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TRAILBLAZERS OF USA CRICKET

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IN THE USA

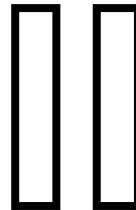


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TRAILBLAZERS OF USA CRICKET

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USA Cricket can always reminisce on a historic and precious fact that, in 1844, the first official international cricket match was played between the USA and Canada. Since then, globally, the game has significantly evolved and grown, but surprisingly, the USA has not really experienced the same level of maturity and development of the game, especially when compared to other parts of the world. In particular, adequate infrastructure was found missing for the development of the game for decades and generations. Part of that growth limitation can be attributed to the fact that, cricket eventually evolved into baseball by the late 1800s and cricket was predominantly played and followed by just a limited expat community in the USA until the 1970s where a generation of immigrants to the US from the Commonwealth countries began to show lot of promise at the social / semi-professional level.

Today, most club cricket in the US is played on clay pitches with jute matting, or worse still, concrete wickets with astroturf matting, the latter because of the lack of dedicated cricket grounds. The harsh reality in the US is that cricket grounds jostle for space with soccer and other outdoor sports, and in general are a footnote in the operations manual for any Parks & Recreation department across any city, big or small. The principal reason for this in a capitalist country is the economic fundamentals: capital outlay, return on investment, payback period, cash flow etc. Apart from a handful of proper cricket grounds, Woodley grounds in Van Nuys, California and Broward County - Fort Lauderdale, Florida, there are no other cricket grounds of note that were city/county funded and supported.

This is where our two trailblazers come as a breath of fresh air, pioneers who defied the laws of demand and supply, dreamed, and dreamed BIG. They say everything is BIG in Texas, and it cannot be truer in every sense of the word when it comes to these two gentlemen's heart especially their heart for cricket. Sakhi Muhammed and Tanweer Ahmed both in their own significant ways poured their heart, soul and money into realizing a big dream of building world class cricket facilities in different suburbs of Houston, Texas and making it the center of cricket in the USA.

S A K H I M U H A M M A D

T A N W E E R A H M E D

TRAILBLAZERS OF USA CRICKET

A couple of outstanding examples of dedication through private investment because of the selfless love for cricket with the goal to lay a foundation for the upcoming generations are the Moosa stadium built by Sakhi in Pearland, TX and Prairie View Cricket complex by Tanweer in Prairie View, TX.

Both cricket complexes are equipped with the state-of-the-art facilities for USA cricketers and have already hosted Team USA preparatory camps, MILC games, National championship games at both senior level and under-19, under-16 levels and many other tournaments of high stature. International cricketers have been quick to praise the quality of these cricketing complexes as well. Both these gentlemen are very successful entrepreneurs, involved in several philanthropic initiatives, leaders in the South Asian community, role models, and last but not the least avid, active, passionate, and very skilled cricketers themselves.

MOOSA STADIUM



PRAIRIE VIEW

TRAILBLAZERS OF USA CRICKET

Tanweer Ahmed is a huge community influencer and has played a huge role in supporting people in Pakistan during the COVID pandemic and has also revitalized girls' education and educational infrastructure in Pakistan. Tanweer's vision, dream and plans of having a world class cricket facility in Prairie View, Texas, was not necessarily viewed as a logical project by most in the cricket and business community. Despite the low confidence and support shown by the community, Tanweer took it upon himself to take on the challenge. This was no ordinary act since it involved a substantial personal financial commitment and priceless time that was taken away from his business and personal life. Today, the Prairie View Cricket complex houses six beautiful turf wickets, two Astro turf wickets and 1 stadium across ~86 acres. It is located less than 5 miles from Prairie View A&M University (part of Texas A&M University system) and has plans to bring 50+ cricket teams together under one umbrella.

Sakhi Muhammad still remembers the values that were imparted to him by the time he was 12 from his father who the Moosa Complex is named after in Pearland, Texas. His father passed away when Sakhi was 12, but by then he had shaped Sakhi values, and instilled in him a drive to give back to community. Sakhi bhai's mother was very instrumental in making him who he is today and as a way of honoring them he built the Moosa complex. The Moosa complex has three cricket pitches - two turf wickets and 1 astroturf wicket. The main ground is named after his father Moosa, and the second ground is named after his mother Balquees. There are covered practice facilities to provide protection from the hot Texas weather with 2 concrete/astroturf wickets and two turf wickets. The Moosa complex is located strategically 14 miles from the Houston Hobby airport and 16 miles from the Texas Medical center and has ~65 acres of land available for further development. Sakhi bhai is also building a Cricket complex in Pakistan.



MATHEW VARGHESE

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SYED SHAHANAWAZ



Organizations are typically successful because of having the right vision and execution strategy in place. While there are other important factors that need to be accounted for to accomplish successful outcomes, one such factor is to have the right personnel and teams involved to execute parts of that successful equation. In particular, it becomes extremely important to have the right team member(s), members who consistently demonstrate unconditional support to the cause; and in return have no personal expectations from the organization as well.

In this edition of our magazine, MCUSA is extremely proud to showcase Mathew Varghese. In lot of ways, Mathew is considered to be one of the core members of this young organization. Mathew, has been a huge source of support and inspiration to MCUSA and continues to be one of the driving forces for the organization. In less than a year, Mathew has played significant roles in enhancing MCUSA's operational needs. His unconditional involvement and roles-played ranged from being a Manager of Team USA to being a Selector for the East Central Zone. More recently, Mathew was deservedly appointed to the O50's MCUSA Executive Committee and continues to play an important role for MCUSA.

It is very rare that we come across individuals with such caliber and commitment, individuals who work so selflessly and always strive to uphold values of the organization. Mathew (Bhai) as we have all dearly known him as, is a full-package with a gift wrap around it, luckily delivered to the doorsteps of MCUSA. It is truly a blessing to have members like Mathew associated to this prestigious organization.

