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Message from ICC Regional Development Manager – Europe



It gives me great pleasure to welcome all teams, players and officials to Dublin, Ireland for the ICC European Women's Senior Championship.

After England's triumphant ICC Women's Cricket World Cup campaign in Sydney earlier this year, the future of European Women's cricket couldn't be brighter.

Looking to further raise the profile and standard of the Women's game across Europe, this year's ICC European Women's Senior Championship will see hosts Ireland battle it out against Scotland and the Netherlands for the 2009 title. This event will for the first time be organised every year to help provide more match play for the player's development. With the last two championships won by the ECB Development team who will not be participating, this year's tournament will most certainly see a new European champion being crowned.

Over the course of the next four days, three 50-over matches and three Twenty20 matches will be played here in Dublin. With all three teams currently participating in the LV Women's County Championship in England, this tournament will serve to showcase some of the skills that the players have been honing in their regular fixtures in England.

Cricket Ireland is very experienced in organising events of this nature, and I am grateful to them for hosting this tournament. Personally I would like to thank the Tournament Organiser Alan Hughes, ICC Europe Tournament Referee Richard Cox and the other match officials – umpires, scorers and web managers; groundsmen; match managers; and many other volunteers throughout the clubs who have worked so hard and kindly hosted matches.

Good luck to all involved and enjoy the tournament.

Yours sincerely

Richard Holdsworth
ICC Regional Development Manager – Europe

Tournament Welcome

It is indeed a great privilege for me as President of Cricket Ireland to welcome our visitors to the European Women's Championship being held this year in the Leinster area of Irish Cricket. The Irish team are eagerly looking forward to this event, and competing with our visitors from the Netherlands and Scotland.



I sincerely hope that the sun shines for the duration of the tournament and that all teams have a very enjoyable stay in our capital city and enjoy the camaraderie together.

I would particularly like to express Cricket Ireland's thanks to the clubs that have made their grounds available for the tournament and to the many volunteers for their help in preparation.

I would also like to thank on our behalf Alan Hughes and Suzanne Kenealy for their untiring work in making all the necessary arrangements for the smooth operation of the tournament.

Finally I would like to thank our generous sponsors RSA Insurance for their support, and to Fingal County Council for hosting of the teams reception.

Arthur Vincent
President, Cricket Ireland

Tournament Details

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Umpires:
Lee Goldsmith
Ingeborg Bevers
Sanjeev Kad

Web Manager:
Barry Chambers

ICC European Women's Championship 3-6th August 2009 – Dublin

FIXTURES

1. Monday 3rd August, *Ireland v Scotland @ Clontarf C.C., 10.45am start*
2. Tuesday 4th August, *Netherlands v Scotland @ North County C.C., 10.45am start*
3. Wednesday 5th August, *Ireland v Netherlands @ The Hills C.C., 10.45am start*
4. Thursday 6th August, *T20 Round Robin @ Leinster C.C.*
 - Game A: 9.30am
 - Game B: 1.00pm
 - Game C: 4.30pm

A brief history of Women's Cricket in Ireland

Compiled by Judy Cohen

Women's cricket in Ireland has a distinguished history before the establishment of the Irish Women's Cricket Union in 1982. It had been superbly organised at provincial level most notably in Leinster and Ulster. The first known women's cricket match took place, not in Dublin, but in Cork. It is known that cricket was played in some girl's schools in the early years of the century, but not until 1936 is there a record of a match.

The Leinster Women's Cricket Union was formed in 1938 with Leinster, Civil Service, Dartry, Carlisle, Bellshire and Rush as the first affiliated clubs. A league competition was organised amongst the members. In 1947 the Northern Women's Cricket Union was founded, swiftly followed by the North-West Women's Cricket Union and an inter-provincial series between Ulster and Leinster was inaugurated and continued until 1967. During this period a number of English touring teams came over and played matches at club representative level and both Leinster and Ulster toured in England. During the 1960's, however, interest waned and by 1970 women's cricket had ceased in Leinster and in Ulster in 1972.

