England have set their sights on knocking the West Indies off their No.1 throne. Series meaning to set the tone for the rest of the summer. Comprehensive defeats at Lord’s, The Oval and Headingley, England could be facing more of the same.

But England are insisting they have the resources to really playing some decent cricket. "We’re that far away in certain departments," said Bell. "If we want to play winning games. Results haven’t gone our way but we don’t think we’re far away in certain departments. We’re just having some down periods.England are to turn their summer around they will need to improve in almost every area of their game after increasingly inept displays during the series.

With key figures missing like captain Michael Vaughan (knee), Andrew Flintoff (thigh), Anjum Absar (back), Marcus Trescothick (hip), England have been forced to select two new batsmen. Their inexperienced may have cost England the chance of remaining competitive with Sri Lanka, but it also ensures that younger players may go on to really play some decent cricket."

In the next nine months England have a run of fixtures. ICC Trophy tournament in India next month; a tour of Australia following the Ashes and the World Cup qualifying in West Indies next March.

"We are going to have to start with the next two games," said Bell.

"There are some big competitions coming up and we want to take every chance on the field with England to push yourself for places in the World Cup and the ICC Trophy. Even if things don’t go particularly well, there are some opportunities to push yourself forward personally. If you can do well here and show people that you’re good enough then that’s going to help your selection for future tournaments."

While Bell is focusing on the remaining games in the NatWest Series, England are anxiously waiting for news of Michael Vaughan’s meeting with medical experts to discuss the best course of action in his recovery from a knee injury.

Vaughan sought medical advice from Yorkshire and England yesterday after undergoing a reappearance of the problems which have prevented him from playing international cricket this year and speculation he may require further surgery.

TMC inaugural cricket sixes a roaring success

by Brian Tissera

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The main sponsor of the tournament was Caltex associated with the Deaf Business Development, George Perera & Sons, Comગeరe, BlueScope, Mobitel and Metropolitan.

The programme was conducted age group tournaments. The preliminary round was conducted and the teams would be provided financial assistance to really playing some decent cricket. Places are up for grabs, starting with the tournament. If the SLC keeps to this promise, it would be the first time that the SLC will reimburse a part of the cost that the SLC would bear, of the cost that the SLC would bear.

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