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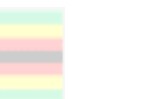
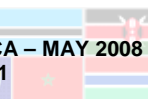
The Namibia Cricket Board successfully hosted the U/15 Finals between Zambia and Namibia. The Namibian Team gained victory over the Zambian team in their final Play-off.

GAMBIA



Johnny Gomez held an Introductory Coaching Course in Gambia on the 16th & 17th May 2008 whereby 12 participants attended the course. The program started with a brief history of cricket and also some video clips about cricket, and continued with the day's program, with the following topics: Role of a Coach, Fielding Fundamentals and Skills, (with video clips of fielding by Harry Shapiro), Batting Fundamentals and Skills (with a practical session), Basic laws of the Game and basic Umpire (Video Clips supplied Mr. Olisa Egwuatu, RDM for NWACC), Basic Scoring (Bakers format for primary Schools), and Volunteerism. This subject was very encouraging, and all agreed that the best place to get Volunteers is from the Parent Teacher's Association, and they promised to work with them.

Day Two started off with a Recap of the topics dealt with in day one, and questions were asked and answers given to every question, and then continued with the day's Program: Bowling Fundamentals and Skills (with a practical session), Wicket Keeping, Modified game of Cricket with participants. Participants also watched the Under-13 team in training and also presence was the Saint Joseph's Lower Basic School, Girls Cricket Team. After the practical sessions, they talked about the Spirit of the game, by taking the game to the community: for community help projects such as Aids Awareness, Poverty Alleviation, and the Issue of Street Kids. They ended by agreeing to have the Primary schools Knock-Out Competition before the start of the final year Exams. The competition will start from 30th May to 20th June 2008. Johnny expressed his thanks to Mr. Suliman RDM of ICC-Africa & Mr. Olisa Egwuatu, RDM, NWACC, for all their support to conduct this Course and stated that they will do all it take's to promote and sustain the game in Gambia.



UGANDA



On the 14th – 16th March 2008 William Kamanyi successfully conducted an Administrators Course whereby a total of 9 participants passed.

He also conducted a level II Coaching course from 28th – 30th March 2008 whereby a total of 5 participants successfully passed.

Left: Attendants of the Level II Coaching Course

NIGERIA

Olisa Egwuatu conducted a Level 1 Coaching Course in Nigeria between 28 April – 1 May 2008. Amongst a total of 34 Participants consisting of 23 Males and 11 females a total of 13 participants passed this course.

The course was a big success and interest in the game is growing in Nigeria, most importantly, women are coming into the game in large number.



Olisa showing the participants how to do it



Olisa Egwuatu with participants at the ICC Level 1 coaching course in Nigeria



Women participants at the course



Olisa Egwuatu taking the cricket participants through their paces

SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone hosted a presentation ceremony for the Deputy Minister of Education Youth and Sports on the 7th of May 2008. Kits which were given by the ICC-Africa Office and a Mat donated by Kwesi Sagoe were presented to the Deputy Minister of Education Youth and Sport.



Mat donated by Kwesi Sagoe



Sierra Leone President & Deputy Minister of Youth & Sports



Sierra Leone National Team & Officials

BOTSWANA

After holding development programmes for primary schools in and around Gaborone for about a year, the Botswana Cricket Association has now selected a development squad. The team is seen as a future strong national team for the country. According to BCA's development officer, Girish Ramakrishna, the squad is made up of 30 promising players that would eventually be trimmed to the normal number of 12.

"Imagine, from all the schools we had more than 800 kids who were provided with cricket skills almost every Saturday. Now we selected thirty kids that are seen to be having a lot of potential for the sport. The kids will be equipped with the necessary specialized skills every week to prepare them for tough international competitions. We are optimistic that these kids will make a strong team," he said.

Ramakrishna also said those kids who make it to the final 12 will be monitored regularly so that the talent does not go to waste. Ramakrishna also told The Sunday Standard that the development squad will participate at a tournament in Benoni, Johannesburg, from June 30 to July 5th. The development programme started by Ramakrishna for public primary schools was the first of its kind in Botswana but managed to attract many kids. Most kids will soon be heading to junior secondary schools that do not have cricket. It is something of concern to Ramakrishna but he said they will always try something just like they did with the primary schools.

"It is a challenge but we will make efforts for the sport to reach junior secondary schools. We are planning to offer many coaching courses for teachers and, in that way, things can be better. If all the support and aspirations we got from primary school teachers can be the case with junior secondary ones, I am optimistic this country can achieve something," he said.

Meanwhile, Ramakrishna is scheduled to attend a cricket development two-day seminar in Benoni on May 26. Twenty other African countries are expected to take part. REPORT BY: Sunday Standard Reporter

MALAWI

CRICKET GOES INTO NR PRIMARY SCHOOLS – REPORTED BY: Sebastian Nyirenda a correspondent of "THE NATION" Newspaper in Malawi

The year 2008 promises to be a very busy year of absolute sports exhilaration as months after introducing coft and handball another popular game, cricket is being brought to the Northern Region Primary Schools. Cricket, a game of 12 players where opposing sides are at liberty to choose whether to be at batting, bowling or fielding while others become wicket players and busts men.

