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INTERCONTINENTAL CUP

UAE v Namibia, Sharjah – 23 to 26 January 2008

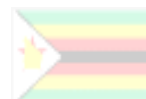
Namibia claimed a hard-fought 40-run win in their Intercontinental Cup clash against UAE in Sharjah with Jan-Berrie Burger taking a career-best 5 for 81 after a brave innings from Khurram Khan had kept UAE's hopes alive. Already two down overnight as they chased 337, UAE needed a solid start to the final day but instead lost wickets steadily. When Amjad Javed was removed by Burger they were 103 for 6 and Namibia were sensing a swift conclusion to the match. However, the home side wouldn't lie down and a sixth-wicket stand of 127 between Khan and Amjad Ali (52) threatened a turnaround. Khan faced 176 balls and struck nine boundaries as he and Ali chipped away at the target to increase the tension in the Namibia camp. Eventually Burger broke through as Ali fell for a well played 52 and the match finally slipped away from UAE when Khan was removed three runs short of deserved hundred, lbw to Kola Burger for a career-best 97. Kola quickly trapped No. 10 Zahid Shah lbw to put Namibia one wicket away. Still, that final blow didn't come easily as Ahmed Raza (38) helped eke out a further 38 for the last wicket until Jan-Berrie Burger completed his first five-wicket haul in first-class cricket by having Raza caught behind.

Kenya v Namibia, Sharjah – 29 January to 1 February 2008



A remarkable double hundred by Gerrie Snyman provided the platform for Namibia to move top of the Intercontinental Cup table with a 105-run win over Kenya in Sharjah. Snyman utterly dominated Namibia's second innings, scoring 230 out of his side's 282, more than 84% of the runs made off the bat and turning the match on its head. Soon after he came in Namibia were 42 for 4, still four runs shy of clearing their first-innings deficit. With precious little support, he single-handedly took on the bowlers, hammering 11 sixes and 22 fours in a brutal assault. Namibia resumed on 241 for 8, with Snyman on 194, and he brought up his double hundred in the first over of the day and went on to make 36 of the 41 runs added before he was the last man out.

Gerrie Snyman on the hook (left) and celebrating his double hundred (right)



Intercontinental Cup Standings – As at 31 January 2008

Team	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	Draw	Aban	Pts	Quotient	For	Against
Namibia	3	3	0	0	0	0	48	1.291	1607/51	1465/60
Kenya	3	2	1	0	0	0	46	1.306	1325/43	1416/60
Netherlands	3	2	1	0	0	0	34	1.001	1410/50	1380/49
Ireland	2	1	0	0	1	0	29	2.882	997/15	692/30
Scotland	3	1	0	0	2	0	26	1.142	766/20	1040/31
Canada	4	1	3	0	0	0	26	0.981	2085/69	1909/62
U.A.E.	4	1	2	0	1	0	23	0.805	1508/64	1464/50
Bermuda	4	0	4	0	0	0	6	0.521	1657/80	1989/50

Extracted from www.cricinfo.com

LESOTHO

A successful visit was undertaken to Lesotho where 14 coaches attended a Level 1 Coaching Course. All candidates were very pleased and enthusiastic for their achievements in the course. They interacted very well and ensured that they increased their ability to coach the game of cricket with greater confidence and ability to produce better cricketers within their schools and local communities by introducing mini cricket and regular coaching clinics. By Fuad Waggie



GAMBIA



A successful Level 1 Coaching Course was conducted in Gambia from 29 to 31 January 2008. The course was conducted by Johnny Gomez and the examination invigilator was the Development Office of the National Sports Council in Gambia.

The Gambia Cricket Association are looking forward to a visit by the Sussex Over 50 team during February who will play 4 one day matches and provide 2 days of coaching clinics to students from the primary and secondary schools in Gambia.

Left and below shows candidates of the recent Level 1 Coaching Course in Gambia



SIERRA LEONE

Olisa Ekwuatu, Development Officer for the North West Africa Region, traveled to Sierra Leone and conducted a hugely successful Level 1 Coaching Course in Freetown from 29 January to 1 February 2008. The course was attended by 25 participants (23 male and 2 female) made up of club players, national players, junior players, executives and teachers with ages ranging from 14 to 60.



Course participants in Sierra Leone



Olisa Ekwuatu in Sierra Leone

NAMIBIA

Gerhard Rudolf visited the Namibian coast during January. On arrival in Swakopmund, the first coaching session started at the Vineta Sports Ground. Gerhard worked on basic and important skills such as grip, stance and proper weight movement including head moving forward towards line of ball delivered, playing off front foot check drive, keeping figure nine, final result almost full weight on front foot and balancing on back foot inside toe. He then left for Walvis Bay where a fielding drills and net session was held. The first day ended on high note and it was very refreshing for both the school and senior cricketers to have some one from outside visiting and coaching. Gerhard was taken on a tour to the few Primary schools involve with mini cricket namely, Narraville, Flamingo P.S, Dune Side, Walvis Bay P.S and Duine Sig Junior Secondary. During the afternoon, the boys started turning up for the 20/20 over match, 4 extra boys turned up and we included them with the others. With the U/13, 15 mixed and ready for the match Gerhard introduced himself to all the players and wished them best of luck. Gerhard requested to umpire the match, to have better view on players on the field of play. The Namibia Cricket Board is very grateful to have this kind of assistance from a coach of Gerhard's ability (Gerhard is family of ex South African batsman Jacques Rudolf). Extracted from a report written by John and Justus