Women's cricket did not end but remained dormant until it came into what could be termed its second phase in the latter half of the 1970's. The expertise and experience of the women and men who had been involved previously was invaluable in the founding of the Irish Women's Cricket Union in 1982. Their presence in both "phases" ensured a continuity which was realised by the successes of the Irish team abroad.

European Cup

The first ever European Cup was held in Phoenix Park back in 1986 with teams from W.C.A. (Women's Cricket Association), Ireland, Holland and Denmark taking part. These matches were declaration matches.

This competition is now run under the aegis of ICC Europe and in recent years was contested by an England under age side, Ireland, Holland and Scotland (Scotland joined in the competition for the first time in 2001 and Denmark withdrew). In the current competition Ireland, Scotland and The Netherlands compete.

This competition is currently a European ranking tournament for World cup qualification. The top two European countries going forward to the Women's ICC Trophy.

I.C.C. Trophy

First held in 2004 and hosted by Europe in association with the European cup tournament. Ireland were the first winners and went forward to the 2005 World cup in South Africa.



World Cup

Ireland first participated in the World Cup Australia in 1988 and since then the Cricket Ireland Women have been to World Cups in England in 1993, India in 1997, New Zealand in 2001 and most recently South Africa in 2005.

The structure of this competition has changed over its history. The current favoured format is a competition with eight participants that play each other once on a round-robin basis. The top six ranked countries at the end of the tournament qualify for the World Cup competition four years later. Those ranked 7 and 8 must enter the ICC trophy competition for qualification. Winners and runners-up take the two places available.

Other interesting facts about Women's Cricket

The first recorded women's cricket match took place in 1744 in England.

Women played in the World Cup competition in 1973 where-as the men didn't start until 1975.

"The story of the origin of round-arm bowling is by now well-know, and it is generally accepted that John Willes, Kentish squire and sports patron, on whose tombstone is engraved "He was the first to introduce round-armed bowling in cricket", first saw its potential through practising with his sister, Christina, in the barn of their home at Tonford, near Canterbury. She was wearing the full skirt of the period, but finding that it hampered her underarm bowling delivered the ball with a high-handed action. John Willes at once adopted this style himself and fought for fifteen years to secure its recognition. He and his sister were noted for their cricket activities and it was often said in the neighbourhood "Willes, his sister and his dog could beat any eleven in England". Christina's son Edward Hodges, who was born in 1818, and once played for the Gentlemen of Kent, confirmed the story of his mother bowling, with the dog fielding.

There is, however, another version of the advent of round-arm bowling, also due to the action of a woman. It is said that a Mrs Lambert used to bowl to her husband, William Lambert, in an old barn to give him practice, and it was she who found herself hampered by her skirt and so adopted the round-arm action. This story was published in the Badminton Magazine in December 1895 with a footnote stating that in 1862 Willes' daughter was questioned on the subject and said that her father had never mentioned anything to her about bowling and that she had never heard the story. But, whichever version is correct, it can be agreed without doubt that the first major influence of women on the game of cricket was the introduction of round-arm bowling". (A quote from 'Fair Play' written by Rachael Heyhoe Flint and Netta Rheinberg).



Ireland Team



(Standing L-R) Marianne Herbert, Carole McGuire, Melissa Scott Hayward, Eimear Richardson, Amy Kenealy, Sinead Lyons, Emma Beamish.
(Sitting L-R) Suzanne Kenealy, Clare Shillington, Heather Whelan, Isobel Joyce, Cecelia Joyce
Missing: Jill Whelan, Ciara Metcalfe, Jean Carroll.



Clare Shillington

Malahide; r/h opening bat; experience international player.

Heather Whelan

Merrion Irish Capt; experienced international player.

Cecelia Joyce

Merrion; r/h bat and one of three sets of sisters on Irish squad.

Isobel Joyce

Merrion r/h bat and LF hand bowler; recently won her 50 cap for Ireland.

Jill Whelan

Merrion and sister of capt heather; r/h bowler been on the Irish team for some years.

Emma Beamish

Merrion; r/h early order bat.

