

Large Barbadian contingent expected at Cricket Hall of Fame induction

With former star West Indies opening pair Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes of Barbados topping the list of inductees at this year's Cricket Hall of Fame ceremonies, the organizers are anticipating a large contingent of Barbadian cricket fans to be present.

At the annual ceremonies which is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, the pair which was integral to the West Indies success during the 1980s will be joined by three other cricket administrators Jefferson Miller of Florida and Mascelles Bailey and Mohamed Baksh of New York.

The Rev. Canon Wilborne Austin, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Bloomfield, Connecticut, and Harland Henry, Director of Community Outreach at the Connecticut Secretary of State's Office, will receive presidential awards for services to the community.

Greenidge, one half of the West Indies' prolific opening partnership with Haynes, began his career in 1974 against India and continued to play international cricket until 1991. A feared opening batsman, he played in 108 Test matches in which he scored 7,558 runs with 19 centuries.

Haynes was Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1991. One of the greatest batsmen to ever play for the West Indies, the muscular Haynes formed a formidable partnership with Greenidge during the 1980s. Favoring a more measured approach to batting, unlike his counterpart Greenidge, Haynes compiled a redoubtable 7,487 runs in 116 Test matches at an average of 42.29.

Miller, who began his cricket career as a youngster in his native Barbados, has established himself in the U.S. both as a player and an administrator. A fast bowler, he represented the U.S. in a number of international games, and has served as chairman of the Northeastern Cricket Association in New York and as a member of the executive committee of the South Florida Cricket Association, the USA National Selection Committee and the City of Lauderhill, Florida, Organizing Committee for the Mayor's Cup. He is one of the persons responsible for the building of the Central Broward Regional Park Cricket Stadium.

Bailey, originally from Jamaica, was a co-founder of The Bankers Athletic Cricket League in New York. He also co-founded Lucas Sports

Club with some well-known cricketers. In addition to playing in the Metropolitan League, the oldest and one of the largest leagues in the U.S., Bailey has served that organization in various capacities.

Baksh, a native of Guyana, was involved with sports at various levels, from an early age, serving on a number of community organizations and regional cricket boards. He started officiating at matches at the age of 24 and has continued to do so ever since. Baksh has under his belt, more than a quarter century of officiating in Shell Shield and Red Stripe competitions in the West Indies. For a number of years, he was a member of the West Indies Cricket Umpires' Training Examination Committee.