



ICC WORLD TWENTY20 2010 QUALIFIER GUIDE



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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME FROM THE ICC



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the ICC World Twenty20 2010 Qualifier.

The first two editions of the ICC World Twenty20 tournament have produced great excitement for supporters with many of the world's leading players involved in a series of thrilling matches.

It is also encouraging for the Pepsi ICC Development

Programme that the leading Associate Members have also had an impact upon the tournament. I don't think anybody will ever forget the Netherlands' dramatic win over England at Lord's on the opening night of the 2009 tournament, while Ireland also achieved an excellent win over Bangladesh at Trent Bridge.

Twenty20 cricket is filled with excitement and this eight-team format, featuring the top six Associate and Affiliate ODI Members, who are joined by the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America, promises to be an extremely open tournament.

In thanking the Emirates Cricket Board for its work in organising this event, I am certain the venues at Dubai Sports City and Abu Dhabi will be fit for purpose.

May I take this opportunity to wish all teams the very best of luck and I hope that all matches will celebrate the spirit of cricket.

DAVID MORGAN
ICC President

WELCOME FROM THE UAE



Welcome to the ICC World Twenty20 2010 Qualifier.

It is exciting times for cricket in the United Arab Emirates in February, with the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier and an international series between Pakistan and England taking place. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to raise the exposure of the game in the region and encourage more people within the UAE to play the game.

I am sure that the players will enjoy having the opportunity to play in world-class venues in Abu Dhabi and Dubai that are fitting of an event of this stature.

We are delighted that we have been invited to take part in this tournament and hope that we can use this as an opportunity to qualify to play in a global cricket event.

I hope that players, officials and spectators will enjoy the opportunity to spend time within the UAE and experience the wonderful attractions on offer for tourists in both Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

May I take this opportunity to wish all the teams taking part the best of luck for the event and that we see an exciting and successful tournament.

DILAWAR MANI
Chief Executive Officer, Emirates Cricket Board

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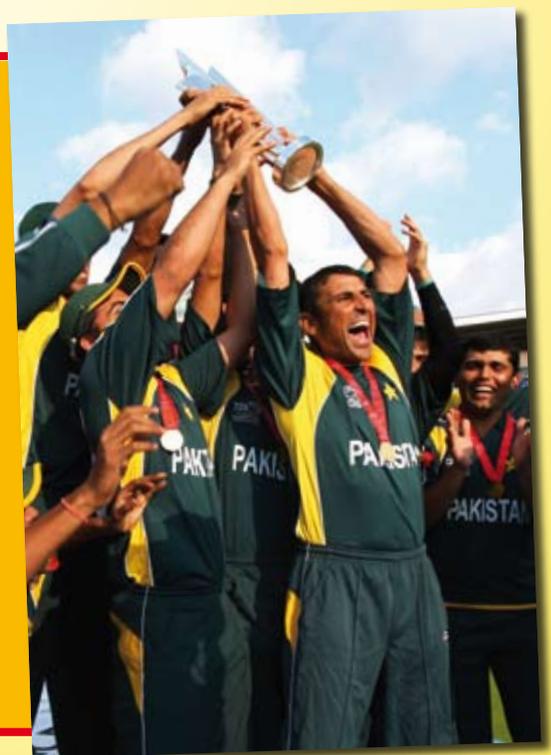
The top two teams at this qualification event will win a place at the ICC World Twenty20 2010, which will be the third time that the event has taken place to date.

South Africa hosted the inaugural event in 2007, which was won by India in a dramatic final against Pakistan at The Wanderers. The tournament will also be remembered for Yuvraj Singh hitting six sixes in one over against England and the first-ever Twenty20 International hundred, which was scored by Chris Gayle.

Pakistan (right) won the second edition of the men's tournament, which took place in England in 2009. It defeated Sri Lanka in the final of the event at Lord's, although Tillakaratne Dilshan won the Player of the Tournament Award. Associate Members enjoyed great success with the Netherlands defeating England and Ireland beating Bangladesh.

In 2009, the first-ever women's tournament was also held alongside the men's event, with double headers of matches played at the semi-finals and final stage. England won the tournament after defeating New Zealand in the final after an outstanding display by Katherine Brunt.

Ireland and the Netherlands shared the title at the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier that was played in 2008.



TEAM PREVIEWS

IRELAND



Ireland has firmly established itself as the number one side in the Associate cricket world in recent years and starts the event as firm favourites to qualify for the ICC World Twenty20 2010.

