

Deaf Ashes tour in England

July 2008

Introduction

The proposal of the Deaf Ashes tour in England, 2008 all started in a hotel room in Adelaide, Australia at 31 December 2006. Deaf Cricket Australia had their domestic tournament in Adelaide. There were discussions between the delegates of ECAD and DCA with an action plan for the next fiercely competitive Deaf Ashes series.

Recent History between the 2 countries

Most people know about the recent 5-0 Australia thrashing of England in 2006-07 and the famous 2-1 victory by England in 2005 in hearing cricket.

The recent deaf cricket history reveals that Australia was very successful in the Australia 2004 tour when they retained the Ashes 1-0 and won comfortably in the one-day series 5-0. Andrew Watkins, Phil Cox and Nick Watkins were easily the stars for Australia while Umesh Valjee, Chris Hughes and Mark Woodman performed in vain for England.

The 2nd World Cup deaf cricket took place in Lucknow, India in November 2005. Each country played each other in the group matches. Australia beat England in a thrilling one-wicket win in the last over chasing 214.

Bigger stakes took place, the next time those two countries met, in the semi-final for a place in the World Cup Final. Australia was bowled out for 141, the wickets were shared around but Paul Allen put in a star performance of 4 for 17. England knocked off the runs with 4 wickets to spare to make history by beating Australia for the first time in deaf cricket.



Fixtures and matches

The tour will take place between 3rd July to 25th July 2008 with warm up matches, one Twenty/20 match, 3 to 5 one day internationals and 2 Test Matches (3 days). All international limited overs to be played in coloured clothing, white balls, black screens and etc. Fixtures to be finalised once the County Fixtures as been released in December 2007

Possible Venues

Southport & Birkdale CC (Lancashire)
Conwy CC (Glamorgan CCC)
Arundel Castle (Sussex)
Campbell Park, Milton Keynes (Northamptonshire)

Three English players to look out for

Umesh Valjee, Darrel Sykes, Mike O'Mahony

Three Australian players to look for

Nick Watkins, Andrew Watkins, Kym Daley

ECB

ECAD are grateful to ECB for allowing the opportunities to stage the exciting deaf Ashes series with their financial support, assistance with the fixtures and venues.

Sponsorship

ECAD are seeking for sponsorship to help raise the profile of deaf cricket in the UK, assist an England winning team, develop deaf cricket in the UK and provide enjoyment and fulfilment for all cricket lovers.

Please contact our secretary, Lucy Riding on secretaryecad@hotmail.co.uk

Media

ECAD will be publishing media releases with the internet, newspapers, magazines and other media sources.

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Further updates will be published when the deaf Ashes fixtures are released.

Yours in sport

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