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Cricket the Winner in Apia

The ICC EAP office have declared the Pepsi ICC East Asia-Pacific Division 2 Trophy an over whelming success thanks to the hard work of tournament hosts the Samoan International Cricket Association.

It is a double delight for Samoa who also took out the title in convincing fashion by going the whole week undefeated.

“Samoa did a magnificent job as hosts of this tournament,” said ICC EAP Regional Development Manager Andrew Faichney. “The facilities they prepared were superb and all of the logistics of the event ran really smoothly.”

Despite the success off the field, the on field action provided the real highlights of the week with huge hitting, great celebrations and some thrilling matches that went right down to the wire.

The tournament also welcomed both the Philippines and South Korea to their first ever ICC International event, with the Philippines going all the way to the final on debut.

“It was an historic moment for our region to welcome two new nations to one of our regional events,” said Faichney. “The Philippines certainly performed exceptionally well to make the final and South Korea too showed some promising signs only narrowly missing out on making the play-off for third.”



Another pleasing aspect of the event was that every team came away with at least one victory throughout the week. In the end only one win separated 3rd from 6th on the final table.

For the winners Samoa the next step in the qualification pathway for the 2012 World Twenty20 in Sri Lanka will be to travel to PNG in July and take on the East Asia-Pacific's Associate member countries, PNG, Vanuatu, Fiji and Japan in what promises to be another week of exciting cricket.

Keep an eye on our website at www.icceap.com over the coming months for preview articles on the Pepsi ICC East Asia-Pacific Division 1 Trophy in Port Moresby to be held from 4-7 July.

Left: Philippines take on Samoa during the round-robin stage of the tournament. Samoa were comfortable winners by 8 wickets



Samoa v Philippines Final

Garden Oval Number 2, Friday 8 April 2011



Samoa celebrate their win and look forward to PNG in July

Samoa claimed the Pepsi ICC East Asia-Pacific Division 2 title with a commanding 9 wicket victory over the Philippines in the final at the Garden Ovals in Apia.

The win was set up by a magnificent 5 wicket haul from Winston Mariner which was then followed by a brilliant century from tournament leading run scorer Ben Mailata who made 107 not out to top off an incredible event in which he was not dismissed in any match.

“We have all been in training since June and the work has really paid off,” said Mailata after the match. “Most of us have even dropped a couple of kilos which is great.”

The Philippines started their innings well with a 36 run opening stand between Ramandeep Cheema (20) and Danny Sohal (27). They then found themselves 2 for 72 in the 23rd over and it looked as if the foundations had been built for their middle order to put together a high score.

However Samoan captain Geoff Clarke threw the ball to his spinner Winston Mariner and he single handily bowled his side back into a winning position with some terrific variation to end with figures of 5-34.

Despite the performance from the experienced spinner, Mariner believes the whole team contributed in the field.

“For me it’s a team performance and if I can contribute that’s great but there’s no point performing well if the team doesn’t win,” said Mariner.

The Philippines were in trouble late in the innings at 8-117 before Reakesh Thakur took advantage of the batting power play to boost their score up to all out for 180 after 46 overs.

Despite losing their captain cheaply the Samoan pair of Ben Mailata and Sean Cotter put together a flawless 171 run partnership to pass the Philippines total with 9.3 overs remaining and 9 wickets in hand. In two dominant displays with the bat Mailata who also picked up the player of the tournament award finished with 107 not out, while Cotter made a terrific half century finishing on 56 not out.

“This has been 10 years of really hard work in developing the game since about the early 90s and a win like this is the icing on the cake,” said Mariner.

Looking ahead to Samoa’s next challenge in PNG when they will take on regional powerhouse PNG as well as the other associate teams Vanuatu, Fiji and Japan, Mailata says his team is ready for the challenge.

“They can expect some fireworks,” he said. “But we are certainly not taking it lightly it’s going to be hard but if play to our full potential anything can happen.”



Match Results, Player Statistics and Awards

Round 1

Rep of Korea 54-10, 19.1 overs
Samoa 59-1, 6.5 overs
Samoa won by 9 wickets

Indonesia 105-6, 20.0 overs
Philippines 106-3, 14.2 overs
Philippines won by 7 wickets

Tonga 165-7, 20 overs
Cook Islands 126-8, 20 overs
Tonga won by 39 runs

Round 2

Tonga 39-10, 11.0 overs
Samoa 41-1, 8 overs
Samoa won by 9 wickets

Cook Islands 126-6, 20.0 overs
Philippines 127-5, 16.4 overs
Philippines won by 5 wickets

Rep of Korea 90-10, 14.2 overs
Indonesia 96-4, 17.1 overs
Indonesia won by 6 wickets

Round 3

Cook Islands 81-10, 19.4 overs
Samoa 83-1, 10.3 overs
Samoa won by 9 wickets

Rep of Korea 60-10, 18.0 overs
Philippines 61-4, 6.5 overs
Philippines won by 6 wickets

Tonga 161-7, 20 overs
Indonesia 85-10, 17.5 overs
Tonga won by 76 runs

Round 4

Philippines 104-9, 20.0 overs
Samoa 105-2, 17.5 overs
Samoa won by 8 wickets

Tonga 103-10, 19.4 overs
Rep of Korea 104-6, 18.4 overs
Rep of Korea won by 4 wickets

