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45-Overs Division Champs!

In a year when we did not have our best stuff, or our best players, our club failed to garner a playoff berth among the top six teams of the Eastern American Cricket Association's "A" Division. It was a year with several setbacks, most noteworthy the unusual weather patterns with rain aborting some matches, before the first ball was ever bowled. There were two-week spells of inactivity between matches, which led to a state of lethargy amongst our players. However, those are all excuses. So, we did not get the kind of breaks that some other teams got, in their climb to the top of the pile. Atlantis was however, always a contender.

Our club, maintained its dominance over the latter half of the twelve-team league and prevailed to capture the top slot in the league's "B" grouping, which comprised of the lower six clubs competing this year. However, we were unable to capitalize on our superiority, losing to Hillside in the final of the Big-4 championship at Baisley Park, by some four runs.

Despite our club surrendering a possible second trophy for the 2003 season, we managed to still hold our heads high enough, to enjoy a post-season two-match tour to Florida, where we showcased some of the emerging young talent on the US cricket scene.

Atlantis, always a trailblazer and seldom a follower, took four youths on the tour, where they excelled, playing alongside the seasoned veterans of the club, as well as some Floridian youths. It was an enjoyable tour! The young players campaigning alongside Atlantis regulars were 17-year old wicket-keeper and opening batsman William Perkins, left-hand middle-order batsman Ethon Wilson, diminutive pacer Timothy Rodney and Atlantis' own six-foot pacer Megil Winter. Wilson had a swashbuckling 88 and 36, Perkins showed off an array of shots to reach 77, while Rodney and Winter captured three and two wickets respectively, while holding their own against some far more experienced batsmen. *(Above - Keith Isaacs powers Atlantis out of a season fog and toward 45-Overs title.)*

A Message from Our President

WAIT 'TILL NEXT YEAR?

Sounds familiar? It's the old refrain for many a sport organization, coming off of a bad year. While, it's the battle cry of the daunted and defeated, it also serves as the catalyst song for change and the anthem of resolve to perform in a much more creditable manner, when the next annual opportunity presents itself.

Our club is coming off of a disappointing year, but somewhere on the horizon and in our hearts, lie the belief that next year will be so much better.

GUT CHECK

Let's put some things in perspective here - our club is one year older and by extension, so are all of our players. In as much as one may contend that it also means the players are one year more matured, the bones and muscles have also been stretched for another year and does not necessarily snap back as quickly as they used to. Therefore, it behooves us to seriously consider the future of Atlantis in the cricketing arena. Because cricket is the core activity of our club, we must seek to attract fresh legs and stamina to our arsenal of players.

TIMELY TRANSITION

Many an organization experience some form of transition during its history. Our club is no different, so we must face reality and use this opportunity to make as progressive a transition as is possible. We must do so while we still have the minds of the more seasoned campaigners around to enlighten and coach the incoming breed of youngsters and Atlantis' future champions.

MORE THAN JUST CRICKET

I am extremely proud that we awarded seven monetary scholarships this year, as part of our "Shevonne Mentis Educational Scholarship Fund." Because, in addition to recruiting players, we must also recruit non-playing members, as Atlantis has something to offer each and every one -- as a part of our ongoing ideal to be...*more than just cricket!*

Best regards,



John L. Aaron
President



Hey! That's My Club!

The members of our club should always be proud to "show its colors" by acquiring and displaying articles emblazoned with our organization's colors and logo icons. It is simply another way to recognize tradition and be recognized for such. We have an obligation to do both.

While limited supplies last, show your support for your club by purchasing a folding chair, complete with "Atlantis" emblazoned in yellow gold lettering across the back. You are urged to do so before the beginning of the 2004 season, so that you may have it in time for the first match.



CHAIR IN
CARRYING
CASE

Each chair comes with its own soft carrying bag for easy toting to and from games, your relative's bar-b-que or across the country in the trunk of your car.

Made almost entirely of sturdy green canvas, the lightweight, yet very comfortable chair comes complete with a beverage cup holder that's built into the right armrest.

Each chair may be had for a small donation of \$20.



BACK
VIEW

Tee Times Up!

Sorry folks. Our supply of Atlantis...*more than just cricket!* Tee Shirts were exhausted during...our recent sojourn to Florida. However, our crack staff of designers are currently working on a new "Tee" for next summer. We are not sure whether it will have a theme or simply carry our club's logo. But whichever it is, it should be available late spring. So, please don't despair -- another Tee shirt will soon be here.

Please let us know what other items should be carried as sale items by our club. We welcome suggestions and/or designs. This is your club - get involved in every aspect of its operations. Don't simply be vocal backbench members, spewing negative criticism.

Remember, there are talkers, doers, and supporters. Choose any two of the three, or step outside of the circle, because we intend to welcome only the positive thinkers, doers, and supporters in 2004.



Florida...Sunshine, Youths and 2003 Awards

Invited Youths Shine In Sunshine State

Following the conclusion of our 2003 season, our club invited three youths who had recently participated in a New York Cricket Junior Youth Development Program tour of Guyana.

The three teenagers, Ethon Wilson, Timothy Rodney and William Perkins were joined by Atlantis' own six-foot pacer Megil Winter and traveled to Florida with the senior Atlantis team for two matches. One



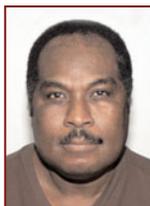
Youth Players (l to r) Megil Winter, Timothy Rodney, William Perkins and Ethon Wilson

match was played in Orlando against Pine Hills Cricket Club and the other in Fort Lauderdale against Miramar Masters Cricket Club. The young men all excelled, returning exciting and rewarding performances, as Atlantis handily defeated the opposition in both games.

