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SCOREBOARD

Board President's 1st innings

BW - Walsh Courtney

Walsh cricketer of the year

JAMAICA and West Indies ace fast bowler, Courtney Walsh, is the Jamaica Cricket Association (JCA) cricketer of the year which was announced at their annual awards function held last Wednesday night at the Terra Nova hotel. The award in its second year is sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Walsh, 35, is the fifth West Indian to reach the 100-Test landmark, and the only fast bowler to do so. Now in South Africa, Walsh needs a further two test wickets to overtake Malcolm Marshall's record ?? of 376 as the West Indies high-

est wicket-taker. He also enjoyed a good season for Gloucestershire, claiming over 100 first-class wickets in the England county cricket championship. Turning out for Jamaica in opening President's Cup match, Walsh claimed impressive figures of six for 46 and four for 56 against Barbados at Sabina Park.

Joan Wollaston, Walsh's mother received the award on his behalf from the guest speaker and recently appointed political ombudsman, Howard Hamilton.

Last year's inaugural award recipient was fellow Jamaica and West Indies fast bowler, Franklyn Rose.

At a well-attended function, Melbourne Cricket Club and their senior team captain, former Windies left-handed opener, Robert Samuels, stole the limelight. The club won the NCB Senior Cup (Surrey) the country championship and the Key Insurance Junior Cup, while Samuels walked away with the RK Nunes Trophy for highest aggregate (906 runs) in the NCB Senior Cup (Surrey) George Headley trophy, for most centuries (five) Collie Smith trophy for highest level of contribution, displaying leadership qualities both on and off the field.