

*In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.*

PRESS RELEASE

Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Majlis –E-Sehat

5th Masroor International T20 Cricket Tournament 23-26th May London

On Thursday 23 May seventeen teams came from across the globe to London to participate in the fifth Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Masroor International T20 Cricket Tournament.

The tournament was initiated by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmed, worldwide head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community back in 2009.

The team draws led to four groups and winners of the groups, plus runners up comprised to form the quarter finalists. These were: Switzerland, England White, USA, Germany A, Omair XI, USA A, Germany and England Green.

One of the highlights of the early rounds was a 36 ball knock of 103 runs not out by Hamayun Mirza captain of the USA team against Holland. This included 10 sixes.

Eventually the semi-finalists were England Green versus USA, and England White versus Germany.

In the first game England Green led by captain Aziz Ahmed posted a total of 138 runs for 7 wickets in 20 overs. Pick of the batsmen was Hamayun Mirza who scored 48. It looked like the England team were in control with Abdul Qadir the left arm off spinner producing some great bowling. However, two dropped catches and some poor bowling let the USA team back in. With the game very tense and close, in came the USA Captain Hamayun Mirza who smashed 3 sixes with 3 overs remaining off Abid Ahmed. The underdogs of the competition the USA team won with three balls remaining and six wickets down.

In the second semi-final Germany won the toss and batted first posting a total of 134 with 8 wickets. Adil Tahir scored a fifty for Germany. Both Shakir and Hamad Butt were the pick of the bowlers. Again the match was close with England White losing three early wickets. Then a partnership between Anees Butt (60 not out) and Qaiser Mohammed (40 not out) allowed the UK White team to win with 2 overs to spare.

Both winning teams then left the Kingston university ground to make their way to the final being held at Abbey Recreation Ground Morden with only 30 minutes rest. Waiting for them were over 1000 spectators with sunny and hot playing conditions. The USA team won the toss and elected to bat against England White captained by the talented off spinner Khalid Zafar. The USA team got off to a disastrous start with Bilal being run out in the third over. Similarly, Muzammil Gondal, Irfan Rabani and Inam all perished to run outs and the USA only posted a total of 85 runs in 18.3 overs. With four out of the top 5 batsmen being run out, the heat and 4 days cricket began to take its effect on the USA team. Pick off the UK bowlers was Anees Butt who took the prize wicket of the USA captain having been smashed for 6 with the previous delivery. In reply the England White team started with a flourish of boundaries led by Shani. He went onto score 50 runs. Just as it seemed there may be an upset with Adil, Irfan and Qaiser all departing with low totals, in came the captain Khalid Zafar and steadied the innings scoring the winning runs with 5 wickets down in 16.2 overs. Pick of the USA bowlers were Ahmed Bhatti and Hamayun Mirza. The England White team were worthy winners and won the fifth International Masroor cricket tournament. Khalid Zafar and his team celebrated the first ever UK win in this tournament and concluded what was 4 days of fantastic cricket. Team manager and former Surrey colt Nadeem Malik was over the moon with the victory. Similarly, Munir Shams sahib who is President of the Cricket section witnessed a historic win. The USA Captain Hamayun Mirza was overall pleased with how his team had performed, but disappointed with 4 run outs in the final itself.

In his concluding address Rashid Mirza Sahib, Chairmen of the tournament thanked the committee, the umpires, various departments, Ameer UK Rafiq Hyatt Sahib “for his relentless support and time”, plus all the organizers including Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Sadr Ansarullah for their cooperation and help. Finally Ameer UK Rafiq Hyatt Sahib thanked all of the above as well as the participants for making this a success and concluded the event with silent prayers.

**Individual performances**

**Best Batsman: Adil Tahir from GERMANY A**

*(He scored 241 runs in 6 Matches)*

**Best Bowler: Abdul Qadir from ENGLAND GREEN**

*(He bowled 16 Overs, 4 Maiden, 76 Runs and took 12 Wickets)*

**Best Fielder: Inamullah GERMANY A**

**Man Of The Final Match: Hamayun Mirza U S A**

**Player Of The Tournament: Anees Ahmad Butt ENGLAND WHITE**

*(He Scored 237 runs in 6 Matches and Bowled 11.3 Overs, 1 Maiden, 58 Runs and took 10 Wickets)*

**RECORD OF THE TOURNAMENT:** **Hamayun Mirza U S A** *(103 runs off 36 ball (not out))*

Results:

**Masroor International T/20 Cricket Tournament 2013**

**Day 4 Sunday 26th May 2013 Results**

***Sami Finals***

Sami Final 1: England Green VS USA

England Green: 138/7 in 20 Overs USA: 139/6 in 19.3 Overs

Result: USA won by 4 Wickets

Sami Final 2: England White VS Germany A

England White: 136/3 in 17.3 Overs Germany A: 135/9 in 20 Overs

Result: England White won by 7 Wickets

***3rd Place (10 Overs Format)***

Germany A VS England Green

Germany A: 103/2 in 8.3 Overs England Green: 102/2 in 10 Overs

Result: Germany A won by 8 Wickets

***The Finale***

USA VS England White

USA: 84/ All out in 18.3 Overs England White: 86/5 in 16.2 Overs

Result: England White won by 5 Wickets

**Masroor International T/20 Cricket Tournament 2013 End Results**

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**Runner up is U S A**

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***Masroor International T/20 Cricket Tournament 2013***