- Age 55
- **Personal:** Married with two sons
- **Playing Role:** All-rounder, right hand middle order batsman, medium pace bowler and prefer to field within 30 yards.
- **Past:** Played locally in India, Muscat, and Switzerland. Started playing locally at young age in Mumbai (mostly hard tennis ball), moved to Oman in 1992 and played locally in Muscat and in Alain (UAE), then moved to USA, started our club with 8 members and now we have 70, played in Geneva, Switzerland for local teams in 2008.
- **Present:** Playing for Cincinnati Cricket Club since 2002, and one of the founding members
- **Playing in Midwest Cricket Tournament League - MCT (OH/IN/KY)**
 - Certified ACF level 2 coach.
 - Actively involved in youth coaching and administration (Cincinnati) since 2018
 - Proud to be a part of a strategic effort that resulted in 3 members of our club participate in the minor league (2021 season)
- Existing **board member** of the MCT league.
- **Profession:** IT application support
- Proud member of the Masters Cricket USA org
 - Team Manager for Canada and UK tour (2021)
 - Member of the MCUSA O50 Executive Committee

MASTERS LA O60 & O50 TOURNAMENT

November 2021
Jwalant Vakil (JV)

Introduction

An idea of promoting, advancing, cultivating and fostering the game of cricket at all levels for persons above the age of 50 reached a new level of realization! The third tournament of the year saw the number of teams participating doubled from the first tournament for over 50 and necessitated conducting the first over 60 tournament! With over 125 cricket enthusiasts over the age of 50, Woodley Park was busy hosting matches from Nov 13th to Nov 20th 2021.

O50 Matches Review

The eight participating teams were divided into two groups of four each and the format was for each team in a group to first play with the other teams in the same group. The last game for each team would be to play with the team with the same ranking in the other group.

O60 Matches Review

The two over 60 teams battled it out in a 3-match series with the 60 Blues coming out as champions and winning 2 out of the 3 matches against the 60 Reds.



"AS LONG AS I AM BREATHING, IN MY
EYES, I AM JUST BEGINNING."
— CRISS JAMI

MASTERS LA O60 TOURNAMENT

Day 1 – Nov 13th 2021

60 Reds (100/10) lost to 60 Blues (101/4)

60 Blues won the toss and elected to bowl. 60 Reds had a rocky start but managed to recover with a stabilizing partnership between Sankar Jayaram (26) and Janak Patel (18) to end up with 100 runs. Dashrath Sankhe dominated the bowling with figures of figure of 5 wickets for 4 runs in 6.3 overs. 60 Reds batters chased the target in the 30th over with good performances from Monty Venkersammy (41), Atul Rai (20) and Shantha Suraweera (19). Dashrath Sankhe was adjudged the player of the match.

Day 2 – Nov 14th 2021

60 Reds (106/10) lost to 60 Blues (107/4)

60 Blues won the toss and elected to bowl. 60 Reds managed to get a total of 106 with a good performance from Abid Naqvi (48). Wayne Copeland (4-27) was the pick of the bowlers for the Blues. Wayne Copeland carried the good performance into the batting by scoring 34 with good support from Adamjee Haroon (20) to reach the target. Wayne Copeland was adjudged the player of the match.

Day 3 – Nov 16th 2021

60 Blues (116/10) lost to 60 Reds (117/4)

60 Blues won the toss and elected to bat and got off to a good start with Monty Venkersammy (33) and Atul Rai (17). A good performance from Dave Ramdan (32) helped 60 Blues reach a target of 116. 60 Reds bowlers Janak Patel (4-7) and Chetan Shah (4-28) had a good stints. 60 Reds batters chased the target in the 30th over with good batting performances by Kiritsinh Parmar (45) and Chetan Shah (29). Kiritsinh Parmar was adjudged the player of the match.



MASTERS LA O50 TOURNAMENT

Day 1 – Nov 15th 2021

North Bears (275/5) beat West Warriors (237/6)

North Bears won the toss and elected to bat. The openers, Shahid Shahzad (37) and Joseph Buffong quickly reached 54 in just 7. The attack continued and the Bears put up a target of 275 after losing only 5 wickets, with the help of half centuries from 3 of their batters – Joseph Buffong (71), Babbar Butt (66) and Fazal Alam (65). The Warriors put up a valiant fight but ended up at 237 for 6 wickets with a fighting knock from Mohammed Majeed who scored 80. Fazal Alam was adjudged the man of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

East Broncos (151/10) beat West Blazers (119/10)

West Blazers decided to bowl first after winning the toss. East Bronco's openers gave a solid beginning with a 50-run partnership in 10 overs between Anthony Sahadeo (27) and Amir Kiyani (32) but the team could not build on this solid start and collapsed to a tight bowling attack with Dharmesh Shah taking 4 wickets and Ketan Pandya scalping 3. West Blazers had a rocky start by losing a quick wicket but the partnership between Vijay Trisal (28) and Tejwant Singh (25) quickly stabilized the innings. A destructive spell by East Broncos captain Rizwan Mohammed who took a hat-trick and ended up with a total of 4 wickets in the bag helped Broncos seal the game. Rizwan Mohammed was adjudged the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

West Lions (181/ 9) beat Central Stars (166/10)

West Lions won the toss and elected to bat.. Manjula Samaragedon (43) stood strong while the wickets kept falling at the other end. Fortunately for the Lions the partnership for the 10th wicket between Imran Sarwar (28) and Jamal Usman (26) helped the total to 181.



C Kumar Devineni (4-20) and Syed Masroor Hussain (3-25) were the pick of the Central star bowlers. Central Stars batters seemed to be well on the way to reaching the target with a respectable knock from Ajith Jayasinghe (83). Sustained bowling of Arun Tholudur (4-28) and David Martil (4-28) helped the Lions beat Central Stars by 15 runs. Arun Tholudur was adjudged the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

MASTERS LA O50 TOURNAMENT

South Stallions (149/10) lost to South Panthers (150/9)

South Panthers won the toss and elected to bowl. South Stallions managed to get only 149 on the scoreboard with a top score from Naveen Peiris (51). For the Panthers Kuldeep Patel (3-32) and Kashif Rana (3-24) got 3 wickets each. The South Stallions bowlers, Syed Shahnawaz (2-17), Farhan Hamid (2-30) and Mehoob Amir Khan-Durrani (2-16) made the game interesting. Jam Ali (39), Mike Bhakta (24), Tanweer Ahmed (24) and Kashif Rana (21) helped Panthers get the 1 wicket win. Kashif Rana was declared the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

Day 2 – Nov 17th 2021

North Bears (145/10) beat East Broncos (61/9)

North Bears won the toss and elected to bat. East Broncos bowlers reduced the bears to 26/3 Bears managed to get to 145 (Dilip Chavan 30 and Babbar Butt 26) Broncos bowlers Himanshu Patadia (4-35) and Rizwan Mohammed (3-22) had wonderful spells The target seemed achievable until Ramakrishna Hanumara (6-35) wrecked the batting by taking 3 of the 6-wicket haul in his first over. Broncos quickly lost all the wickets for 61 runs. Ramakrishna Hanumara was adjudged the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

West Warriors (303/4) beat West Blazers (202/10)

