

## **Annual 6-a-Side Tournament set for June 9-10, 2001**

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This year's annual Six-a-Side tournament is gearing up to be the biggest ever. Based on interest coming in from a number of new teams, it is likely that the popular Hartford tournament will draw the full quota of 16 teams which it is set up to accommodate. The competition will be staged at its usual venue Hartford's Keney Park located just two hours from Boston and New York.

Speculations are that the tournament which has so far drawn teams from the Caribbean, Canada, England and other states in the U.S., may this year have its largest contingent of foreign teams. At the end of last season, new clay was added to the wickets at Keney Park, so when the tournament gets underway, it may take some time for the players to get adjusted to the new surface.

Teams will once again be competing for the Jamaica Tourist Board's trophy, a first prize of \$3,000 (based on the number of entries) and a variety of other cash prizes. Registration for participation is presently being accepted and teams will be entered based on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are six active teams in Hartford who participate in the annual Connecticut Cricket League's tournament which is comprised of 12 teams. Players in the league comes from all over the world. The cricket season in Connecticut begins in May.