***MAN OF THE MATCHES LIST***

**Pool Matches**

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| **Match No** | **Name** | **Team** |
| ***1*** | **Hamayun Mirza** | **U S A** |
| ***2*** | **Arshad Butt** | **Switzerland** |
| ***3*** | **Anees Ahmad Butt** | **England (White)** |
| ***4*** | **Waqas** | **U S A (A)** |
| ***5*** | **Abid Ahmad** | **England (Green)** |
| ***6*** | **Fawad** | **Omair XI** |
| ***7*** | **Adil Tahir** | **Germany (A)** |
| ***8*** | **Assam Butt** | **Germany** |
| ***9*** | **Fareed** | **Omair XI** |
| ***10*** | **Hameed Bhatti** | **Germany (A)** |
| ***11*** | **Rashid Ahmad** | **Pakistan** |
| ***12*** | **Javeed** | **Jamia Ahmadiyya UK** |
| ***13*** | **Aamir Butt** | **Switzerland** |
| ***14*** | **Hassan Ahmad** | **Sweden** |
| ***15*** | **Rauf** | **U S A (A)** |
| ***16*** | **Zeeshan Naseer** | **England (White)** |
| ***17*** | **Mutahir** | **Pakistan** |
| ***18*** | **Hamayun Mirza** | **U S A** |
| ***19*** | **Fazal Butt** | **Ireland** |
| ***20*** | **Kamran Jethi** | **England (Green)** |
| ***21*** | **Laeeq Mirza** | **Omair XI** |
| ***22*** | **Nafees Butter** | **Germany (A)** |
| ***23*** | **Rashid** | **U S A (A)** |
| ***24*** | **Kamran Jethi** | **England (Green)** |

**Quarter Finals**

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| ***25*** | **Abid Ahmad** | **England (Green)** |
| ***26*** | **Bilal Raja** | **U S A** |
| ***27*** | **Nafees Butter** | **Germany (A)** |
| ***28*** | **Anees Ahmad Butt** | **England (White)** |

**Sami Finals**

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| ***29*** | **Hamayun Mirza** | **U S A** |
| ***30*** | **Anees Ahmad Butt** | **England (White)** |

**3rd Place**

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| ***31*** | **Inamullah** | **Germany (A)** |

**Masroor International T/20 Cricket Tournament 2013**

**Day 1 Thursday 23rd May 2013 Results**

**Pool Matches**

Match 16: England White VS UAE

England White: 160/3 in 15 Overs UAE: 77/9 in 15 overs

Result: Engalnd White won by 83 runs

Match 17: Pakistan VS Bangladesh

Pakistan: 138/3 in 12 Overs Bangladesh: 86/5 in 12 Overs

Result: Pakistan won by 52 runs

Match 18: USA VS Holland

USA: 160/3 in 15 Overs Holland: 119/5 in 15 Overs

Result: USA won by 41 runs

Match 19: Ireland VS Belgium

Ireland: 103/8 in 15 Overs Belgium: 71/7 in 15 Overs

Result: Ireland won 32 runs

**Masroor International T/20 Cricket Tournament 2013**

**Day 3 Saturday 25th May 2013 Results**

***Pool Matches***

Match 20: England Green VS USA

England Green: 173/4 in 15 Overs USA: 91/7 in 15 overs

Result: England Green won by 82 runs

Match 21: Omair XI VS Switzerland

Omair XI: 79/1 in 10 Overs Switzerland: 75/5 in 15 Overs

Result: Omair XI won by 9 Wickets

Match 22: Germany A VS Sweden

Germany A: 166/6 in 15 Overs Sweden: 71/7 in 15 Overs

Result: Germany A won by 95 Runs

Match 23: USA A VS Germany

USA A: 102/7 in 15 Overs Germany: 103/5 in 14.3 Overs

Result: Germany won by 5 Wickets

Match 24: England Green VS Jamia Ahmadiyya UK

England Green: 101/4 in 10.4 Overs Jamia Ahmadiyya UK: 100/ All out in 15 Overs

Result: England Green won by 6 Wickets

***Quarter Final***

Quarter Final 1: England Green VS Switzerland

England Green: 144/6 in 20 Over Switzerland: 65/ All out in 16.1 Overs

Result: England Green won by 79 Runs

Quarter Final 2: Omair XI VS USA

Omair XI: 126/ All out in 19.2 Overs USA: 161/6 in 20 Overs

Results: USA won by 35 Runs

Quarter Final 3: USA A VS Germany A

USA A: 73/ All out in 17.1 Overs Germany A: 74/4 in 9.4 Overs

Result: Germany A won by 6 Wickets

Quarter Final 4: England White VS Germany

England White: 163/5 in 20 Overs Germany: 70/ All out in 13.4 Overs

Result: England White won by 93 Runs