West Warriors won the toss and elected to bat. The Warriors batters started the attack with Rocky Singh(143) and Rajendra Badadare (40) putting up the first 50 runs in only 7 overs and ended up with a first wicket partnership of 117. Rocky Singh then put up a second wicket partnership of 110 runs with Mohammed Majeed (76). Warriors ended up with a massive total of 303 with Deep Ghai (28) scoring quickly at the end. West Blazers scored 202 with Fighting knocks from Yasir Mir (50) and Hitesh Bhakta (34) Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

South Panthers (205/9) beat Central Stars (149/10)

Central Stars won the toss and elected to bowl. South Panthers put up a good total with determined effort from Kashif Rana (32), Mike Bhakta (31), Jam Ali (32) and Syed Shafique Ali (37). Central Stars bowler Nayan Patel (6-28) had an impressive spell. Central Stars batters tried hard with Ajith Jayasinghe (50), Susheel Bhat (24) and Naveed Ahmed (23) managing to put up 149 in response. South Panthers bowling attack led by Zubair Hussain (4-38), Humayun Bashir (2-21) and Javed Panjvani (2-24) did well to contain Stars. Syed Shafique Ali was adjudged the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

MASTERS LA O50 TOURNAMENT

South Stallions (191/6) lost to West Lions (192/6)

West Lions won the toss and elected to bowl. South Stallions batters put up a respectable total of 191 for 6 wickets with Mohsin Khan (55), Farhan Hamid (33), Syed Shahnawaz (29) and Naveen Peiris (29) being the top scorers. In response West Lions batters reached the target of 192 after losing 6 wickets with Sanjeeva Weerasinghe (52), Jamal Usman (37), Imran Sarwar (30) and Manjula Samaragedon (26) being the top scorers. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

Day 3 – Nov 18th 2021

North Bears (175/10) beat West Blazers (105/9)

North Bears won the toss and elected to bat. North Bears scored 175 with Babbar Butt (69) and Raju Jasani (25). An awesome spell of 9 overs from West Blazers bowler Srikant Satya (4-18) was the highlight. West Blazers succumbed to the strong bowling attack of North Bears and ended up at 105 with Ketan Pandya scoring 28. Babbar Butt was adjudged player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

West Warriors (187/4) lost to East Broncos (188/5)

West Warriors won the toss and elected to bat. West Warriors batters tried to get a quick start but lost both openers within first 7 overs to a tight bowling spell from Jwalant (JV) Vakil (2-26). West Warriors batters Mohammed Majeed (69*), Deep Ghai (43) and Rocky Singh (36) managed to put a respectable target of 87 for the loss of 4 wickets. East Broncos batters chased the target with solid performance from Abbas Ali Damani (56), Amol Sahasrabudhe (52), Amir Kiyani (29) and Anthony Sahadeo (28). Abbas Ali Damani was adjudged the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)



MASTERS LA O50 TOURNAMENT

West Lions (70/10) lost to South Panthers (72/5)

West Lions won the toss and elected to bat. South Panthers bowlers dominated the first innings and bundled out West Lions for a mere 70 with Humayun Bashir (4-12) and Zubair Hussain (3-16). South Panthers batters chased the target after losing 5 wickets Humayun Bashir (28) being the top scorer. Arun Tholudur's (4-26) spell was not enough to restrict South Panthers. Humayun Bashir was adjudged player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

Central Stars (165/10) lost to South Stallions (171/4)

South Stallions won the toss and elected to bowl. Central Stars opening batters Santosh Pandey (62) and Andy Koilpillai (42) had a good start with a partnership of 99 runs. Donald Budhu (7-37) with an amazing spell restricted the Stars to 165. South Stallions batters chased this total in 28th over with a wonderful partnership of 103 runs between Satyapal Chhabra (81*) and Nasru Momin (32). Donald Budhu was adjudged the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

Day 4 – Nov 20th 2021

For Rank 1 – North Bears (211/8) beat South Panthers (165/10)

North Bears won the toss (4th time in this tournament) and elected to bat. North Bears batters put up a defendable target of 211 with performances by Dilip Chavan (65), Shahid Shahzad (59) and Parak Ananta (34). South Panthers bowlers Kuldeep Patel (3-45) and Kashif Rana (3-36) had a good stint. South Panthers lost both their openers for just 3 runs on the board. Mike Bhakta (52) and Humayun Bashir (57) gave a good fight but the Panthers were bundled out for 165. Ramakishan Hanumara (3-17), Sanjay Pandya (2-16), Deepak Chadha (2-33) and Fazal Alam (2-36). Humayun Bashir was adjudged player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

For Rank 3 – West Lions (143/10) lost to East Broncos (144/8)

East Broncos won the toss and elected to bowl. West Lions batting had a rocky start with 3 of their wickets falling to Jwalant Vakil (3-24) in the first 9 overs. Manjula Samaragedon (33) and Jamal Usman (23) helped the lions to a respectable 143 with good bowling by Rizwan Mohammed (4-28) and Nasir Javed (2-39). Broncos batting had a good start with Anthony Sahadeo (29) leading the charge. The match became very interesting when Sanjeewa Weerasinghe (3-19), David Martil (3-26) and Arun Tholudur (2-27) brought the game in Lions favor. But a match winning partnership between Kalpesh Das (20) and Rizwan Mohammed (18) brought the Broncos home to a sweet victory. Rizwan Mohammed was adjudged the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

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For Rank 5 – West Warriors (227/3) lost to South Stallions (228/7)

West Warriors won the toss and elected to bat. West Warriors batters dominated the innings with Rajendra Badadare (66), Mohammed Majeed (55), Rocky Singh (43) and Deep Ghai (37) putting up a defendable target of 227 by losing just 3 wickets. The target was high but South Stallions batters were determined to chase it down, which they did by the 35th over. The batters Satyapal Chhabra (82), Mohsin Khan (37), Donald Budhu (28) and Farhan Hamid (26) did great to put the Stallions on the winning path. Satyapal Chhabra was adjudged the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

For Rank 7 – Central Stars (166/10) lost to West Blazers (170/7)

Central Stars won the toss and elected to bat. Ajith Jayasinghe (60) stayed long at the crease but the Stars could only put up a total of 166 on the board. West Blazers batters Yasir Mir (61), Srikant Satya (33), Ketan Pandya (31) and Vijay Trisal (27) helped the Blazers reach the target in 37 overs. Susheel Bhat (3-36) could not stop the determined effort from the Blazers. Yasir Mir was adjudged the player of the match. Scorecard: [CLICK HERE](#)

