



Former West Indies' fast bowler ambassador Courtney Walsh, views "Wall of Fame" and other exhibits during visit to Cricket Hall of Fame. Walsh impressed with Cricket Hall of Fame

Former West Indies' fast bowler, Ambassador Courtney Walsh, who was in Hartford, Monday, October 9, with a Cricket World Cup promotional team, paid a brief visit to the Cricket Hall of Fame before returning to New York, where the promotion began.

Walsh was a part of a team of organizers of the Jamaican leg of the tournament, who was in Hartford on a Cricket World Cup promotional road show, which is designed to lure as much of its nationals to return home during the event. The former holder of the most wickets taken in test cricket, Walsh said that he was every impressed with the exhibits on display at the Hall of Fame. He also apologized for not being able to make it to the Hall of Fame's annual induction ceremony, which was held the previous night (Saturday, October 7).

At the promotional presentation held at the West Indian Social Club, Walsh encouraged the gathering to come home for the event. "The West Indies may never host this event again," he said, "so it is important for those in the Diaspora to experience it. The Jamaican tourism package for the event is the 'hottest' and a package that you should not miss," he said, predicting victory for the West Indies in the tournament. "Support from the fans will be of great help," he said, "so the greater the number at the games should help to ensure a West Indies' victory."

Jamaica will host the opening ceremonies of the tournament on March 11, 2007, followed by six first round games and one semi-final match.

Still in good shape, the former popular player said that he has gotten the feeling to begin playing again, but suggested that it may be just in "curry goat" games.

Before exiting the Hall of Fame for the return trip to New York, he was presented with a commemorative bat and spent some time signing autographs for adoring fans.