Eimear Richardson

Leinster C.C. and r/h early order bat; r/h spin bowler.

Sinead Lyons

Leinster C.C.; current member of A side; wicket keeper and mid order bat.

Melissa Scot Hayward

Leinster C.C.; current member of the A side; mid order bat and change bowler.

Suzanne Kenealy

Leinster C.C.; recent member of full Irish side; r/h medium bowler; also member of A side.

Marianne Herbert

Malahide C.C.; experienced opening bowler who has travelled the world with the Irish team.

Amy kenealy

Leinster C.C.; r/h bowler; also; A squad player.

Laura Cullen

Clontarf C.C.; r/h opening bowler and current member of A squad.

Laura Delany

Leinster C.C.; r/h bat and bowler; capt of U17 Irish team that will compete in European champs and also member of A squad.

Jean Carroll

Malahide/Clontarf; experienced international wicket keeper.

Carol Maguire

Rush C.C.; r/h opening bat.

Netherlands Team



(Standing L-R) Annemarie Tanke, Cheraldine Oudolf, Marloes Braat, Carlijn de Groot, Alarda Mol, Evelien Gerritse, Miranda Veringmeier.
(Sitting L-R) Job van Bunge, Laura Brouwers, Helmiem Rambaldo, Mandy Kornet, Joliet Hartenhof, Violet Wattenberg.
Missing: Marijn Nijman, Denise Hannema.



Helmiem Rambaldo (28 yrs), Quick, Den Haag

After a few years studying and playing cricket in South Africa, Helmiem took over the captaincy of the Dutch team a few years ago from Caroline Salomons. She is a quicksilver batsman and fielder, who likes to think about the game, and always has a constructive game plan for every match, a cunning captain! R/h toporder batsman, occasional bowler, fielding covers/midwicket.

Mandy Kornet (Vice Captain) (24 yrs), Hermes DVS, Schiedam

As captain of the young and talented Hermes DVS-team Mandy is a very mature cricketer. As a member of a huge cricketing family (her father and mother played at a high level, her younger sisters play cricket too) she has been playing cricket for 18 years! R/h meduam opening bowler, r/h middle-order batsman, fielding fineleg – mid-on.

Marloes Braat (19 yrs), Hermes DVS, Schiedam

Marloes has been playing cricket for 13 years, is part of the successful Hermes DVS-team and has established herself as a regular opening bowler with control and sometimes some extra pace. R/h mediumpace bowler, lower-middle order bat r/h, fielding usually mid-on/off, covers Laura Brouwers (20); Hermes DVS, Schiedam. Laura is a true-blood cricketer, and has been playing cricket for 9 years. Apart from representing Hermes DVS, she also plays for her former club Hercules (Utrecht) in the men's 3rd team. With her smooth bowling action, she takes wickets regularly. R/h mediumpace bowler, lower order r/h batsman, fielding midwicket/covers.

Christine Erkelens (17 yrs), Ajax, Leiden

Christine has been playing cricket for 8 years, and in the last few years she has developed pretty quickly into a talented inswing bowler. With the bat she has performed pretty well for her clubteam, which has been promoted to the topleague this season. R/h mediumpace, r/h batsmen middle-lower order, fielding midwicket/covers, boundariesweeper.

Evelien Gerrits (24 yrs), Ajax, Leiden

Evelien has been a member of the young Holland team, and after 12 years of cricket she attended the ECA in La Manga this year. She describes herself as a mediumpace r/h bowler, but she can generate some greater speed at times. Excellent outfielder. R/m mediumpace bowler, lower order r/h batsman, covers/legside outfielder.

Carlijn de Groot (22 yrs), Hermes DVS, Schiedam

Carlijn has been playing cricket for approx. 12 years. She has specialised in opening the batting, and although she shows lots of patience, she can hit out as well. Carlijn is very useful in close fielding positions. R/h toporder batsman, fielding anywhere close.

Denise Hannema (18 yrs), ACC, Amsterdam

Denise has been playing cricket for 8 years, she comes from a real cricket family. With her sparkling personality she is a great member of any team, and she has been bowling extremely well for her club team this season. R/m mediumpace bowler, r/h lowerorder batsman, fielding covers/mid-off.