Tournament Stats

Over 60

Most runs scored by - Monty Venkersammy (78)

Most wickets taken by - Dashrath Sankhe (5), Janak Patel (5), Sankar Jayaram (5), Wayne Copeland (5) & Chetan Shah (5)

Most fielding dismissals - Bharat Patel (3)

Highest ranked player - Dashrath Sankhe

Over 50

Most runs scored by - Mohammed Majeed (280)

Most wickets taken by - Arun Tholudur (11) & Rizwan Mohammed (11)

Most fielding dismissals - Syed Shafique Ali (9)

Highest ranked player - Humayun Bashir

MASTERS LA 060 & 050 TOURNAMENT



"AGE IS NO BARRIER. IT'S A LIMITATION YOU PUT ON YOUR MIND" - JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE 14

NORTH TEAM

ZONAL FEB 22 HOUSTON, TX

AMOL SAHASRABUDHE

Right arm medium pacer and middle order batsmen. Played for MS University Vadodara, Rohington Baria West Zone, India. Play for Westfield blues in CLNJ



BABAR BUTT

Top order wicket-keeper/ batsman, who can turn his arm over if needed. Member of Boston Gymkhana in the MSCL.



DEEPAK CHADHA

Bowling all-rounder - Left arm spinner, right hand middle/lower order batsman. Agile fielder. Plays in MA State Cricket League.



DILIP CHAVAN

Top order right arm batsman, Right arm medium pace bowler. Playing for Boston Gymkhana Sports Club, USA for 20+ years. President of Mass State Cricket League (2018-2021).



FAZAL ALAM

Top order right arm batsman, Right arm medium space bowler. Playing for Boston Gymkhana Sports Club, USA for 20+ years. President of Mass State Cricket League (2018-2021).



JOSEPH BUFFONG

Top Order right-arm aggressive, stroke-making batsman. Playing in Mass State Cricket League for 30+ years.



MILROY DON

Top order right-arm batsman, 1st change bowler.



PARAK ANANTA (Captain & WK)

Wicket keeper batsman, Hyderabad Under 19, India Over 50 USA Over 50



NORTH TEAM

ZONAL FEB 22 HOUSTON, TX

RAMKISHAN HANUMARA

Left arm pace blower. Represented Ranji Trophy for Andhra Cricket Association and also represented Rest of India, Duleep Trophy, Deodhar Trophy



RAJU JASANI

All Rounder, Left Hand open or middle order Batsman, Left arm Spinner. Playing alongside Monank Patel and Smit Patel in the White Ball Premier Division in CLNJ and MCL in New Jersey.



SANJAY PANDYA

Left arm leg spin, top/middle order bat. Team USA masters, leagues in NJ/PA.



SHAHID SHAHZAD

Right hand opening batsman. Gujranwala under 14 and under 19, Strikers CC New York and Everest CC Master New York.



VINOD MOTWANI

Right arm medium pace bowler and middle order batsman. Loves to field. Playing in the Washington Cricket League for the past 20 years.



RAVI SURI (Team Manager)

Right hand opening batsman played in Hyderabad leagues and Zonal and have been playing in NJ leagues for past 20 years.



"YOUTHFULNESS IS ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE, NOT WHEN YOU WERE BORN" - KARL LAGERFIELD

WEST TEAM

ZONE FEB 22 HOUSTON, TX

ABRAR AHMAD

Right-arm Middle Order Bat, Wicket Keeper, Played at League/ College Level. League founder/former USA selector (2010-2013)



ARUN THOLUDUR

Right arm medium pace opening bowler, middle order batsman. (1994-2000, 2006-2013), Carolina Cricket Club (2000-2006), Hollywood Cricket Club (2006-present),



BALBIR SINGH

Right hand opening batsman and right-hand medium pace bowler. Currently playing Sacramento cricket association.



DAVID MARTIL

All-rounder, Left Arm Leg spinner. Right Hand Bat Middle order. Played Div1 Cricket for SCCA for 20 plus years. played for SCCA against the Sri Lanka World Cup Champs in 1996.



DHARMESH SHAH

Left arm spin, left arm medium order batsman. Played Masters USA, Open USA, Open LA, MS University, Baroda District



INDER DEEP SINGH

All-rounder, medium pace bowler, middle order batsman, playing for cougars CC, MVP award winner, USA masters 2021.



JEEVAKA WEERASINGHE

All-rounder, Right batsman, right arm off spin bowler and wicket keeper. Played first class cricket in Sri Lanka. Played division 1 cricket for 15 years in Sothern California Cricket Association.



MOHAMMED HAMZA

All-rounder, Right arm medium pace opening bowler, middle order batsman, currently playing and member of Sothern California Cricket Association.



WEST TEAM

ZONE FEB 22 HOUSTON, TX

MOHAMMED MAJEED

Top order opening Batsman, Right arm leg spinner, played at national level



RAJENDRA BADADARE

All-rounder, Top order batsman, off spin bowler, played in U-16 and University teams and Masters USA Over 50 national team



ROCKY SINGH

Right hand opening batsman. Right hand opening medium pace bowler. Fielding anywhere. All Rounder



SANJEEWA WEERASINGHE

All-rounder, Right hand top order batsman, right arm off spin bowler. Played 1st class cricket & Masters USA Over 50 national Team



SUNNY SINGH

Right hand Top Order Batsman, Right Arm Medium Pace. Recipient of MVP, MoM and best fielder awards.



VIKRAM KOTHANDARAMAN

Left arm Leg spin, Right art arm opening batsman, USA master's national team, SCCA, Hollywood Stricker's, All time 3 rd. leading wicket taker In SCCA.



YASER MIR

All-rounder, Right hand batter and right arm fast medium bowler. played cricket for my MLS club in Pakistan and playing in Southern California for almost 18 years.



"COUNT YOUR AGE BY FRIENDS, NOT YEARS.
COUNT YOUR LIFE BY SMILES, NOT TEARS"
JOHN LENNON

SOUTH TEAM

ZONAL FEB 22 HOUSTON, TX

ARUN VITALLA

Left-hand top order bat and slow bowler. Coach for Masters USA. Played for Hyderabad and Osmania University.



AMER SHEIKH

Right-hand top order bat, left-arm leg spinner. USA cap on UK tour and MVP of the LA Open final.



AYAZ SHEIKH

Right-hand top-order batsman and leg spinner.



FAISAL AKHTER

Right-hand bat and off spin. Represented USA in first international tournament.



HUMAYUN BASHIR

Right-hand top order batsman and fast bowler. Played first class cricket in Pakistan.



