

Cricket Hall of Fame's library gets big boost

The Cricket Hall of Fame's library got a big boost recently with the donation of a number of quality cricket books from 2006 inductee Dr. Constantine (Conny) Campbell. The donation was the fulfillment of a promise that he made during his induction at the ceremony which was held in Hartford, Connecticut.

An outstanding player and contributor to the game, Campbell's love for the game which he started playing as a youngster in Montego Bay, Jamaica, would cause him to travel as much as 500 miles from his home just to get in a game, after he migrated to Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada. He also was responsible for the establishment of a cricket team and played a big role in the development of the city's first cricket field, which got rave reviews from the Cricketer Magazine in England...

Campbell, who is considered a student and historian of the game, passion for the sport has led him over the years to collect a large selection of cricket, books, tapes and memorabilia, which is stored in his basement. After deep thought, he reportedly said that he decided to donate some his prized possessions to the Cricket Hall of Fame so that his legacy and that of the cricketers can be carried on.

The books, most of which were written by some former greats of the game, are mostly biographies of past and recent West Indian, Australian, English and Pakistani players and memorable games. Others cover reports on various aspects of the game dating back from 1890 to the 1980s. Any true cricket lover would be happy to get his hands on any of these books.

Among the selections donated are: "Rothmans Jubilee History of Cricket, 1890-1965" by John Arlott, "The Young Cricketer's Companion" by Learie Constantine, "Gary Sobers King of Cricket" By Alan Bestic, "West Indian Adventure With Hutton's MCC Team 1953-54" by Michael Melford, "The West Indies in Australia 1960-61" by A. G. Moyes, and "Frank Worrell" by Ernest Eytte.