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LORD'S TO HOST INTER SERVICES T20

19 JUNE 2012

It is with great pleasure that the Combined Services Cricket Association can announce that the Inter Services Twenty20 Tournament (IST20 2012) will, once again, be held at Lord's Cricket Ground on Tuesday 19 June 2012. This is the fifth year in a row that Services cricket has been hosted by Marylebone Cricket Club back at Lord's, and the third year running for the Inter Services Twenty20.

The Inter Services Twenty20 Tournament is a triangular competition between the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force senior XI sides and is fiercely competed for; the Royal Air Force will be looking to retain their crown having won in 2011. This is one of the few tournaments that provide an opportunity to watch 3 games of high quality Twenty20 cricket in one day.

The Combined Services Cricket Association is also pleased to announce that IST20 2012 has chosen Combat Stress as the supported charity; Heineken UK and BFBS as the event sponsors and CricketWorld.com as the media partner.

Major General (Retired) Bill Moore, Chairman of the Combined Services Cricket Association IST20 2012 Committee, announcing the launch of the IST20 2012 website said: "I am delighted that Marylebone Cricket Club has once again agreed to support this fantastic event. For the Serviceman, playing at the Home of Cricket will be one of the highlights of their sporting career. But it is also a marvellous day for the supporters and I would encourage people to come along and support their team. Last year's IST20 was a fantastic success, not least for the thrilling cricket, and we are looking forward to another outstanding

day. I am also delighted to announce that we will be supporting Combat Stress and I am very grateful to Heineken UK, BFBS and Cricket World for supporting IST20 2012.”

John Stephenson, MCC Head of Cricket, said: “The IST20 tournament is always a highlight in the Lord’s fixture list, and I am delighted that MCC can continue to support the event. I very much encourage all cricket-lovers to come along and enjoy the show on the 19th June. It is also excellent news that the day will raise money for the charity Combat Stress – it is fantastic that we can contribute to such a worthy cause.”

Andrew Cameron, Chief Executive of Combat Stress, said: “We are delighted and very grateful to have been chosen to benefit from IST20 2012. Combat Stress is currently treating and supporting almost 5,000 ex-Service men and women suffering from trauma related mental ill-health and we hope that your recognition through IST20 2012 will raise awareness of Combat Stress and encourage more people to seek our help, as well as raising much-needed funds for our vital work. Inter Services cricket attracts supporters who understand the challenges we are grappling with. I urge you to learn more, become advocates for Combat Stress and help us reduce the stigma faced by Veterans suffering with wounded minds.”

Ticket purchasing and information is available now at www.interservicest20.co.uk – be one of the first to purchase your tickets and show your support and appreciation. It promises to be not only a great day’s cricket but also a celebration of the Armed Forces.

MCC will also be broadcasting live ball-by-ball commentary for all the matches via the Lord’s website.

Notes to editors:

Ticket prices: Adult £14, Over 65s £7, Under 16s £5 (MCC has kindly agreed to waive the normal match internet booking fee for this fixture (saving £5 per booking).

Group discounts will be available from 12 March 2012 (Buy 3, get 1 free by entering promotional code “202020” on the Lord’s ticketing website) and free entry for school groups through the Lord’s School Parties Application Form.

The first match starts at 10am, the second at 1.15pm and the third at 4.30pm. Gates open 9am. For further information about Lord’s, including travel info please visit www.lords.org

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