FARHAN HAMID

Right-hand top/middle order bat and leg spinner. Played at college level.



JAM N. ALI

Right-hand middle order bat



KASHIF RANA

Right-hand top/middle order bat and off spinner. Played U19 for South Punjab, Pakistan.



SOUTH TEAM

ZONAL FEB 22 HOUSTON, TX

KULDEEP PATEL

Right-hand middle order bat and off spinner. Played for team USA



MAYUR BHAKTA

Left-hand top order bat and SLA orthodox. Played for US South zone



MOHSIN KHAN

Right-hand top order batsman and seam bowler. Played 1st grade league in Australia. Played professional inter-hotel league in Australia



NAVEEN PEIRIS

Left-hand top order bat and right-hand slow medium bowler. Played SL schools U19 division 1.



RAFEY KAZI

Right-hand top order batsman. Played for USA national team.



SYED SHAHANAWAZ (SHAH)

Right Arm, Medium Pacer, Middle order Batsman - Captained Karnataka University; South Zone Universities; USA Cricket Nationals - Central West Zone Team; Masters O50 USA Team



SATYAPAL S CHHABRA

Right-hand top/middle order batsman and medium pace bowler



SYED MUHAMMAD SHAFIQUE ALI

Wicket-keeper batsman and off spinner. Played for Spanish national cricket team



ZUBAIR HUSSAIN

Right-hand batsman and off spinner. Played for Karachi U19



EAST CENTRAL TEAM

ZONE FEB 22 HOUSTON, TX

ABBAS ALI DAMANI

Right Handed Opening Batsman, Medium pace bowler. Played for Christ University, Bangalore, India. Captained for South Bay SCCA 2016 & 2017 and represented in Texas for Nortex and Frisco 2018 2019



Damani

AJITH JAYASINGHE

Dependable, right hand opening batsman. Played divisional cricket in Sri Lanka from 1985. Since 1998, actively, playing cricket in Mich-CA League in F40 & T-20 format



AMIR KIANI

Right Hand Medium Fast Bowler and Right-Hand Open Batsman. Amir Kiani, involved in organizing league cricket in Orlando, Amir is also quick swing bowler bottles up the scoring on one end.



ANTHONY SAHADEO

Left hand opening batsman, right hand off spinner and W/K. Played for Masters USA in Canada and UK tour in 2021.



HIMANSHU PATADIA

All Rounder. Right arm bat. Left arm leg spin.



JWALANT VAKIL (JV)

All-rounder, Right hand middle order batter and medium pacer. Currently very active in Atlanta cricket leagues and now in Masters Cricket as well. New ball bowler who frequently is named in top 10 wicket takers for tournaments.



EAST CENTRAL TEAM

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KALPESH DAS

Right Arm Spin Bowler, Right Hand Batsman.

"Loved playing in my 1st Innings, love playing in the 2nd Innings even more"



NASIR JAVED

Charlie has represented USA from 1998 to 2010 playing in 66 games including two world cup qualifying rounds in 2001 in Canada and 2005 in Ireland. He was also the USA Senior team head coach in 2015 for the T20 qualifying round in Ireland, after serving as the bowling and assistant coach with Robin Singh from 2012 to 2015.



NAYAN PATEL

Right-handed batsman and Left arm, Chinaman (off spin) and Leg spin bowler



PRAPULLA KUMAR DEVINENI

Right-Handed upper/lower middle order Batsman and Off-Spinner. Played for Michigan state for 10 years and playing for Metro Detroit Cricket Club (MDCC) in Michigan for the past 20 years.



RIZWAN MOHAMMED

Right Arm Spin Bowler, Right Hand Batsman. Represented USA O50s in the Tri Nation tournament in Canada in August 2021 and on the tour to England and Wales in Fall 2021.



SANTOSH PANDEY

Right-hand opening batsman and off-spinner. Hyderabad Under 23 and Under 25, Gulbarga University, currently playing for Louisville Cricket Club



"IT MATTERS NOT HOW LONG WE LIVE BUT HOW"
- PHILIP JAMES BAILEY

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JANAK PATEL

Played good competitive cricket with first class cricketers in India and USA Involved in USA cricket for more than 30 years as a player as a captain and been involved heavily with minor league as well as Masters USA Awarded as best bowler in SCCA in multiple season also consistently staying in top ten bowlers in SCCA for more than 20 years .



MIHIR GANDHI

All Rounder | Left Hand Middle Order Batsman ; Right Arm Off Spinner Team Captain | Player | Past President of Southern California Cricket Association (SCCA). Executive Committee Member | Captain | Vice-Captain for Masters USA Over-60. Inducted in SCCA Hall of Fame (2018) by Cricketing Legend Sunil Gavaskar; Recipient of Master's Cricket USA Grand Master Award (2021).



BK ATUL RAI

President of Santa Barbara CC & Past president of SCCA and USACA Board Member of USA Cricket from 2018-2020 Inductee SCCA Hall of Fame



RAJINDER S. GHAI

All Rounder Cricketer Played for Indian team in 80s & Captain Punjab Ranji San Diego based and involved with US cricket since 1993



WAYNE COPELAND

Originally from Trinidad Left hand batsman ; Right arm off-spinner Played cricket for San Diego cricket club for 18 years which I was captain for 6 years



MONTY VENKERSAMMY

Was on the original USA cricket team to ICC World cup 1992 to Kenya. Played for SCCA (Southern California Cricket Association) and West Zone USA cricket team for over a decade. Won four Championships in the SCCA on various teams and scored 8 centuries while active.



SANKAR JAYARAM (JAY)

Left hand top/middle order batsman ; Right arm leg spinner Founder, Player and Past Executive Committee Member of NorthWest Cricket League (NWCL) and current player of Northern California Cricket Association. Awarded Lifetime Honorary Member of BOD of NWCL for contributions to cricket in the Pacific North West.



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CHETAN SHAH

Allrounder - middle order bat ; leg spinner Won multiple "Best Bowler" awards in NCCA and BACA leagues, as well as at club level in the last decade Best right arm leg spinner in USA in O-60 Masters peer group.