MALI

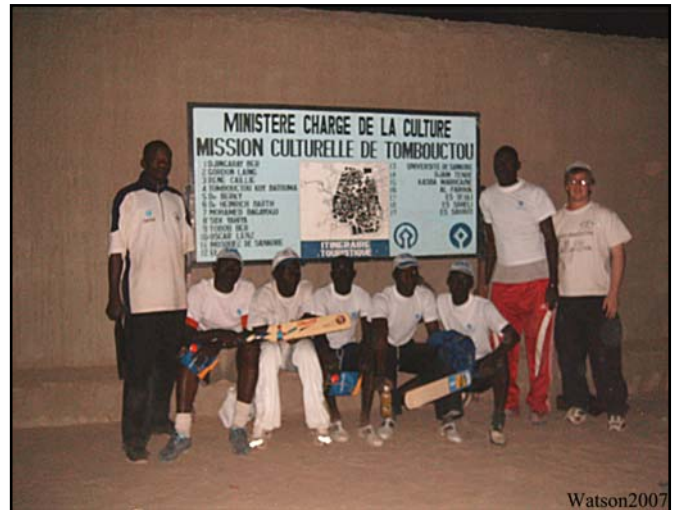
Mid-December 2007 to early January 2008 has been a period of great activity in Mali. As well as the different Muslim and Christian festivals (Tabaski, Christmas, New Year and Muslim New Year) several members of the FeMaCrik Executive Committee have been visiting cricketers in the regions thanks to an ICC-ACA grant.

Sikasso - Sikasso is the principal city of Mali's 3rd Region and close to the Ivorian border. FeMaCrik's Technical Director (Dr Phil Watson) and Deputy Logistics Secretary (Mr Yousouf Coulibaly) made the 7-hour coach trip in December to visit the Sikasso Cricket league. The visit included visits to the Regional Director of the Ministry of Youth, Sport, Art and Culture and some cricket clinics. The exciting news is that Mr Jacques Ouattara, a dynamic cricket coach and PE teacher, has returned to Sikasso after a year in Germany, and is introducing cricket into four High Schools.

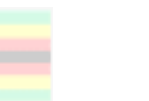


Ségou - Ségou is Mali's second city and the principal city of Mali's 4th Region. FeMaCrik's President (Mr Kawory Berthé) and the Malian Senior team's Vice-Captain (Mr Mahamadou Taifour Diaby) made the 3-4 hours coach trip in early January 2008. Having begun in 2005-6, the Ségou cricket league has had some administrative difficulties that are now being resolved. We hope there'll soon be news of cricket being re-launched in the school system by Mr Soumaila Toloba.

Timbuktu - Timbuktu, the city of 333 saints, is the principal city of Mali's 6th region. At over 900 km from Bamako, including nearly 200kms of dirt road, access is challenging and travelling to and from Timbuktu is very tiring. After two young dynamic cricket coaches (Mr Dallamané Diallo and Mr Mamadou Berthé) were initiated at the September 2007 Cricket Coach training course, they returned to Timbuktu to introduce the sport under the auspices of the Regional Direction of the Ministry of Youth, Sport, Art and Culture. FeMaCrik's President (Mr Kawory Berthé) and Technical Director (Dr Phil Watson) visited them recently (17-31 December) and met various local dignitaries as well as running some coaching sessions. With 16 student teachers from the Hégire (Islamic Schools) and some high school pupils getting interested, we feel that a good foundation has been laid for the development of a cricket league at Timbuktu in the near future.



Other visits to Koulikoro and Morila are planned in the near future. By Dr PA Watson - FeMaCrik Technical Director



CAPE VERDE

The British Honorary Consulate has been making huge efforts in order to re-launch cricket in Cape Verde. The ICC visited Cape Verde last year and from Nigerian Cricket Federation, new cricket equipment was received. After many efforts, it is believed that we managed to mobilise a motivated group of about 60 people who have been meeting for training every Saturday. By Isabel Spencer



Players from Cape Verde



Playing cricket on a soccer field in Cape Verde

2007 ICC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Regional winners of the 2007 ICC Development Awards were announced at the end of January 2008. Congratulations to the following regional winners who have all been nominated for global awards in the respective categories:

Best Overall Cricket Development Program

Nominee	Country
NCB Development Programme 2007	Namibia

Best Women's Cricket Initiative

Nominee	Country
Midlands Cricket Association	Zambia

Best Junior Cricket Initiative

Nominee	Country
Hickory Creek Spur Interschools Tournament	Namibia

Best Cricket Promotional and Marketing Program

Nominee	Country
NBC Website	Namibia

Photo of the Year

Nominee	Country
BCA	Botswana

Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative in partnership with UNAIDS and UNICEF

Nominee	Country
MCU & NCSC	Mozambique

Volunteer of the Year Award

Nominee	Country
Girish Ramakrishna	Botswana

Lifetime Service Award – Nominations of Laurie Pieters of Namibia and Ebrahim A. Bhamjee of Botswana were received but as both are previous winners of the award at a regional level, the name of Laurie Pieters was nominated for the global award.

REMINDERS

ICC Africa World Cricket League Division 3 Tournament – 13 to 18 April 2008 (Benoni, South Africa)

Participants are reminded to please read through Circular One carefully and note the deadline dates set for the submission of air fare quotations as 18 February 2008, participation agreements on 29 February 2008 etc.

ACA AGM – 24 May 2008 (Benoni, South Africa)

ICC Africa Development Seminar – 25 to 26 May 2008 (Benoni, South Africa)

Members are kindly reminded to submit air fare quotations by 7 March 2008 and also reminded of the other deadlines as laid down in the Air Fare Policy for this event

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GOOD LUCK TO NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE & SOUTH AFRICA WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ICC U19 CRICKET WORLD CUP IN MALAYSIA DURING FEBRUARY