating in the Benson and Hedges Cricket Carnival will be a great opportunity for the Maldivian team who needs lot of exposure to cricket. This tour would not have being possible without the tireless effort of Mr. Keneree Abdul Sattar, who is the Secretary of the Maldives Cricket Foundation and a great pioneer in the development of game in the Maldives.

Congratulation to all participating teams in this carnival and we wish a happy and memorable tour to the Maldivian contingent.

Cricket Control Board of Maldives



MCF TEAM



Abdul Sattar (Manager/player)
R. H. B R.H. Slow
An experienced keeper and a sharp eyed opener of the side. A pioneer who is doing a tremendous job in maintaining and upgrading the standard of cricket in the Maldives.



Ahamed Kaleem
R. H. B R.H Medium/Slow
Man for all season. Aggressive stroke
maker who has scored two tons in the
most recent National Tournament.
Chance less 183 and 114 with 6
wickets in hand made him the best all
rounder of the tournament.



R. H. B R.H Medium/Slow
Man with most experience. Talented cricketer who has being with the team since early 80's. Consistent batsman who has maintained the average by being the second highest run-getter at the most recent National Tournament. Also the only bowler who took double hatrick in a match against a visiting team.



Ibrahim Hussein.
R. H. B R.H. Slow
Has a vital role to play as a opener or at No. 3. A stroke-maker who can send balls to any direction causing distress to the fielders. Leg spinner who upsets the opposite side.



Ibrahim Riyaz.
R. H. B R.H Medium
Being on the side for his consistency.
An average batsman who cannot be missed with his peculiar bowling style.



Ismail Nihad.

R. H. B. R.H Medium

A talented young all rounder who has lot to contribute in the future. Quick run getter but noted for his right arm swings with his impressive bowling action.



Hassan Waheed
R. H. B. R.H Medium
Begins attack the moment he appears at the strike. Hard hitter who shuffles across the crease. His bowling has contributed vital break up at the recent tournament with an average of 17. Also scored 50 in 18 balls in this tournament.

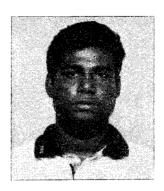


Imad Ismail
R. H. B R.H Medium
Man to be appreciated for his batting, bowling and fielding skills. Talented batsman who are good at saving the side when in danger. He hits the stumps regularly when at field and play tricks while bowling.



Ahamed Shahid L. H. B L.H Medium

Opening bowler and the only left hander of the side. A genuine medium pace bowler who has an energetic action to be appreciated. Best bowler of the recent National tournament, with a bowling figure of 53/5. He has a knack of dismissing danger batsmen with his remarkable ball movements.



Abdulla Shafeeu.

R.H.B

Opening batsman and keeper of the side. Regular batsman who is very steady at the crease. Hard hitter and a reliable member of the team, where his keeping technique is an additional encouragement for the others in the side.



Abdulla Shahid R.H.B R.H Medium

Young lad to be recognised as an all rounder. A rare commodity in the field being a very economical bowler who puts the brake on scoring rates. Speed to be a warning to the striker.



Ahamed Saeed.

R. H. B. R.H. Slow A bat never goes unnoticed. Steady at No 4. Also performs the task of spinning occasionally



Ahamed Hussein
R. H. B R.H. Slow
Follow his brother and a hard working young chap who is mastering his spin bowling.



Ismail Shiyan
R. H. B R.H. Slow
Beginning to get the hang of it.
Youngest in the side to has the talent to be explored.



Ahamed Ikram
R. H. B.
A remarkable bat. Misses at time but hang on once he get the kick.



Illiyas Waheed
R. H. B
Good at being on the crease. Man entrusted with the task of saving the side. Lasted for 113 minutes, facing 98 balls and scoring 3 runs at the recent national tournament.

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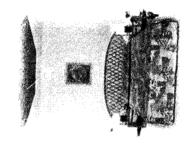
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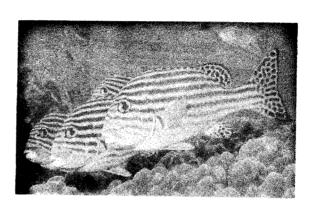
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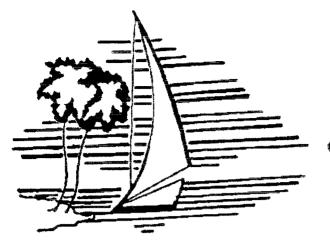
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