Some highlights of the youngsters' performances with the blade were contributions of 88 and 36 from left-hander Ethon Wilson and 12 and 77 from the right-handed wicket-keeper William Perkins. Timothy Rodney grabbed three wickets, showcasing remarkable speed for someone of his diminutive stature, while Megil Winter snatched two wickets.

Awards Dinner - Sat. November 22nd

This year's Awards Dinner a& Dance promises to be an exciting event, with Roger Andrew Harper as the main cricketing honoree. However, former club members George "Charlie Hustle" Williams and Gerald "Johnno" Johnson, are also being honored for their cricketing and other contributions to our club.



George Williams

George Williams, an ardent fisherman is also an accomplished guitar player, who enjoys the guitar classics as well as "some good 'ole time Dave

Martin and the Tradewinds tunes" according to the former all-rounder, who's recuperating from a tennis related knee injury.

Gerald Johnson, a former Guyana Police Officer was well known for his tidy bowling spells, which yielded little or no runs. The tall greying Johnson, familiarly called "Johnno" by his peers, remembers and misses his playing days with Atlantis.



Gerald Johnson

In addition to the two aforementioned players, our club will also bestow honorary lifetime memberships upon Claudette Benn and Aubrey and Joan Mentis, ardent Atlantis supporters, for their invaluable contributions to our club throughout the years.

...and The 2003 Performance Winners Are...

This year's awards dinner will see individual performance awards being distributed to those players who have made outstanding contributions during the 2003 season.

As of press time, the leading contenders for awards were Haseeb "Fezo" Sheriff, Keith Isaacs, Bill White, and Colin Sandy. Cricketing Committee Chairman Keith Cameron was keeping a very tight lid on the final list of performance awardees.

No awards were distributed in 2002, because our club aborted the season, due to "ungentlemanly conduct" by the League's executive committee. This year with a new executive committee led by Zaman Juman, the EACA successfully completed its 2003 season with all championships matches completed.

Atlantis would like to acknowledge the Herculean task undertaken and accomplished by the Juman-led team, especially Secretary Alston Bacchus. The association's Secretary has set the performance bar exceptionally high. His timely and effective communications were the keys to holding the season and the league together. Kudos...to Alston!



EACA Secretary Alston Bacchus (right) hands over 45-overs prize check to Actg. Atlantis Capt. Bill White.

Roger Harper Arrives In New York For Atlantis Award

Former West Indies Coach To Receive Club's Honorary Lifetime Membership Award

Former Guyana Captain and West Indies Test Player and Coach Roger Andrew Harper arrived in New York at 2:30am on Wednesday, November 19, in preparation for our club's 37th Annual Awards Dinner & Dance set for Saturday, November 22 at the elegant Chateau Royale.

President John Aaron, Awards Dinner Chairman and EVP Steve Welcome, VP Glendon Archer and Treasurer Keith Aaron, were on hand to meet Roger at JFK. An exhausted Roger Harper was soon after whisked away to his temporary place of abode by VP Glendon Archer.

A press conference and cocktail reception is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2003 at JRG Fashion Café Restaurant & Bar at 177 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn. This is an ideal opportunity for members of our club and a few invited guests to rub shoulders with the former West Indies coach. The reception is 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

Harper, who until recently was the Head Coach of the West Indies team under the captancy of Carl Hooper, is now heading the West Indies Shell Cricket Academy out of Grenada. Known for his athletic fielding abilities more so than his batting or bowling, Roger Harper was referred to, "as easily the best qualified, experienced and "ready" person to be the West Indies coach," by cricket commentator and fellow West Indies player Colin Croft, at the time of Harper's appointment to the West Indies coaching position.

Unfortunately, as Harper's contract with the West Indies Cricket Board neared completion, with no consideration for a continuation on the sides of both parties, it was rumored that the coach did not enjoy the full support and respect of all the West Indies players under his charge. Roger Harper would later be quoted as saying that the ugly monster of insularity was still evident in West Indies cricket. The former Guyana, Northamshire and Central Lancashire all-rounder, has however pledged his solid

support behind the development of West Indies cricket, especially among the youths of the region.

Our club extends a warm and hearty welcome to twinned Demerara Cricket Club (DCC) Member Roger Andrew Harper, to New York. We feel that the New York cricketing community should also give a warm welcome to the former USA cricket coach, and



Roger Harper (2nd from right) is greeted at JFK International Airport by (l to r) Glendon Archer, Keith Aaron and Steve Welcome

someone who the organizers of the Junior Youth Development Cricket Program in New York should tap into for coaching assistance.

Atlantis Setting Sights To Cross The Atlantic

Our club, through the efforts of Vice President Glendon Archer has made tentative arrangements to travel to London, England next summer for a short four-match ten days tour, in and around the City of London, as well as the University of Sheffield.

The details relating to the proposed tour will be announced shortly through our club's Cricketing Committee.

So far it appears that the most convenient dates are the last two weeks in August 2004. We urge those interested members and supporters to stay tuned for more details.



Who • What • Why • Where • When • How



William Perkins on his way to a scorching 77 in Florida.



College-bound "Shevonne Mentis Educational Scholarship Fund" winners, with Thelma Holder-Boza (2nd from left).

Bon Voyage!

2002 Honorary Member Pauline Lloyd-Hinds was feted at a grand send-off party, just before she relocated to London in November. We'll miss Pauline...and her saltfish and bakes.



Ethon Wilson hooks and smashes his way on to a splendid score of 88 in Florida.



One of the Atlantis squads basking in the Florida sunshine.



2003 Florida Tour Manager Haseeb "Feezo" Sheriff makes a point concerning the availability and the portion size of some good Florida curry and roti.

Looking back over the year? One of the Welcome twins peek over the shoulder of his dad and EVP Steve.