BHARAT PATEL

Left arm leg spinner ; WK; left arm middle order batsman Captain of Boston Gymkhana, Team- F2 and playing Massachusetts State Cricket League Played for North, first ever USA Master's Over 50 2021 tournament at Houston, TX. Recipient of BEST FIELDER AWARD at Master's Over 60 LA 2021



SUNIL NARKAR

Played cricket in Mumbai from company and several clubs Play tennis ball cricket every Sunday for last 35 years! Received Man of the match award from great cricketer Eknath Solkar in 1981



DASHRATH SANKHE

Left arm medium pace bowler Right hand Batsman Played high level in India. Now Coaching in Bay area



CHANDRAKANT BARLINGAY

Top order batsman, keeper and best fielder who has scored many hundreds; incl. 3 hundreds in a season during my prime. Won many Championships; Captained the side in College and club in Arizona and represented Arizona that won Southwest regional zone and went to Florida for Nationals. Still very competitive, fit and actively playing in Arizona league both T20 and 40 over tournaments; as a keeper and one down batsman.



KIRITSINH PARMAR

Complete Left-handed Batsman, Bowler, Fielder and WK. Played throughout, representing most institutes that I was educated in. Was a pioneer in highlighting and bringing Cricket to Howard County and getting Cricket Fields made or allocated for league games.



ADAMJEE HAROON

I m a match winner all rounder I m a man behind the captain I will not give you my wicket if you want it then earn it



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PRABHAKAR DODDABALLAPUR

All rounder ; medium fast bowling ; middle order batsman. Taken 5 wickets in 1 division league at age 54 years in Bangalore which is equivalent to state level and got man of the match award. Hit 75 runs in 35 balls and took 5 wickets for 25 runs. Many such accomplishments in the past.



HESHMAT MOGHADDAM

Played my cricketing in 1967 in India, 1974 tried out for Indian team, 2003 to present time SCCA, the Masters, and Hollywood Olden Goldies. 2005 took 24 wickets SCCA Hollywood cricket club. 2003 took 3 wickets 11 runs Sherly cup California.



SYED ABID NAQVI

Right hand top order batsman and Right arm Swing/Seam Fast medium bowler Team Captain, Player and Past owner of a team in Toronto District Cricket Association Played in Premier and Elite Divisions in Canada and had the honor of playing at Sharjah Stadium versus UAE Under 19 National Team as Opener. Currently active player in OCCA.



DAVE RAMDAN

Playing SCCA Div. 1-2 and 4 Bowling Batting Wicket keeper Could field any part of the field.



MICHAEL GRIFFITH

Right hand open batsman Right arm Medium pace Bowler Played with Corinthians CRICKET Club, currently with Cal Bel CRICKET Club and I have also represented the SCCA. I have toured British Columbia and the Bay area in the USA. I have won many Trophies.



BK THIRUMALAI

Right Medium Pace ; Offspinner ; WK; 4-down batsman Cricket: state schools, 5th division League, captained both college and state schools Basketball: Tamilnad junior state ; Swimming: Tamilnad State Aquatic team



MASOOD SHAIKH

Right hand top order batsman ; Medium/Slow new ball out-swing bowler Member of MSCL (Massachusetts State Cricket League) for the last 10 plus years Played for North Bears in the Masters LA tournament



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VASANT PATEL

Opening batsman ; Right arm off spinner Team Captain - Anand Arts College, India (1965-1968); Played for Vallabh Vidyanagar University Cricket Team (1971-1972) Founder of Jolly Cricket Club, now known as Houston Indian Cricket Club (HICC Estd. in 1988) ; Past President of HICC; MVP, 3 years for age 55 and over tournaments



MANZER BUTTE

Multan Division team at 15 years of age Islamia college Civil Lines and Punjab University teams Two years of club cricket with Spencer Cricket Club, Surrey UK



SHANTHA SURAWEERA

Founder of OC Lions Cricket Club Founder of Orange County Cricket Association Founder of southern California youth Cricket Academy



PRAVIN AMIN

Right arm medium pace New ball Bowler ; Right hand lower order Batsman Founder of the Plano Tigers Cricket Club and Captain for majority of the club's 25+ years existence. Active player. Founding member of the North Texas Cricket Association.



TISSA SAMARANAYAKA

Right Hand Middle order Batsman ; Right Arm Medium Pacer and Part time Leg Spinner Played Mercantile A Division Cricket Sri Lanka Played for Santa Barbara CC. and Sri Lankan Tuskers in Southern California



ABHAY MAHESHWARI

Right hand batsman, middle order. Right hand medium pacer. Played in school and university. Best bowling figures: 4 overs 4 maiden 4 wickets



ANIL WEERASINHA

Right hand opening batsman ; Right arm off spinner. Can keep wickets. Play and own Platinum40 team in Orange County California for the past 14 years. Practice in nets twice a week and play weekends. Vice President of Orange County Cricket Association (OCCA) for the past two years.



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DINESH PATEL

Have been playing in SCCA since 1982, started with South Bay CC and currently with Inland Empire CC Served as director in SCCA for 20+ years Helped Inland Empire CC develop turf wicket and was groundsman for 20+ years



ZIA AHMAD

Right handed, top order batsman ; off spinning all rounder. Play cricket in SCCA division III for Pasadena CC University level cricket in Hyderabad, India



DHARMENDRA PATEL

Played for Central Zone Received many man of the match awards Led Texas Indian team for Indo-Pak tournament



RIZWAN SHAIKH

Open with bat and ball, leg spinner, wicket keeper as well Ranji Trophy: UP, Assam '76-'79. Century before lunch Combined Universities v/s MCC Univ '70