Jolet Hartenhof (29 yrs), VRA, Amsterdam

Jolet has built up enough experience to perform in every match in which she plays. With her unorthodox inswing action she is troubling most openers, and also is hard to get away. She bowled really well in the county match vs. Oxford earlier this season. R/h fast opening bowler, r/h lowerorder batsman, fielding mid-off/on – fineleg.

Alarda Mol (27), Quick, Den Haag

Alarda Mol was a longstanding member of the U21 Dutch team. After a few years only in club cricket she made herself available for selection again, and gained her place because of her batting, which has really progressed extremely well over the past few seasons. R/h batsman middle/toporder when needed, fielding covers.

Marijn Nijman (23 yrs), Hermes DVS, Schiedam

Marijn has been playing cricket for 15 years, and has developed as a strong and fluent batsman in the middle-order. She can be used as an allrounder bowling medium, sometimes faster, pace. Together with her two brothers and sister Nynke they form a big cricket generation in the Hermes-club. R/h fast-medium bowler, r/h top-middleorder batsman, covers/outfield (boundary).

Nynke Nijman (20 yrs), Hermes DVS, Schiedam

Nynke Nijman played cricket as long as her sister Marijn (15 years), so she is an already experienced cricketer despite being only 20 years old. Recently, her bowling (neat little outswingers) has improved tremendously. r/h mediumpace bowler, r/h batsman lower order, fielding squareleg.

Cheraldine Oudolf (29 yrs), Rood en Wit, Haarlem

As a longstanding member of the Dutch team, Cheraldine has progressed from an opening bowler to an opening batsman, who can frustrate bowlers with her lanky but forceful shots, not afraid to hit out. She is an excellent fielder with a very good arm. R/h batsman toporder, fineleg/mid-off/on, boundary.

Annemarie Tanke (31 yrs), Rood en Wit, Haarlem

After years of playing cricket and long years of hard work Annemarie has mastered the extreme art of legspin bowling well. She always picks up wickets. As an experienced batsman she can stay in for a long time, making runs at the same time, and supporting other batsmen. R/h spinbowler, r/h middle-order batsman, fielding anywhere.

Miranda Veringmeier (17 yrs), Hermes DVS, Schiedam

She has been playing cricket for 12 years, and right from the start she knew that she wanted to be a wicketkeeper/batsman. She is a batsman who can play long and strong innings, as a wicketkeeper she is always actively involved in the match. R/h middle-order batsman, wicketkeeper/slips, occ. R/h bowler.

Violet Wattenberg (30 yrs), Rood en Wit, Haarlem

Violet had her cricketroots in Nijmegen (East Netherlands), but as a member of Rood en Wit she has played a great part in some very successful seasons at the Haarlem-club. A staunch openingsbatsman, who seems to get even better during the season. A true and totally devoted wicketkeeper, she is one of the best wicketkeepers in Dutch women's cricket so far. R/h batsman, wicketkeeper.

Coach:

Job van Bunge, Quick, den Haag
Job van Bunge is one of those players or coaches that you don't hear or see, but when needed they perform. With his brother Daan (Dutch international) he runs a cricketschool. This year he took on the job as coach of the Dutch women's team, who had been without a coach for a while. Job also coached a few junior clubteams over the winter, and really wants to settle into a cricket coach position. He thinks that taking up the position of women's coach for the Dutch XI will give him much experience in the coaching business. Unfortunately for the team Job will move to Australia, a great step for him, but the team will need to find another coach again.

Scotland Team



Kari Anderson (Capt.), Charlotte Bascombe (VC), Fi Urquhart, Catherine Smaill, Abbi Aitken, Sahar Aslam, Caroline Sweetman, Lynne Dickson, Leigh Kasperek, Samantha Haggo, Lorna Jack, Diane Pedgrift, Ali Ramsay, Kathryn White, Adam Park-Elliott, Gordon Allan.

