

It is with great sadness that I write to you, the Bermuda public, to inform you that I will no longer be working with the Bermuda Cricket Board, indefinitely.

With my contract ending July 7th, this year, I took the summer off to reflect on what transpired in Malaysia. As a coach I was extremely disappointed in the outcome of the tournament, with the Bermuda senior cricket team being relegated. My decision to walk away now is not an easy one as coaching one's country is the ultimate achievement and honor for any coach.

Unfortunately, things drastically changed over the last year, as the lack of support was obviously evident and the lack of professionalism was the worst I have ever witness in my 20 years of cricket involvement within the national team, as a player and coach.

The following highlights the preparations for the tour to Los Angeles when we finished 4th. We went into the last game with a chance of being promoted.

- The team had new uniforms, warm up kits and hats.
- We were afforded a middle wicket while training regularly at the N.S.C.
- We toured to Canada for games with all coaching staff.
- The team played practice games against Canada, in Bermuda, just prior to tournament.
- Extra fitness training took place at Body Fit doing spinning and Zumba classes.
- There was a nutritionist provided for the team.
- There was a physiotherapist to treat injuries and to help with recovery.
- All coaching staff travelled for the pre-tour and tournament.
- The manager was in place early and the selection committee observed training sessions.
- Team building sessions were held.
- Dates for tours and pre tours were known well in advance.

Preparations for the tour to Malaysia when we were relegated:

- The coaches and manager had to pay for Reggie Tucker's (specialist fielding coach) airfare and hotel so he could go to Argentina with the team.
- A player who had a 95% training attendance, but had to be routed through England for travel purposes was told that the Board will not pay the extra cost for his ticket, hence he was to be replaced, but captain Terryn Fray purchased his own ticket using his A.A. miles so that the player in mention could use the additional funds and be permitted to travel.
- I requested that 2-3 U.K. based players be sent to Argentina for the 50 over matches so they could be assessed before the final selection, which was one week after we returned, but this was denied.
- I requested that the U.K. based players be brought home to train for 2 weeks before going to Malaysia, but this too, was denied.
- Terry Fray was removed as the manager, and as a selector and from the High Performance committee with no meeting or explanation.
- The selection committee was dismantled a week before the team went to Argentina, which meant new members who had no clue about the team's preparation, had to select a team upon our return.
- The team's playing kit that was brought in, was too small and we had to ask players to return clothing from a previous tour.
- Jacobi Robinson had to order warm up gear days before we left for Dubai so we could look uniform.
- When the team was announced 2 weeks before leaving, we had no idea where we were going for a pre-tour.
- We asked to have a team dinner the night before the final Caymen match, which was to decide the tournament winners, only to be told there is a food court at the mall, why do the players have to have a dinner together.
- There was not one meeting with the president to hear his vision or for him to hear mine.
- Two Ministers of Government asked to have a photo with me, at the airport, with the trophy, upon our return from Argentina, only to be told by the photographer that he was instructed only to have the Ministers in the picture.
- We asked for team gear bags weeks in advance, but at the last minute an effort was made and we couldn't get all the same bags.
- Other than a post mortem there has been no dialogue from the Board to me pertaining to my future.

- I went to the West Indies for a Level Three coaching course and was made to pay the entire \$1,700 for my plane ticket, yet I coach in every capacity possible at the Board from Pee Wees right up to senior cricket.
- Bailey's Bay pitch was to be ready for us to train on, upon our return from Argentina, but wasn't, which meant we did not get to train on any turf wicket at all, in Bermuda, prior to the tournament.
- Last week, there was a winter academy meeting to discuss the upcoming winter program, a program which I helped to operate for the last 3 years, but I was not invited to the meeting.

One can look at the two tours and see the vast difference in preparations, hence the results were different. I can understand that the Board has been mindful of wanting to cut back on costs, but to do so jeopardized the senior team's possible success, and my possible future as the national coach. Hopefully, the Board will see fit to back whoever is the next head coach and provide that individual with the support needed to be successful.

I will watch from afar with hopes that there will be improvement in how cricket is run and who knows what the future may hold. Again, thank you, the Bermuda public, for your support; I wish the new coaching staff, the players and the Board all the best moving forward.

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