YOGA FOR PEOPLE OVER 50

January 2021

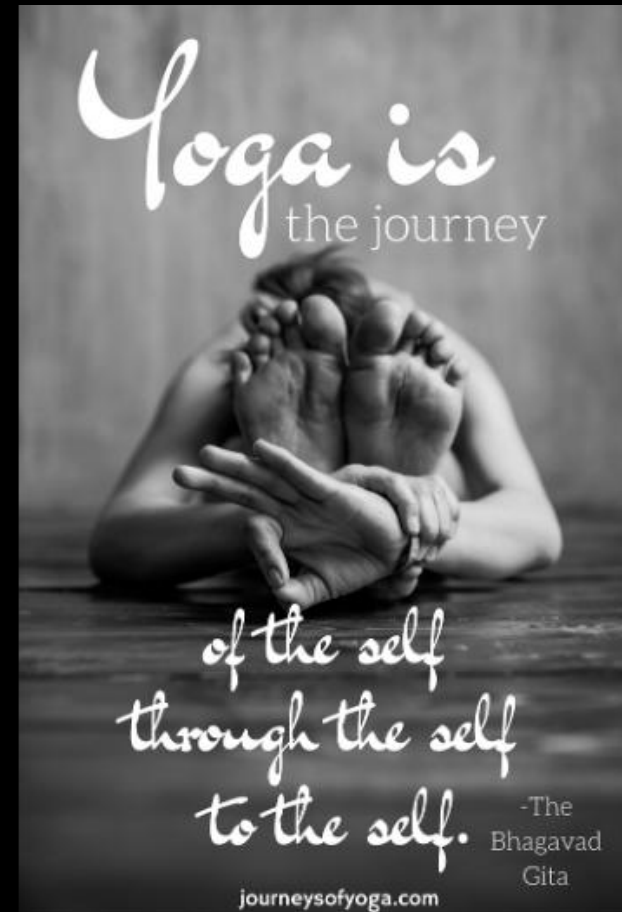
Dilip Chavan

Yoga – we do it at home, in the studio, at the airport, at work and even in the park. 36 million Americans practice yoga regularly. 39% of yoga participant who are 50-plus. (Courtesy AARP) Yoga can be used as a tool in healthy aging. Researchers are looking deeper into the wellness benefits of yoga and uncovering evidence of how the practice affects us mentally and physically. Yoga can help in improving 4 essential skills to navigate the aging process well – STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, BALANCE & AGILITY.

Let's talk about Strength and Flexibility first. These skills are essential as we age because the aging process itself, if unaddressed, leads to loss of physical strength and flexibility. When we look at muscle strength specifically, the aging body starts to lose muscle mass noticeably around the age of 50. The process is known as "sarcopenia" or the degenerative loss of skeletal muscle mass and is an expected part of the aging process.

We want to have a strong body, mind and spirit while simultaneously processing physical, mental, and emotional flexibility. Progressive resistance exercise done using weights or machines is effective in combatting the normal loss of muscle mass. However, Asana practice which take a muscle and joint through a full range of motion and static held poses in yoga use your own body weight as resistance to build muscle.

Doing repetitions of movements, such as coming in and out of Warrior Pose/Virabhadrasana on the inhale and exhale for six rounds, will address the first kind of muscle building. To create the "progressive" part, you need to gradually increase your repetitions. Then, holding Warrior Pose for 20 seconds or more requires isometric contraction that builds muscle. You can apply this principle to just about every yoga pose you do.



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Everyone aware of the impact of yoga on flexibility, although they are sometimes confused and believe that you must start out flexible to do yoga. We know that no matter where we start in yoga, we usually notice improved flexibility as we practice. This is especially important as we age, due to the changes that happen in our bodies that cause stiffness and tightness in our muscles, joints, and connective tissue, in particular, a cumulative loss of moisture. However, if we initiate and maintain a regular yoga practice, the mere act of moving our joints through a full range of motion promotes better transfer of water and nutrients into cartilage, spinal discs, and joint spaces, keeping them healthier and allowing for improved flexibility. The good news is that all kinds of yoga asana styles will begin to address your desire for greater strength and flexibility, so start anywhere that feels right for you.

Let's talk about balance and agility now. Good balance is essential in lowering the risk of falling as we age. If we fall, the chances of breaking something go way up, which can result in dramatic reduced regular activity as we allow our broken bones and body to heal. So, you want to do everything you can to prevent falls. My favorite ways to work on balance include not only two- and one-legged standing poses, like Chair, Tree and Half Moon, but paying close attention to the transitions into and out of these poses, as that is where I see most of us struggle to maintain good balance. By focusing on the transitions, it more closely reflects the real-life challenges of moving through space and time mindfully, so you can adjust and deal with changing terrain and unexpected obstacles.

"Agility" is a bit more complex, as you can see from the Wikipedia definition, I came across recently: "Agility or nimbleness is the ability to change the body's position efficiently and requires the integration of isolated movement skills using a combination of balance, coordination, speed, reflexes, strength and endurance." I'd add in that flexibility might also contribute to agility, so our other three "aging skills"— strength, flexibility and balance—are actually all essential ingredients in agility. I find that dynamic yoga sequences, whether moving simply between two poses (like extended Child's Pose to high Cobra and back) or more complex vinyasa practices centered on the basics of Sun or Moon salutations, are great agility practices. A 2012 medical study found that the ability to sit and rise from the floor is an important predictor of all-cause mortality (i.e. your chance of death). Guess what we do in our yoga classes every time? We get up and down from the floor from a sitting position, not to mention all the other transitions that take place in a well-rounded yoga practice.

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And the physical benefits of improved balance and agility have counterparts in the mental-emotional realm as well. Via meditation, breath work, memorizing such things as the Yoga Sutra, or learning complex chants or Mantras, our minds, emotions, and spirit reap the same rewards as our bodies. Additionally, Meditation creates a sort of “mental stamina” similar to the physical and supports sharper brain function. Via these four essential skills, not only will we age well, but also, we can continue to grow and blossom.

When you practice yoga once a week, you change your mind, when you practice yoga twice a week, you change your body. When you practice yoga every day, it will change your life. So, start from today

- Establish a yoga routine
- Target weak spots and increase overall flexibility
- Leverage your breathing (Pranayama)
- Establish a regular Meditation practice
- Balance your diet – Eat seasonal harvests and whole foods from nature.
- Institute Yogic lifestyle (Dincharya) according to Ayurveda.

If you want to practice well-rounded yoga class with Asana, Pranayama, Meditation, and mindfulness to improve your Strength, Flexibility, Balance and Agility, reach out to me @YogawithDilip.

Namaste!

Dilip Chavan - Yoga teacher, practitioner, Cricketer and Gardener
(Courtesy Yoga Journal & AARP)

"THERE IS A FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH. IT IS YOUR MIND, YOUR TALENTS, THE CREATIVITY YOU BRING TO YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE. WHEN YOU LEARN TO TAP THIS SOURCE, YOU WILL TRULY HAVE DEFEATED AGE" - SOPHIA LOREN

Although the we are still in the grip of the pandemic the world of Over 50 cricket has had some activity going on and a full calendar for 2022.

The Over 50 World Cup committee has recently announced that the Over 50 World cup has been postponed to March 2023 in Capetown.

New Zealand Over-50s Inter-Provincial Tournament



The 2021/22 New Zealand Over-50s Inter-Provincial Tournament (IPT), held January 6-10, was a major success. Marlborough Cricket Association did a fantastic job of hosting the tournament and Blenheim put on some amazing (hot!) weather.

The Canterbury/Otago Mainlanders were the big winners, taking out both the Division 1 and Division 2 trophies.

In Division 1, the Mainlanders became the first team to go through an IPT unbeaten, combining some clever tactics with outstanding individual performances to run away deserved winners.

The pitches were wonderful for batting, as the scores showed. On Day 1, the Wellington/Tasman Firehawks racked up 330/0 and there were several other 300-plus scores. Six individual centuries were scored.