Kari Anderson (Captain) (27 yrs)

Stirling RHB, RAM & RAS. Returned to skipper the Wildcats this season, and leading from the front with bat and ball. Selected for the ICC European Squad later this month, and enjoying a productive season again with Stirling County C.C. Recently completed her Level 3 Coaching qualification, and working hard with the U17 and U15 girls Squads to find future 'Wildcats'.

Charlotte Bascombe (Vice Captain) (22 yrs)

Newcastle-under-Lyme RHB, WKPR. First season in the role as Vice Captain but thriving on the added responsibility. Attended ICC Euro Academy in La Manga earlier this year, and also selected for ICC European Squad. Very correct, early order batter, with ability to take on the attack when required.

Abbi Aitken (18 yrs)

Dundee RHB, RAM. Another attendee at this year's Academy in La Manga, has grown in confidence and ability over recent months, especially with the new ball. Tends to bat lower order but showing signs of improvement and increased confidence with the bat.

Sahar Aslam (27 yrs)

Tipperary RHB, RAS. Well established member of the Squad, she spent most of last season out injured. Useful and reliable performer with bat and ball, her cricketing skills are best suited to the longer game.

Lynne Dickson (16 yrs)

Glasgow RHB, RAM. Has come on in leaps and bounds over the past twelve months, this year Captain of the Scotland Girls (Us17) Development Squad. Always gives 100% whenever called upon to perform with bat or ball, and looking forward to her second 'senior' competition, having played in the ICC European U21 tournament two years ago.

Samantha Haggo (17 yrs)

Prestwick RHB, RAM. Another member of the Under 17 Squad and a player with considerable potential. Part of the Scotland Development Squad for the past few years, growing in confidence with bat and ball.

Lorna Jack (17 yrs)

Paisley RHB, WKPR. Rapidly improving and tidy 'keeper, also very determined and competent with the bat. No mean fielder when not keeping, and another product of the Development Squad.

Leigh Kasperek (17 yrs)

Edinburgh RHB, RAM. Attendee at La Manga for the past 2 years, another player of real potential with bat and ball. Developing her own style of attack with both, as well as being very agile and athletic in the outfield.

Diane Pedgrift (21 yrs)

Arbroath RHB, RAS. Well established player in the senior side for several years now, but continually dogged by injury. After several knee operations, now getting the chance to perform closer to her potential. Safe pair of hands and tidy close fielder. Attended La Manga she has found has helped to kick start her season this year.

Ali Ramsay (27 yrs)

Stirling RHB, RAM. Mainly in the side for her positive style of batting, but very capable of bowling a few tidy overs in the middle of the innings. Has stepped in to keep-wicket at short notice and opened the innings earlier in the season when willing 'volunteers' were hard to find!

Catherine Smaill (18 yrs)

Edinburgh RHB, RAS. Another product of the Development Squad and into many different sports, such as hockey, which sometimes conflict with her cricket. Growing into a steady and reliable batter, with good technique and ability to concentrate, also starting to develop into a reliable slow bowler.

Caroline Sweetman (26 yrs)

Edinburgh RHB, WKPR, RAS. Solid early to middle order batter and the Wildcat's reserve wicket-keeper, always looking to motivate and encourage her team-mates both in the field and throughout the innings.

Fi Urquhart (22 yrs)

Aberdeen RHB, RAM. Former skipper who has had resurgence in form with both bat and ball for club as well as country this year, and has also grown in confidence now she is able to concentrate on her own game. Very sharp in the field, safe hands and supportive of her team-mates at all times.

Kathryn White (22 yrs)

Stirling RHB, RAM. Wildcat's long established opener with bat and ball, having a good season with both for club and country. Generally fields in the circle with a steady pair of hands, and always looking to 'drive' the team forward – off the field as the minibus driver as well as when playing!

Willie Wildcat

Somewhere on the M6. Mascot adopted by the Team whilst on the road earlier in the season, shows promise now fully kitted out and will no doubt cheer the players on throughout 2009. Developing his own style in front of the camera with help from one or two of the players.

Best wishes from

The Mayor of Fingal County Council

Ciaran Byrne

to all involved with the

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