Indonesia 110-9, 20 overs
Cook Islands 112-8, 18.4 overs
Cook Islands won by 2 wickets

Round 5

Philippines 151-7, 20 overs
Tonga 128-7, 20 overs
Philippines won by 23 runs

Samoa 159-5, 20.0 overs
Indonesia 67-10, 17.3 overs
Samoa won by 92 runs

Cook Islands 146-7, 20 overs
Rep of Korea 133-9, 20 overs
Cook Islands won by 13 runs

Classification Matches

3rd / 4th Classification Match

Cook Islands 124-5, 20.0 overs
Tonga 110-10, 15.2 overs
Cook Islands won by 14 runs

5th / 6th Classification Match

Indonesia 94-10, 19.4 overs
Rep of Korea 96-1, 12.3 overs
Rep of Korea won by 9 wickets

Final

Philippines 179-10, 46.0 overs (F Khan 46, D Sohal 27; W Mariner 5-34)
Samoa 183-1, 40.3 overs (B Mailata 107*, S Cotter 56*; R Thakur 1-35)
Samoa won by 9 wickets

2011 ICC East-Asia Pacific Division 2 Trophy Final Table After Round-Robin Matches

Rank	Team	P	W	L	T	N/R	Pts	NRR
1	Samoa	5	5	0	0	0	10	+3.627
2	Philippines	5	4	1	0	0	8	+1.697
3	Tonga	5	2	3	0	0	4	+0.110
4	Cook Islands	5	2	3	0	0	4	-1.100
5	Indonesia	5	1	4	0	0	2	-1.988
6	Republic of Korea	5	1	4	0	0	2	-2.848

Leading Batsman after the round-robin matches

Name	Country	Runs	Average	HS	Dismissed
B Mailata	Samoa	189	189.00*	49*	0
T Muhammad	Rep Korea	159	31.80	49	5
S Holi	Tonga	125	41.67	77	3
N Moala	Tonga	110	22.00	62	5
V Kumar	Philippines	94	31.33	37*	3
A Gill	Rep Korea	83	27.67	37*	3
S Cotter	Samoa	77	19.25	29*	4
T Ali	Philippines	72	18.00	39*	4
F Khan	Philippines	71	23.67	31	3
S Modak	Indonesia	70	17.50	24	4

Leading wicket-takers after the round-robin matches

Name	Country	Wickets	Runs	Average	Best Figures
R Thakur	Philippines	10	75	7.50	4-17
T Alatasi	Samoa	10	66	6.60	3-10
R Tri Rubbi	Indonesia	9	108	12.00	4-32
F Mulivai	Samoa	8	57	7.13	2-9
L Luteru	Samoa	8	32	4.00	4-13
R Roni	Rep Korea	8	70	8.75	3-26
H Ahuja	Philippines	7	46	6.57	2-1
L Fuimaono	Samoa	7	67	9.57	3-2
L Tenisi	Tonga	7	74	10.57	2-18

Player of the Tournament *Ben Mailata (Samoa)*



Team of the Tournament

Name	Country	Role
T Alatasi	Samoa	Bowler
S Cotter	Samoa	Bat
S Holi	Tonga	Bat
V Kumar	Philippines	All Rounder
B Mailata	Samoa	Bat
W Mariner	Samoa	Spin
N Moala	Tonga	Keeper
T Muhammad	Rep Korea	Bat
F Mulivai	Samoa	Bowler
T Teinaki	Cook Islands	All Rounder
R Thakur	Philippines	Bowler
R Tri Rubbi	Indonesia	Spin

The Invincible Mailata



Samoan vice-captain Ben Mailata will enter the Pepsi ICC EAP Division 1 Trophy in PNG full of confidence after one of the best individual tournament performances in the history of the ICC East Asia-Pacific.

Unbeaten in five innings during the round-robin stage of the competition, Mailata topped off his outstanding tournament with a brilliant 107 not out to guide his side to a 9 wicket victory against the Philippines in the final, leaving many to label him “Mr Invincible”.

“He had the tournament of his life,” said Samoan teammate Winston Mariner. “He was really focused coming in and set himself some goals, one of which was to get an average of 40 and he absolutely blitzed that.”

In fact Mailata ended the tournament with no average after scoring 296 runs without being dismissed, however he credits his performance to the support of his teammates.

“There was a period of time when I was starting to get tired, but Sean (Cotter) at the other end was really cheering me on and encouraging me to keep going right through the tournament which was great,” said Mailata.

Even more astounding was the manner in which Mailata dominated his opposition. His 296 runs were scored at a strike rate of 109.22 and contained very few chances.

He says the secret to not only his success but the entire Samoan team was due to the best preparation that his side has had for a tournament.

“We’ve been training since June last year so all that preparation paid off and most of us have even lost a couple of kilos as well,” he said. “We look forward to PNG and we’ll continue to work hard when we (New Zealand based players) get home.”

To top it off Mailata provided some sharp work in the field including a magnificent run out against the Cook Islands.



Tournament Highlights



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