

Two SAS Nagar bowlers to get training at ICC Academy

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CHANDIGARH: Two SAS Nagar bowlers are among four bowlers selected to hone their skills at the ICC Global Cricket Academy (ICC GCA) headed by former Australian Rodney Marsh.

Vrinder Singh (SAS Nagar, under-19), Gurudas Shenoy (Mumbai, under-22), Maninder Sidhu (SAS Nagar, under-22) and Raman Chahar (Delhi under-22) are the four aspiring pacers who were chosen after an intense nation wide one-month long talent search by Gatorade Pacers 2010.

The four youngsters will be joined by the winners of the Gatorade Pacers 2007-2009.

Speaking after his selection, Raman Chahar, who hails from Delhi, said "Aspiring cricketers dreams of such opportunity. Thanks to Gatorade Pacers, I got this chance to showcase my talent. I will visit Dubai to train at the ICC GCA."

Gosta Verma, executive director - Innovations and Business Development, PepsiCo India Holdings, said, "From past three years Gatorade Pacers has emerged as a platform for identification and grooming of young pace bowlers in India. It gives us an immense sense of fulfillment to be able to play a constructive role in the nurturing of these talents in the country. I am sure the ICC Global Cricket Academy - with all its top coaches and state of the art training facilities - will further help these youngsters develop their skills."

Rodney Marsh, Director of

Coaching, ICC Global Cricket Academy, said, "The ICC Global Cricket Academy and Dubai Sports City are delighted to host the winners of Gatorade Pacers. The ICC GCA provides state of the art modern training facilities and international coaching guidance to talented young cricketers, and we are really looking forward to having these budding fast bowlers here and help sharpen their bowling skills."

The selection process involved measuring bowling speed with a speed gun coupled with expert's assessment of action, fitness, accuracy and potential of the bowler.

Gatorade Pacers 2010 edition saw over 5200 aspirants from over 2500 schools, colleges, sports clubs as well as state cricket associations across India in the regional rounds. These rounds were held for under-15, under-19 and under-22 categories across seven cities of New Delhi, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai and Bangalore.