

Barnes bolstered by West Indian paceman

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Barnes Cricket Club has secured the services one of West Indies' brightest young cricket stars, Darren Sammy, for its assault on the Middlesex Premier League (*writes JAMES TAYLOR*).

The 19-year-old former St Lucian Sportsman of the Year has already represented the West Indies at the 2002 Youth World Cup in New Zealand and is currently training and playing with the MCC Young Cricketers.

All-rounder Sammy recently broke into the Windward Islands' first class side, lining up with West Indies Test match cricketers Devon Smith, Junior Murray and Cameron Cuffy. Despite playing only a handful of games he has already registered a first class 50 for the Islands and has dismissed former West Indies captain Carl Hooper.

First team captain Fraser Stewart said: "We are delighted to be able to call Darren a Barnes player. He has undoubted talent both as batsmen and a bowler and is sure to give a few guys the hurry-up this year."



Sensational Sammy inspires first league win

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A VIRTUOSO performance from new-recruit Darren Sammy helped Barnes to their first Premiership victory in what was a stunning all-round team display, as last year's Division Two champions were brushed aside.

Barnes were put into bat after losing the toss and within three balls lost Iain Collin. But Chaston and Olly Slipper eased the score onto 55 before Sammy joined Slipper for the crucial partnership.

At lunch, Barnes had got to a healthy 135-3, and after the break Sammy opened up, showing his full repertoire of strokes to unsettle Southgate's attack. He struck 83 from just 72 balls.

James Drake-Brockman plundered a late 47 but wickets fell and Barnes were bowled out for 272.

In reply, Barnes almost got off to the perfect start when Southgate's opener was dropped off the first ball.

But Barnes pressure was immense and at 20-2 the visitors were precariously placed.

Southgate launched a mini recovery to take the score into the sixties before Sammy's pace and the left arm spin of Will Fowlston ripped through the middle order. Justin Brown and Mark Price chipped in with the other wickets.

Fowlston flight and variation continually wrong-footed Southgate and he ended up with 4-28 off 11 overs.

Barnes 272 (Sammy 83, Slipper 54) beat Southgate 143 (Fowlston 4-28, Sammy 4-33)

Barnes travel to Eastcote on Saturday followed by a trip to Basingstoke for the first round of the Evening Standard Challenge Trophy.