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### **CANADA'S WOMENS' CRICKETERS PLAY FOR BREAST CANCER WHILE TAKING ON THE USA IN WORLD CUP QUALIFIER**

**Toronto – July 11, 2010.** A place in the next ICC Women's World Cup qualification tournament is up for grabs as Canada and the United States lock horns in a 3 match series at Maple Leaf Cricket Club in King City, Ontario.

The tournament will also serve as a backdrop for a fundraiser for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and the Canadian Breast Cancer Network, both of whom will be receiving signed jerseys from the Canadian team to support fundraising auctions later this year. ICC America's has also provided pink shirts for all the players and a donation to the CBCF to support this cause.

Canada, by virtue of a win in the 2009 ICC America's Region Women's Championship qualified for this series and are joined by the runners up the United States. The winners of the upcoming 3 match series will represent the Americas in the Global World Cup Qualifier to be held in 2012 in Bangladesh ahead of the 2013 Women's World Cup in India.

On the field, Canada will be looking to continue on their path to the Women's World Cup. Canada did not participate in the last Women's World Cup after losing the qualification tournament to Bermuda in 2007.

Coach George Codrington believes the women's' team is up to the challenge this time around. "We have had a good lead up with this week's training camp in Toronto, the girls have been training all spring and are ready for this challenge."

The matches take place July 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> at Maple Leaf Cricket Club in King City, Ontario.  
Complete schedule

July 13, 2010 - Canada vs. USA : MLCC King City, ON

July 14, 2010 - Canada vs. USA : MLCC King City, ON

July 16, 2010 - Canada vs. USA : MLCC King City, ON

The teams will also play two T20 matches that are not part of the series on the final Saturday of the event.

July 17, 2010 - T20 Canada vs. USA MLCC King City, ON

Chandra Gocool, Cricket Canada's CEO recognized the growing importance of women's Cricket and Canada's women's team. "Over the past few years we have stepped up our commitment to the women's program and we have seen marked improvement at the highest levels. We are excited to see more and more women participating in cricket across the country in recent years. It's a positive sign for the future of the women's teams."

Canada's squad

Kim Coulter, Nicole Gallagher, Helene Gaffney, Jennifer Gruno, Mahwish Khan, Mona Persaud (Captain), Monali Patel, Santhiya Rajaram, Kiran Samra, Natasha Springett, Suthershini Sivanantham, Sheryl Tittlemier, Mikaela Turik, Saniyah Zia, Vindhya Varanasi, Nicole Gallagher

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### **About Cricket Canada**

Cricket Canada is committed to developing a nationally recognized sport that competes at the highest international level. In 2011, Canada's national team will compete in the ICC Cricket World Cup in South Asia, the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest sporting event.

### **About Cricket**

Domestic: There are 40,000 registered and recreational players and 500 teams across Canada. Currently played in 1,800 schools, investment from Cricket Canada and organizations such as RBC supports 45% annual growth in schools.

Heritage: The country's first Prime Minister, John A. MacDonald, once declared cricket Canada's national sport. And the world's first recorded international sports fixture took place in Montreal – a cricket match between Canada and the United States, in 1844.

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