While it has grabbed the headlines for notable victories over Pakistan at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 and wins over Bangladesh at ICC global events in both the 50-over and Twenty20 format of the game, its ongoing dominance of Associate cricket has been equally impressive.

It performed brilliantly to win the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier in 2009 and is also the current holder of the ICC Intercontinental Cup – indeed, it has won the last three editions of that competition.

It only qualified for the ICC World Twenty20 2009 after a dramatic escape in the group stages, when it miraculously defended 43-7 against Bermuda in a nine-over per side contest to avoid elimination from the competition, in a match where not a single batsman reached double figures!

But with an impressive line-up including the likes of skipper William Porterfield, the ICC Associate Player of the Year, Niall O'Brien and fast bowler Boyd Rankin, if it performs to its potential, it will be hoping for a more comfortable qualification in 2010.

TWENTY20 VISION

It again shocked Bangladesh in a major global event when it enjoyed a six-wicket victory, with ten balls to spare, in its opening match at the ICC World Twenty20 2009. In the Super Eight stages, it also showed it is capable of challenging some of the world's best teams, losing a thrilling match to Sri Lanka by nine runs and also challenging Pakistan, with Boyd Rankin's 0-11 off four overs, being one of the most impressive spells of the tournament.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Wicket-keeper Niall O'Brien (right) earned rave reviews for a series of impressive performances at the ICC World Twenty20 2009. A match-winning 40 against Bangladesh sealed a place in the Super Eights, while his brave 31 against Sri Lanka, battling against injury, also illustrated his competitive nature.



SCOTLAND



Scotland will be keen to ensure it secures a third consecutive place at the ICC World Twenty20 having played in the 2007 and 2009 events.

And after a difficult year in 2009, where it missed out on a place at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 and finished sixth at the qualifying event, it certainly needs a boost to its fragile confidence.

Under the captaincy of Gavin Hamilton (above) in the shortest format of the game, although four-day skipper Gordon Drummond is also in the Twenty20 squad, it has plenty of talented players including the likes of the dangerous Kyle Coetzer, hard-hitting Ryan Watson and the clever spin bowling of Majid Haq.

It finished third at the qualifying event in 2008 for the ICC World Twenty20 2009, securing a place in the tournament after the withdrawal of Zimbabwe, with some of its greatest moments in recent times including winning the ICC Intercontinental Cup in 2004 and the ICC Trophy in 2009.

TWENTY20 VISION

Scotland lasted just three days at the ICC World Twenty20 2009 but it didn't go down without a fight. In a rain-reduced match at The Oval, it reached an amazing 89-4 off seven overs against New Zealand, before the Kiwis reached its target with six balls to spare. Things didn't go quite as well in its second match at the tournament, as it was 81 all out against South Africa and crashed to a 130-run defeat after AB de Villiers had smashed 79 not out off 34 balls.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Kyle Coetzer (right) enjoyed an excellent event at the ICC World Twenty20 2009, scoring 33 off 15 balls against New Zealand and 42 off 32 balls against South Africa, and he will be Scotland's key player at this tournament. The 25-year-old has also been part of Durham's successful team in English county cricket.



TEAM PREVIEWS

AFGHANISTAN



Afghanistan will be desperate to use the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier as an opportunity to seal its place at a major senior international event for the first time.

Its progression in the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League, winning the Division 5, 4 and 3 titles has been well documented and few expected it to secure a fifth place at the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier which means it has ODI status until 2013.

Its scalps at that event included an impressive victory over Ireland, inspired by a five-wicket haul by Hamid Hassan, as well as two victories over Scotland.

Coach Kabir Khan has installed a high level of self-belief in his side and with players such as Mohammad Nabi and skipper Nowroz Mangal (above), it boasts plenty of match winners.

The cavalier style of Afghan batting is well-suited to the short format of the game, but it will need to ensure its occasional tendency to concede too many extras and to make too many mistakes in the field is eradicated if it is to secure a top two finish at the tournament.

TWENTY20 VISION

It may have relied upon Hamid Hassan's heroics in the group stages of the ACC Twenty20 Cup in 2009 to defeat the UAE, when he sealed a one-wicket victory after hitting the last two balls for 10 runs, but it comprehensively won the final against the same opponents by 84 runs to demonstrate its position as Asia's leading side outside of the Test world.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Mohammad Nabi (right) has been an integral part of Afghanistan's rise up the rankings with his hard-hitting batting and excellent off-spin bowling making him one of the players to watch at this event. He smashed 73 off 38 balls in the final of the ACC Twenty20 Cup against UAE in November 2009 and similar heroics will be expected this year.



