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Madrid Cricket Club (MCC) looks to pastures new

The sports fields of the University Rey Juan Carlos in the south of Madrid will provide the new setting for Madrid Cricket Club, as the new season got underway yesterday when 22 cricketers turned up for the first training session.

The MCC concluded its six year search to find a ground after reaching an agreement with the university, allowing it access to their facilities for training and practice matches. Manuel Fernández, MCC member and Regional Development Manager for Madrid, emphasises the importance of the club having its own place.

"The new ground will allow the sport and us to grow. With it we can now improve training sessions and even invite other teams from Spain and abroad to play against us. This ends a frustrating time for us, as local bodies were not willing to help because cricket is not a recognised sport in the country."

The MCC has a real opportunity now to develop interest in the game, especially among young Spanish people, by being able to provide better training facilities. But the move has also invigorated the club's players ahead of what promises to be an exciting and challenging season. MCC player David Ross believes it will also develop the quality of the players already at the club.

"Having the new oval and facilities at Alcorcón will help to bring a new dimension to cricket in Madrid and provide another level of professionalism."

Spin bowler Mohit Chandiramani says:

"I believe that the new ground is going to act as a catalyst in the evolution of the club. We have always wanted respectable training conditions, and now that we have them it will help us take our cricket to a higher level. As per the ground, it's a wonderful turf with an amazing training infrastructure. I am positive about the new ground and am looking forward to getting the MCC into fifth gear!"

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