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Cricket: Under 19 world cup

SRI LANKA ADVANCE TO FIFTH PLACE

Sri Lanka defeated South Africa by 65 runs to advance to the 5th place play off at the ICC Under 19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2022.

Captain and the tournament's leading wicket taker Dunith Wellalage posted 113 for Sri Lanka as they set South Africa 233 to win.

wickets cheaply as they were bundled out for 167 as Sri Lanka set up a meeting with either Bangladesh or Pakistan.

Uganda did not let the rain dampen their spirits as they beat Scotland by 51 runs in a shortened match to earn 13th place overall.

Sri Lanka to victory

Sri Lanka won the toss and skipper Wellalage chose to bat and it was not long before the star man was out in the middle. Openers Chamindu Wickramasinghe and Sadisha Rajapaksa could put on only 14 for the first-wicket stand as Kwena Maphaka bowled Rajapaksa.

The Proteas scored well but lost -

Wellalage stars with the bat to lead -

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The left-arm seamer then dismissed Wickramasinghe three balls later before Sakuna Liyanage went for an eight-ball duck to bring Wellalage out to the middle with Sri Lanka precarious on 25 for three.

Alongside Shevon Daniel, the skipper added 62 runs before forming an even more fruitful partnership with Ranuda Somarathne, putting on 130 runs for the fifth wicket.

Wellalage was eventually dismissed by Maphaka but only after hitting 113 off 130 for his first century of the tournament.

Somarathne would end on 57 not out as Sri Lanka set South Africa a chase of 232, which would prove too much for the Proteas.

Opener Jade Smith was run out for one as Sri Lanka took regular wickets to stunt South Africa's progress.

The usually free-flowing Dewald Brevis was next to go before Ronan Hermann and Gerhardus Maree added 34 and 44 respectively to move South Africa to 112 for six.

The Proteas were scoring above the required run rate but frequent dismissals hampered their progress as the Sri Lankan bowlers split the wickets between them.

Wicketkeeper Anjala Bandara took his second stumping to dismiss Maphaka as South Africa fell 67 runs short and will now go into the 7th place play-off.

SRI LANKA UNDER-19s

232/6 (50 overs): (Dunith Wellalage 113, Ranuda Somarathne not out 57;

Kwena Maphaka 3/60, Matthew Boast 2/21)

SOUTH AFRICA UNDER-19s

167/10(37.3 overs): (Gerhardus Maree 44, Ronan Hermann 34,

Raveen de Silva 2/14, Treveen Mathew 2/41.)

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Uganda beats Scotland

The 13th-place play off between Uganda and Scotland got off to a delayed start in Diego Martin, Trinidad and Tobago as rain prevented the two sides taking the field for over an hour and the game was initially reduced to 45 overs a side.

Before the weather intervened, Uganda had won the toss and chosen to bat first – a decision which saw four of their top five make scores over 30.

Ronald Lutaaya top-scored with 64 adding 75 runs for the third wicket alongside captain Pascal Murungi.

Both were eventually dismissed by Jamie Cairns, two of the left arm spinner's four caught and bowleds, on his way to the best bowling figures of the tournament with six for 24.

Cairns took the final wicket of Edwin Nuwagaba to bowl Uganda out for 226 with 14.2 overs of their innings remaining.

Charlie Tear was out for a first ball duck, with Muhaymen Majeed following him back to the dugout not soon after having both been dismissed by Juma Miyaji before Oliver Davidson and Tomas Mackintosh steadied the Scottish ship with a partnership of 46 runs.

Jack Jarvis then came in to replace Mackintosh and scored quickly as he added 37 off 33 balls but rain would intervene again with Scotland on 122 for seven and two new batters at the crease.

The weather brightened but Scotland's task only got harder as they were now chasing the same target but only had 11 overs in which to do it.

Captain Charlie Peet played a cautious innings as he looked to stay the distance, but could not find a partner, as Rafay Khan fell for 10 and Cairns a duck before -

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Sean Fischer-Keogh's dismissal left him stranded on 29 not out.

Scotland ended their World Cup 51 runs short (D/L method) of Uganda finishing 14th in the tournament, meaning the Baby Cranes claim 13th spot at the ICC Under 19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2022.

ICC News

GAPS PROGRAMME EUROPE AND ASIA

It is with great excitement that we reach out to you to outline the GAPS Programme for Europe & Asia.

The GAPS Programme has a strong foundation in partnerships and collaborations and we are trusting that you as a CGA, working with your NPC/NFs, will be able to identify potential athletes and coaches that will benefit from GAPS in preparation for Birmingham 2022.

As a first step to launch this programme and to support athlete preparations for Birmingham 2022, we are now ready to accept applications which are to be completed by each CGA to have your potential athletes and coaches participate in the programme.

The GAPS Programme in Europe & Asia will initially be available in the following sports.

- Para Athletics
- Para Table Tennis
- Para Powerlifting
- Para Swimming (we may be able to assist with signposting athletes to the appropriate events)

It is important to note, that we have a limited amount of space available so a selection process may be required to identify attendees if we have an oversubscription.

The final selection of attendees will be made by the CGF and we will take into consideration gender mix, inclusion, and ensuring we have diverse participant representation.

The GAPS Programme leading into Birmingham 2022 will consist of the following elements.

- GAPS Camp – Five-day training camp in Birmingham offering -

a range of services including expert coaching, sports science, sports medicine, knowledge transfer and a high-performance training experience.

