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Indiana Recreational Cricket is on the Rise

Indiana Youth Cricket has seen exponential growth that the game of cricket has garnered in the last three years. It is aggressively moving forward to add more school and youth teams to popularize the game of cricket.

The Indiana University Bloomington Cricket Club (IUBCC) hosted the Third Edition of the Hoosier Cup tournament at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center on Saturday, August 25th. There was a huge turnout for the tournament with 20 teams including teams from Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois. The crowd was out to support the three local teams, one of which reached and was defeated at the Quarter Final stage.



The IUBCC was formulated in 2009 owing to great support and interest from the cricket enthusiasts in the community. The club comprises largely of the local south Asian students at IU. Over the past three years, the Hoosier Cup has built a reputation of being the most awaited cricketing event in the state. The tournament is a locally sponsored and student organized event.

Indiana University President, DR. McRobbie graced this year's Hoosier Cup with his presence, was impressed with the efforts of the organizers and the cricketing talent from different parts of the state. He appreciated the efforts by students and sponsors' and was delighted to see players from varied backgrounds and nations coming together for the game of cricket. He honored some players with awards during his short stay.

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Joseph Ipe, Co-Organizer of the Hoosier Cup and the IUBCC team captain says, "We try to create an experience for the teams which they can feel good about. Most of the teams play challenging cricket and compete in the Hoosier Cup hoping to face tough opponents and win matches. It is a satisfying experience when we see the local support and cheering crowds."

Later, Jatin Patel, Vice President – US Youth Cricket Association (also President Indiana Cricket) visited the event and stayed till the end of the tournament to watch exciting play offs and championship games. He also honored some talents with awards during the final presentation.

Aug 25th 2012 was the 10th anniversary of the victory for the Bouncer XI *** (under the leadership of Jatin Patel.) of Indianapolis, in the Midwest Cricket Tournament (MCT) Champions in Columbus, OH. It was the first ever major Championship won by any Indiana based team in major competitions at professional level in Midwest, USA

Patel says, "It's amazing to see cricket making waves at all levels in Indiana. Hoosier Cup (3rd Year) and Indy Legends Cup (2nd year) both have built an impressive reputation as the leading tournaments in Indiana. It's purely the love for the game from the players that blends with great leadership and hospitality to have such successful events. Most of the talented cricket players irrespective of their age play in such tournaments to enjoy their passion of playing cricket. It's time to have more financial support and better facilities from local authorities to explore cricket here in Indiana. It's a fantastic opportunity for many locals to enjoy and learn cricket as it offers free admissions to all guests."

Dhairya Gala, member of the IUBCC team that won five championships this year says, "I feel privileged to be a part of such an awesome IUBCC team. There is some genuine cricketing talent and really good team spirit which has been the main reason behind our team's success. When I came to US, two years ago, I did not expect to get an opportunity to play cricket. Thanks to IUBCC, I got to live my passion. I have been the secretary of this club for over a year and have seen this club go from strength to strength. Being a member of the Hoosier Cup organizing committee, I know the efforts everyone has put in to make this event a huge success. Even though I and Priyank (ex-treasurer, IUBCC) have now moved to Kansas, we actively participate in most of the club related activities. I hope to see cricket in Indiana achieve great heights and help cricket lovers live their passion."

IUBCC lost at the Quarter Final stage of this year's Hoosier Cup. It was an exciting game which went down the last ball of the innings and the Desi Devils from Louisville moved on to the Semi Finals. IU needed to defend one run to win off the last ball. An awkward bounce favored the Desi Devils when the IU fielder could not collect the ball cleanly and lost a run out chance.

Indy Legends of Indianapolis become Champions at the Hoosier Cup 2012. Indy Legends are hosting next cricket tournament on Sept. 8th 2012 which also has 20 teams lined up and will be played in Avon.



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