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Bahamas Claim another Victory and Move up the Points Table

USA Cruises to another victory to remain undefeated

At Brian Piccolo Park Bermuda won the toss and invited the Cayman Islands to bat first. The top three all passed 25 and at 87-2 from 13 it looked as if the Cayman Islands might go on to post a formidable total, but the innings lost its momentum in the last third and only 20 were scored from the last 5 overs. The innings closed at 118-6 with Janerio Tucker being the pick of the Bermuda attack with 3-19 as he continued his outstanding form at the tournament.

In reply Lionel Cann hit a rapid 44 and with Stephen Outerbridge adding 26 the game looked set to be over early. However the Cayman Islands fought back and from 9th to the 17th over they restricted Bermuda to 14-2 and set up a tighter than expected finish. Had they taken a stumping chance offered by David Hemp the game would have been very tight. In the end Bermuda passed the target with 4 balls to spare and 5 wickets in hand. Kevin Bazil was outstanding in conceding only 9 runs from his 4 overs while collecting a wicket. Lionel Cann was selected man of the match for his knock of 44.

In the second match of the day at Brian Piccolo Park the USA won the toss and decided to bat first. They finished on an imposing 184-4 with Steven Taylor scoring a magnificent 101. He hit his first ball for 6 and continued to dominate all of the Bermuda bowlers with the exception of Janerio Tucker who bowled his 4 overs and finished with 1-19. Akeem Dodson provided initial support as USA raced to 61-0 from 5 overs but it was all about Steven Taylor.

In reply Bermuda started with intent but despite a few big hits they were never in a position to challenge the outcome of the game. Janerio Tucker top scored with 27 and Stephen Outerbridge scored 26, but in the end when the rain ended the game 3 overs early Bermuda were on 113-8. Abhimanyu Rajp 3-17 and Ryan Corns 3-32 were the pick of the USA attack.

In the morning match at the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium the USA won the toss and elected to bat first, in conditions more ideal for bowling from the overnight and early morning preparation moisture. All but one of the USA batsmen contributed to the final total of 187/6 from their 20 overs. Japen Patel continued his good form from the day before with a knock of 32 runs with three 4's and one 6. He was well supported by captain Orlando Barker 32, and the pair put on 64 runs for the third wicket. Good

contributions also came from Akeem Dobson 26, Barrington Bartley 25, Timothy Surajbally 22, Adil Bhatti 19 and Steven Taylor 13.

In reply to the USA total of 187, the Bahamas got off to a good start, with an opening partnership of 62 runs between Marc Taylor 30 from 20 balls and Julio Jamison with 52 from 54 balls. However once the opening pair went, the Bahamian batsmen fell like wild fire. Only Rudolph Fox with 13 from 15 balls made any impression on the score card, and the innings closed at 115/8 from their allotted 20 overs.

In the second game of the day the Bahamas pulled off an amazing victory against Suriname by four wickets. Suriname batted first and amassed 147-6 built on a solid knock of 52 from Charles Douglas at the top of the order; he was well supported by Sauid Drepaul 25, Mohindra Boodram 19 and Troy Dudnath 36. Chasing a target of 148 to win, the Bahamas batsmen were led by Ryan Tappin 55 and Marc Taylor 44. They completed victory and moved themselves up the points table.

Brief scores:

At Brian Piccolo Park: Cayman Islands 118-6 (O. Willis 28, I. Rotsey 27, R. Sealy 25; Tucker 3-19)

Bermuda 119-5 (L. Cann 44, S. Outerbridge 26; K. Ebanks 2-28, K. Bazil 1-9)

Bermuda won by 5 wickets

USA 184-4 (S. Taylor 101; M. Jones 2-43)

Bermuda 113-8 (J. Tucker 27, S. Outerbridge 26; A. Rajp 3-17, R. Corns 3-32)

USA won by 48 runs D/L

At the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium: USA 187-6 (J. Patel 32, O. Barker 32, A. Dobson 26, T. Surajbally 22, A. Bhatti 19, S. Taylor 13; D. Gittens 2-53)

Bahamas 115-8 (J. Jemison 52, M. Taylor 30, R. Fox 13; S. Taylor 2-0, B. Bartley 2-21, D. Ahmed 2-26)

USA won by 72 runs

Suriname 147-6 (C. Douglas 52, T. Dudnath 36, S. Drepaul 25, M. Boodram 19; A. Peters 2-19, D. Weakley 2-22)

Bahamas 151/4 (R. Tappin 55, M. Taylor 42, T. Brown 20*, G. Taylor 15; S. Ramjohn 2-31)

Bahamas won by 6 wickets

ICC Americas Division 1 table (as of 22 March 2013)

Rank	Team	P	W	L	T	N/R	Pts	NRR
1	USA	7	7	0	0	0	14	+2.704
2	Bermuda	6	4	2	0	0	8	+1.099
3	Suriname	6	2	4	0	0	4	-0.715
4	Bahamas	7	2	5	0	0	4	-1.930
5	Cayman Islands	6	1	5	0	0	2	-1.429

Tomorrow's fixtures: Bahamas v Bermuda, Cayman Islands v Suriname

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