

Brian Ajodhi The Shining Star of Connecticut Cricket

Hartford's Youth Cricket program is currently bearing fruit in the person of 13-year-old Brian Ajodhi of South Windsor, Connecticut. Brian is currently a rising star of the United States Cricket Association (USACA) youth program, which held its first-ever Junior Youth Cricket Development Program in Plano, Texas, during the weekend of June 29-30, 2002.

Over 65 kids from all regions of the United States attended this memorable event which culminated with the selection of the Under-15 and two Under-13 teams that will represent the country at upcoming junior tournaments. The youngsters were also given on the spot coaching during the tournament.

Brian, who was the star of a U.S.'s Under-13 team's visit to Barbados earlier this year, was among the first persons to be selected to the team. He was also named as a reserve on the Under-15 team. The teams are scheduled to play in their first tournament at Disney World later in the year. Eight teams from territories in the region are expected to take part.

Born and raised in the U.S., Brian who possesses natural abilities was introduced to the game by his father Mahadeo, who hails from Guyana, where the game is played on a large scale. The senior Ajodhi is a member of the local cricket team Riverside, which plays in the Connecticut Cricket League's competition. An avid athlete, Brian excels in cricket, track and field and soccer. A student at Timothy Edwards Middle School of South Windsor, Brian who also possesses good academic skills was promoted to Grade 9 with a G.P.A. of 4.0. He represents his school and town at soccer.

Last summer Brian received the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award in Hartford's Youth Cricket Program, which is sponsored by the West Indian Foundation. An excellent all-rounder, who bats and bowls right-handed, Brian admires and imitates South African cricket captain and also an all-rounder, Shaun Pollock.

With a great future in sports, Brian who has a very good personality is looking forward to the day when he will be able to represent his country at the top level of the sport. The Cricket Hall of Fame wishes him well in his endeavors and hope that he will realize his dreams and become a good role model for other youngsters to emulate.