

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Fledgling Croatian cricket team has reason to be proud of its achievements

I have just come back from 6 weeks in Croatia and during my stay managed to catch the Croatian Cricket team in action in a tournament in Zagreb against Slovenia and Finland. It was a great weekend enjoyed by all teams and spectators alike. The Croatian side were well beaten by the Slovenians in the first match but put in a much better showing against the Finns.

For a fledgling sport in Croatia, the Croatians have a lot to be proud of. They put in a great effort against a couple of sides that have cricket established in their respective countries a lot longer than Croatia which has only started playing cricket in 1999.

Congratulations to Ivan Bilić, Robert Dumančić, Jasen Butković and Zdenko Leko for organising a great tournament which is helping to raise the profile of the sport in Croatia (Croatian TV was there filming a story which was shown on the early morning television variety show "Dobro Jutro Hrvatska").

The representatives from the MCC and the ICC were impressed with the progress of cricket in Croatia and continue to foster the development of the game there as well.

I look forward to getting back to Croatia next year to see if Croatia can qualify for the Euro Championships.

Qualification will help Croatia in its goal of eventually making it into the World Cup of cricket. Keep up the good work boys.

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