Invading the North, courtesy of the Cricket Union of Malawi (CUM), the sport is expected to get established in schools following a two-day coaching course which just ended at Katoto Primary School in Mzuzu.

The course targeted over 16 teachers from Katoto and the surrounding Primary Schools.

Cum Sports development officer, Brian Mpinda, along side coach Sibusizo Milanzi drilled the teachers on bowling, batting and fielding.

Mpinda said participants were going through a zero level of basic stage for better understanding of the sport and teaching purposes to pupils.

He said plans were under way to also introduce cricket in Secondary School's.

Mpinda, however, advised teachers to find ways of funding the sport if it was going to be sustained.

He observed that some sports disciplines die a natural death not necessarily because there are no coaches but due to lack of playing.

The Sport was established in the country years back as a Whiteman's game but it gradually fell into locals' interest in 1997.

ICC WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 5 – JERSEY 2008

Two of Africa's Memberships Countries namely; Botswana & Mozambique, formed part of the participating Teams in the ICC WCL Division 5 Tournament in Jersey. The 12-team event was staged across six venues in the format of two groups of six with the top two from each section progressing to the knock-out stage. The finalists from this tournament namely Afghanistan & Jersey will be promoted to the ICC World Cricket League Division 4 thus joining Hong Kong, Fiji, Tanzania and Italy in a six-team event that will take place in the Tanzanian capital Dar Es Salaam from 4 to 11 October. Botswana stood at 6th Position on the Log whilst Mozambique stood at 8th position. The Africa country highlights during the tournament were as follows:-



On the 23rd of May 2008 in Les Quennevais 2 – Botswana took on Bahamas and managed a 70 run victory over Bahamas.

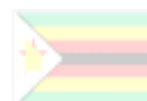
On the 27th of May 2008 in Les Quennevais1 – Mozambique took on Norway and gained victory over them by 3 wickets.

Source: www.iccworldcricketleague.com

ACA

The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Africa Cricket Association was held on Saturday, May 24th 2008 at The Lakes Hotel and Conference Centre in Benoni, South Africa. The Chairman, Mr. Peter Chingoka, welcomed all delegates to the AGM and presented the 2007/2008 Annual Report & Financial Audited Statements of the Africa Cricket Association.

Congratulations to Mauritius whose Membership to the Africa Cricket Association was approved at the AGM.





The ICC-Africa Regional Development Program held its 6th Annual Development Seminar in conjunction with the Africa Cricket Association on the 25th and 26th of May 2008 at The Lakes Hotel and Conference Centre in Benoni, South Africa. The aim of this years' seminar was firstly to provide all delegates with a clearer view of the ICC Africa Regional Development programme and what we hope to achieve in the next year as well as to give delegates a better understanding of the requirements needed by the regional office to run productively for the benefit of its Members.

The Objectives were as follow:-

1. To allow delegates to interact and share ideas and expertise.
2. To build a strong sense of team work and in so doing, build a stronger Development Programme in Africa.
3. Discuss, debate and put forward solutions for an efficient and effective administration.
4. Continue building relationships with one another.
5. Establish the importance of accountability and responsibility for the sustainable development of cricket in Africa.
6. Establish action plans where necessary.
7. Identify and discuss opportunities.
8. Gain commitment and move forward

Apart from the positive contributions made by the delegates, outstanding presentations were made by Tim Anderson (ICC Global Development Manager) who addressed enlightening matters pertaining to Funding and the New Membership Criteria which has been put in place for the year 2009; Kerry Laing (CSA Women's Cricket Chairperson) who addressed the topic of women's cricket; Anton Ferreira (CSA National Director of Coaching) who presented a fruitful and informative presentation on Junior Cricket Involvement as well as Brendon Foot (Supersport) who presented a highly informative discussion on Governance and Administration.

Presentations of Appreciation were made to Guests to thank them for their time and effort as well as their contribution in taking the Game of Cricket to greater heights in Africa. In addition to all that was mentioned above, a number of key issues contributed to the success of this seminar, including the reports presented by the Membership Countries.

At the end of the seminar all of the above-mentioned objectives were met through the interaction and contribution made by delegates. Both Interaction and participation during the seminar was excellent and the seminar was ultimately a prolific one which augers well for the program's drive and vision to develop and spread the game of cricket in and around Africa. Feedback from both Associate and Affiliate Members has been received indicating that this was an informative and educational Seminar which will benefit Africa going forward.

REMINDERS

ACA -ICC U17 Tournament – May/June 2008 - HOST COUNTRIES: South Africa, Nigeria & Uganda

AFRICAN WOMEN'S CUP – Date to be finalized
SA vs. Zimbabwe

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