

Cricket – Scotland going Dutch



Kyle Coetzer gives Scotland fans the low-down on the international side's next four games which are in Holland. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Scotland have to put the euphoria of beating England in Edinburgh on a one day international (ODI) behind them to concentrate on a Tri Series in Holland.

Coach Grant Bradburn's men open the series with a double-header against Cricket Ireland on June 16 and 17 at Salland, Deventer.

Then, they move to the VRA, Amstelveen to face The Netherlands on June 19 and 20.

These are key games for the Scots who were beaten 2-0 by Pakistan earlier this week also at The Grange in a T20 double-header.

New Zealand-born Bradburn is determined to develop the winning habit to take the Tartan Team, who have associate and not Test

status, up the international ladder.

Test status is the ultimate goal and captain Kyle Coetzer said the triple-header at The Grange against England, who are No 1 in the world at ODI cricket, and Pakistan, the best at the T20 discipline, had been four special days.

Aberdeen-born Coetzer added: "I would have said that if we came out of the three games having beaten one of the teams that would be good.

"Having won the first of the three (beating England by six runs before a sell-out crowd on Sunday) we were hoping to get another win."

The skipper felt his men played some excellent cricket over the four days and the atmosphere at the picturesque ground had been terrific.

The 34-year-old, who made his debut against Ireland nearly ten years ago, added: "People have come through the gates and it has been an absolute credit to Scottish cricket, credit to associate cricket and credit to everybody involved in this promotion.

"We want to continue to push forward and obviously Sunday (beating England) was good, we're not going to complain, and I guess that it being England makes it a little more special, but we represented ourselves extremely well.

"There was good chemistry between the teams we played against and there has been a good vibe about.

"It has been hard when it needs to be hard and the culture of the game has shone through on several occasions too."

He added: "We have to use every occasion and we don't get many of them.

"We go to Holland and play Ireland in two games and Holland in

two games, and that's our summer.

"That's disappointing in many ways but, considering the lack of games that associate teams get, these four days (in Edinburgh) have been really impressive."

He believes it will be a highly-contested Tri Series in The Netherlands.

And Coetzer said: "It will be challenging and there are some quality teams.

"I am sure the skill level will be up there as well and these are always tasty encounters between ourselves the Irish and the Dutch."