Andrew Hore was the leading run-scorer, with 288 at an average of 72, including a wonderful 145 in the final. He took out the Best Batsman Trophy and also the Player of the Tournament Trophy.

Mason Robinson (253 runs at 126), Adrian Dale (251 runs at 62), Adil Somani (242 at 60), Colin Owens (199 at 99.50) and Simon Dodds (198 at 66) all hit 200 runs (or close to it).

The batting leaderboard can be found here: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Robinson and John Garry both passed the 1000-run mark in all over-50s cricket, joining Adrian Dale and Richard Petrie in this exclusive club. Craig Gibb (967 runs) is close behind.

The leading wicket-taker was the oldest player at the tournament, Andrew Nuttall, who took 10 wickets at 15, including a bag of 5/18. He also took the Best Bowler Trophy. He was followed by Tony Gray (8 wickets at 16), Jason Campbell (8 at 26) and Grant Hall (7 at 22).

Leading wicket-takers: [CLICK HERE](#)

Nuttall now has 61 wickets in over-50s cricket, 20 clear of Scott Mason (41) in second place.

Mason Robinson and **Matthew Everest** shared the Best Fielder Trophy.

This was the first year in which the IPT had included 2 divisions. In Division 2, the Mainlanders again emerged victorious, chasing 300 to beat Auckland.

Tom Music (252 runs at 84) ran away with the Best Batsman Trophy, nearly 50 runs clear of Stu Jensen in second place (203 runs at 68).

Tim King took 10 wickets at 18 to win the Best Bowler Trophy, while Graham Chote was the Best Fielder, with 5 dismissals.

Leaderboards: [CLICK HERE](#)

All of the scorecards can be found here: [CLICK HERE](#)

One game each day was live-streamed. The full matches, plus highlights, can be found on the Over-50s Cricket YouTube channel: [CLICK HERE](#)

Canterbury

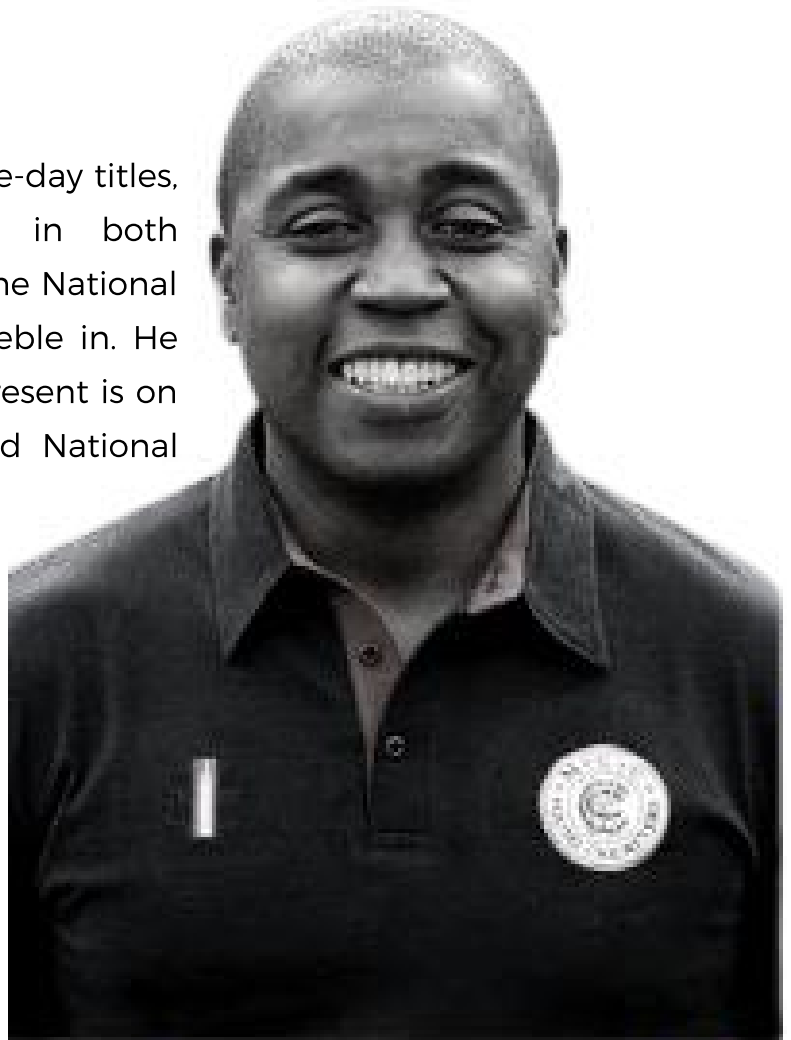


Mark Alleyne to continue as England Over-50s captain

England Confirm that Mark Alleyne will continue as the 2022 captain with Dave Snellgrove and Steve Foster as understudies. Mark Alleyne was born in London, brought up in Barbados and returned to England as a teenager. Primarily a middle-order batsman and medium-pace bowler, Alleyne made his first-class debut in 1986, becoming the youngest player to score a century in just his eighth first-class game.

In 1997 he represented England in a Cricket Max tournament in New Zealand, and as his captaincy success with Gloucestershire brought him considerable attention, he was picked to lead England A in Bangladesh and New Zealand in 1999-2000, and again in 2001 in the Caribbean. By then he had made the first of his ten ODI appearances, with the highlight coming against South Africa in East London in 1999-2000 when he took 3 for 55 and scored 53.

Mark Led Gloucestershire to five one-day titles, including back-to-back victories in both knockout competitions as well as the National League as part of a remarkable treble in. He retired at the end of 2005. He at present is on the Coaching Staff of the England National team.





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2022

- 01 February 16-20: [USA Zonal Tournament](#) (Houston, TX)
- 02 March 24-April 1: Champions Trophy USA, Canada, West Indies, UAE Tournament (Houston, TX)
- 03 May 9-14: [Masters USA Cricket Open](#) (Houston, TX)
- 04 July 1-8 Masters USA tour of England and Wales (TBC)
- 05 July 3-14: [Marlborough Cup](#) - England, India, West Indies, Wales
- 06 August: New Zealand Tour of Australia (TBC)
- 07 November: Australian National State Championships (South Australia)
- 08 November 4-13: BMC Caribbean Cup (teams/location TBC)

2023

- 09 March 7-22: Over-50s World Cup (Cape Town)

"LAUGHTER IS TIMELESS, IMAGINATION HAS NO AGE AND DREAMS ARE FOREVER" - WALT DISNEY

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