USA



The USA is determined to return to the top of the Associate cricket world, having played in the ICC Champions Trophy as recently as 2004, and after receiving an invitation to play in the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier, it will be determined not to waste its opportunity.

Under the guidance of former West Indian batsman Clayton Lambert, the squad retains some of the players who took part in the ICC Champions Trophy, with the likes of Steve Massiah capable of scoring runs against the very best opposition.

After this event, the USA will travel to Nepal to take part in the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 5, as part of the qualification process for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.

One of its strategic aims is to gain qualification for this tournament and achieve a place back in the top 15 of the world rankings.

The USA also made only its second appearance at the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup, when it participated in the event in New Zealand in 2010.

TWENTY20 VISION

Lennox Cush (right), an experienced first-class cricketer, with two hundreds to his name, has developed a reputation as being a Twenty20 specialist and will be a key player for his side at this tournament. A series of impressive performances for Guyana in the Stanford 20 saw him rewarded by a call-up to the Stanford Superstars in 2008, although he didn't play in the game against England.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Captain Steve Massiah, who was one of the USA's few bright spots at the ICC Champions Trophy 2004, including hitting two fours off one Brett Lee over, is a highly talented batsman. After an indifferent campaign at the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 5 in 2008, although he did average 38.33, he will be determined to lead his side to at least a semi-final place.



TEAM PREVIEWS

THE NETHERLANDS



The Netherlands provided the greatest shock in the history of the ICC World Twenty20 when it secured a last-ball victory over England at Lord's on the opening night of the tournament.

And having secured qualification for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 with a third-placed finish, inspired by the brilliant bowling of Edgar Schiferli, who finished as Player of the Tournament, it will be determined to cause further upsets in the Caribbean in the Twenty20 format of the game.

Peter Borren will take charge of the side, after the retirement of former skipper Jeroen Smits, although he still has plenty of experience to call on from the likes of Ryan ten Doeschate, expected to be one of the stars of the event, and Daan van Bunge.

After the disappointment of failing to make the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup, Alexei Kervezee will also be determined to take his chance of playing in a global cricket event in 2010.

TWENTY20 VISION

When England made 162-5 against the Netherlands at Lord's in the ICC World Twenty20 2009, few people would have given it a chance of victory. But some positive batting, especially from Tom de Grooth, who smashed 49 off 30 balls, set up a dramatic finale, when overthrows after an attempted run out by Stuart Broad sealed a last-ball win.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Ryan ten Doeschate (right), who won the ICC Associate Player of the Year Award in 2008, is an aggressive hard-hitting batsman, whose skiddy style of bowling is always capable of taking wickets. An experienced campaigner, he has been a vital member of Essex's Twenty20 team in English county cricket.



KENYA



Kenya will be looking to achieve qualification for the ICC World Twenty20 2010 having already secured a place at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011.

Since its incredible achievement of reaching the ICC Cricket World Cup semi-final in 2003, it has struggled to build on its success at that tournament, yet it remains one of the strongest Associate Members.

Under the captaincy of 27-year-old Maurice Ouma (above), who replaced Steve Tikolo, the team has a number of excellent players, including Hiren Varaiya, who has developed a reputation as being one of the leading spinners in Associate cricket.

Kenya missed out on the ICC World Twenty20 2009 event after a dismal performance in the qualifier and in its recent form hasn't been much better.

Uganda achieved back-to-back victories against a Kenya X1 in December, which won't have helped its confidence, but it still has the talent to achieve a top two finish at this tournament.

TWENTY20 VISION

Kenya has only played once at the ICC World Twenty20, in the 2007 event, and had a miserable time. It lost by 172 runs to Sri Lanka, conceding 260-6, the highest score in ICC World Twenty20 history, having earlier been thrashed by New Zealand when it made just 73 all out. At one stage, it had lost its opening four wickets for just one run in that game!

PLAYER TO WATCH

Lameck Ngoche (right) finished the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier in 2009 as Kenya's top wicket-taker, claiming 15 victims in all, including an incredible 6-14 against the United Arab Emirates, and he will again play a key role at this event.



TEAM PREVIEWS

CANADA



Having never appeared at the ICC World Twenty20, Ashish Bagai will be looking to inspire Canada to a top two finish at the qualifying tournament.

At the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier in 2008, it missed out on a semi-final place despite defeating the Netherlands in the group stages and securing fifth place with a comprehensive eight-wicket victory over Bermuda.