All on ground costs including international airfares and visas will be covered for GAPS Camp attendees.

- GAPS Assist – Access to a travel and accommodation grant for identified para-sport athletes with a high likelihood of gaining a Birmingham 2022 qualification or a bipartite slot in their event.

This grant will enable athletes and coaches to attend an international classification and the associated competition for the purposes of obtaining classification.

- GAPS Pre-Games Staging Camp in Birmingham – Athletes and Coaches that are selected to be part of a CGA team to the Commonwealth Games will be invited to attend a pre-Games staging camp from July 18th to 24th at Birmingham University prior to athletes and coaches entering the Games village.

Preference will be given to GAPS Camp attendees and the focus will be on supporting the final preparation of athletes and coaches before competition. Travel to Birmingham will be covered under the Birmingham 2022 Games travel grant, all accommodation and food costs will be covered by the GAPS Programme.

Who can Apply?

The GAPS Programme is open to the following categories

- **Athletes on the Performance Pathway** – this includes performance athletes that may have already qualified for Birmingham 2022 or haven't had the opportunity to qualify or be classified for Birmingham 2022 due to challenges. It is likely these athletes will have an identified coach who will also be able to fully participate in the programme (also funded);

- **Athletes on the Developmental Pathway** – this includes athletes with the potential to develop into good performers over the next 2 years if provided with good support structures. If they have an identified coach, they will also be able to fully participate in the programme (also funded);

- **Coaches on the Performance and Development Pathway** – coaches should be undertaking regular coaching of athletes and have a keen interest in coaching para-sport athletes and athlete talent identification.

There is an expectation that coaches and athletes who are accepted to be part of the programme are committed to attend all the GAPS Camps they are eligible to attend.

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DATE	ACTIVITY	WHO
31 st Jan – 14th Feb 2022	Talent Identification - Working with you NPC and NFs, CGAs to identify and nominate athletes and coaches to be part of the GAPS Programme and complete the application form on behalf of potential attendees	CGA
21 st Feb 2022	CGAs advised of successful applicants	CGF
Mid February 2022	Online Forum for CGA's/NPC's/ Allies of Para Sport	CGAs NPCs Other key stakeholders
01 Feb – 30 Apr 2022	GAPS Assist – Grant Funding available to attend the Event & Classification	Selected Athletes and Coaches
10 March 2022	Online Workshop and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Logistics • Bookings • Camp Outline 	GAPS Attendees
16 - 22 Apr 2022	GAPS Camp - Birmingham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics, Table Tennis / Powerlifting • Co-ordinated by Birmingham University 	Table Tennis / Powerlifting GAPS Attendees
18 - 24 Jul 2022	GAPS Pre-Games Staging Camp - Birmingham University	Selected GAPS Attendees

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Kindly note that given the current challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the GAPS Europe & Asia initiative, para-athletes in the following sports (athletics, cycling, lawn bowls, w/c BB, swimming, table tennis) can obtain a provisional classification remotely.

Due to the delays caused by Covid, we are asking you to contact us via natolcom@slt.lk on or before 7 February, 2022.

While we understand how difficult-

this might be – we feel that in order to provide the necessary support to the athletes and coaches we want to be able to notify CGAs and the individual of their selection by the 14th February, 2022.

Thank you for your prompt response to this exciting programme.

Warm Regards,

Chris Chan
Regional Vice-President
Asia Commonwealth Games Federation



DANIIL MEDVEDEV THROWS DOUBT ON TENNIS CAREER AS HE MAKES AUSTRALIAN OPEN FANS ALLEGATION

Shell-shocked Daniil Medvedev questioned his long-term future in tennis after claiming his rough treatment by the Aussie crowd was racially motivated because he is Russian.

The US Open champion's rocky relationship with the locals started when claimed sections of support had a "low IQ" after his second-round win over Nick Kyrgios.

In contrast to the rapturous reception for Rafa Nadal, the world No.2 was booed when he entered the Rod Laver Arena on Sunday.

And repeatedly riled by fans cheering his service faults, he told Aussie umpire John Blom: "You need to say if anyone shouts out on second serve: 'They are an idiot.' They are idiots. Empty brained."

So after failing in his bid to win a second Grand Slam and become world No.1, Medvedev entered his press conference to give a long monologue about his journey in tennis and claimed: "The kid stopped dreaming."

Clearly hurt, he explained: "From now on I'm playing for myself, for my family, to provide my family, for people that trust in me, of course for all the Russians because I feel a lot of support there.

"If there is a tournament on hard courts in Moscow, before Roland Garros or Wimbledon, I'm going to go there even if I miss Wimbledon or Roland Garros or whatever.

"The kid stopped dreaming. The kid is going to play for himself."

He added: "Before Rafa serves even in the fifth set, there would be somebody, and I would even be surprised, like one guy screaming, C'mon, Daniil.

"A thousand people would be like: 'Shush', That sound. Before my serve, I didn't hear it. It's disappointing. It's disrespectful, it's disappointing. I'm not sure after 30 years I'm going to want to play tennis.

"I think nationality plays a key. I can definitely see when you play somebody from the other country, they would go for them and not for the Russian."

Nadal became the first man to win 21 Grand Slams with his sensational triumph.

And he will look to go even further ahead of the chasing Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer when he returns to Roland Garros in May.

Medvedev, meanwhile, will no doubt take some time to lick his wounds before going back to action.

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