It enjoyed a brilliant tournament at the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier in 2009, finishing as runners-up to Ireland.

Geoff Barnett, who has first-class cricket experience in New Zealand, was his side's top scorer at the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier with 351 runs, although he is absent from this event, while Khurram Chohan took an impressive 15 wickets at that tournament.

Chohan is one of six players, along with Harvir Baidwan, Umar Bhatti (above left), Rizwan Cheema, Sunil Dhaniram, and Henry Osinde (above right), who received full-time professional contracts in 2009, as the side builds up its preparations ahead of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 where it is in a difficult group with the likes of Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

TWENTY20 VISION

Canada gained some invaluable Twenty20 experience in 2008 when it hosted a quadrangular series at home against Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. It may have lost three of its matches at the event, but it did secure a tie against Zimbabwe and only lost to Sri Lanka by 15 runs.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Ashish Bagai (right) was the player of the tournament at the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division One in 2007, with centuries against Scotland and Ireland, and much is expected from the skipper at this event. He is also a successful banker, having worked in both Los Angeles and London.



UAE



With a talented squad and home advantage, the United Arab Emirates (above) will be determined to make the most of its invitation into the qualification event for the ICC World Twenty20 2009.

In the 50-over format of the game, it has shown it is a force to be reckoned with in the Associate world. It captured the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 2 title in 2007, following a 67-run win over Oman, and also won the ACC Elite Trophy in 2008. It also enjoyed some impressive performances during the course of the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier tournament in 2009 before it suffered a heartbreaking defeat in its final Super Eight match.

Going into the last day of the second stage of the qualifier, it still had a chance of not only securing an ODI place, by achieving a top six finish, but also coming into the top four of the tournament which would have earned it a place at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011. However, a crushing 122-run defeat to Scotland ruined its chances of success and left it languishing in seventh place in the final Super Eight table.

But its form in the short form of the game hasn't been quite as successful, finishing as runners-up in the ACC Twenty20 Cup in November 2009, losing heavily to Afghanistan in the final.

Its last taste of playing against the leading international sides was during the ICC Cricket World Cup 1996, when it won a match against the Netherlands, although more recently it played against both Bangladesh and Sri Lanka during the Asia Cup in 2008.

TWENTY20 VISION

Muhammad Iqbal was the star for the UAE at the ACC Twenty20 Cup in 2009, averaging 37.66, with two half centuries, while Ahmed Raza and Moiz Shahid were both in outstanding form with the ball taking 12 wickets apiece.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Saqib Ali (right) – Named in the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2007-8 Team of the Year, he was the only player to score a century for his country at the ACC Trophy Elite event in 2008. With 326 runs, he was also the top run-scorer for the UAE at the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier in 2009.



FIXTURES

GROUPS AND SEEDINGS

GROUP A	GROUP B
Ireland (1)	Netherlands (2)
Scotland (3)	Kenya (4)
Afghanistan (6)	Canada (5)
USA (8)	UAE (7)

PLAYING SCHEDULE

	START TIME	MATCH	VENUE
TUE 9 FEB	10:00	Scotland v USA	Abu Dhabi Cricket Stadium
	12:00	Ireland v Afghanistan	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
	14:00	Kenya v UAE	Abu Dhabi Cricket Stadium
	16:00	Netherlands v Canada	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
WED 10 FEB	10:00	Afghanistan v Scotland	Abu Dhabi Cricket Stadium
	12:00	Canada v Kenya	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
	14:00	USA v Ireland	Abu Dhabi Cricket Stadium
	16:00	UAE v Netherlands	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
THUR 11 FEB	10:00	Canada v UAE	Abu Dhabi Cricket Stadium
	12:00	Afghanistan v USA	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
	14:00	Netherlands v Kenya	Abu Dhabi Cricket Stadium
	16:00	Ireland v Scotland	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
FRI 12 FEB	12:00	Super 4s A 1st v B 2nd	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
	16:00	Super 4s B 1st v A 2nd	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
SAT 13 FEB	12:00	Super 4s B 1st v A 1st	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
	16:00	Super 4s B 2nd v A 2nd	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium
	20:00	Final	Dubai Sports City Cricket Stadium

VENUES

ABU DHABI

The Sheikh Zayed Stadium opened in 2004 and has already staged a number of high profile international series to date, including last year's matches between the likes of Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand.



DUBAI

The Dubai International Cricket Stadium played host to its first international match in April 2009 and has already become regarded as a world-class cricket venue. It is part of the Dubai Sports City complex, which is where the ICC's headquarters are located.



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