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BOTSWANA

The week beginning from 8th -14th September 2008 was earmarked as cricket week throughout Africa by the International Cricket Council-Africa Office. The Botswana Cricket association had two activities in the Africa Cricket Week. The first activity was a friendly competition between schools on 9th and 10th September 2008 in which the following schools participated in this competition:-

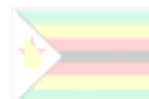
1. Oodi Primary School
2. Rasesa Primary school
3. Itumeleng Primary School
4. Ben Thema Primary school
5. Philip Moshotle Primary school
6. Ikageng Primary school

There were 100 kids on both these days.

On 11th September BCA hosted a one day workshop conducted by Mr. Gowrishankar an accredited cricket coach from Australia for government primary teachers. The objective was to share the experience, teaching methodology and the finer aspects of the game. He has over 15 years experience in this field. 5 teachers attended this session from Rasesa; Oodi and Mmusi Primary

In an article posted in the Sunday Standard highlighted BCA's sponsorship to six more Government schools Botswana Cricket Association expanded its year long development programme by introducing a second leg under the government primary school cricket initiation programme, whereby it added six more government schools to its list of sponsorships. The six schools added to the cricket program are mostly from both the outskirts of Gaborone and from within and covers 345 children, which makes BCA now accountable for 33 government schools with 2145 kids immersed into cricket since its establishment in February 2007.

The first school is Modipane Primary School from Oodi which has enrolled 25 kids into the programme and they have been assigned a coach chosen by the club. The second school is Nkoyaphiri Primary School in Mogoditshane with 70 kids vouching to play cricket as a sport of choice. The third school is Lisarami Primary School, also of Mogoditshane. The school has managed to enroll 60 kids into the programme. The other schools are Tsogang Primary School of Broadhurst, Boikhutso Primary School, also of Broadhurst, and yet another Broadhurst primary school. Tsogang Primary managed to enroll the highest number of students, a whopping 80 young cricketers, while Boikhutso produced 60 students with the other school giving 50.



Kids from Botswana government schools have for the first time ever, been able to participate in a league created exclusively for them. This historic tournament was sponsored by the Botswana Cricket Association (BCA) which has made commendable efforts in bringing cricket to Botswana. The tournament is set to last for a full four weeks and will have 12 government schools competing for the title of the first junior league champions. The country's fastest growing sport, with over 33 government schools from Gaborone and surrounding areas joining just a year after it was first established, hopes to rope in more young and eager cricketers.

The junior league will be for the under 13 teams, the contest will have both girls and boys playing so as to expose them to more fields of highly competitive environments. They will start by handing out the award for Man of the Match until they reach the semis. After the semis, they will hand out awards for best batsman, best fielder, and best bowler together with Player of the Tournament and his runner ups. It is a 20 over contest beginning from the 16th of September and will go on until the 16th of October.

MALI



The Malian Cricket federation (FeMaCrik) recently completed a five-day umpire training course from 15 to 20 September 2008. A total of 38 people attended the theory sessions during the course, covering the principle laws of the game and important variations in the rules e.g. powerplays. The participants included representatives from the regional leagues in Segou and Sikasso as well as most of the Bamako-based clubs, and included five women. After the theory and practical sessions came the tests; six people succeeded in passing the level 2 test, twelve passed the level 1 test and eight others were considered to have reached the Assistant Umpire standard. At the closing ceremony in front of the ORTM cameras, Mme Nadine Sanoh (Head Teacher at Kalanso/Kodonso) and Prof M Doumbia

presented certificates and prizes to the successful candidates. Congratulations in particular to Moustapha Niang who was awarded the 'Best Student Umpire Award'. FeMaCrik hopes that the results of this training this will encourage further regional development and inter-regional matches, as well as strengthening Mali's umpiring capacity for the future. REPORT BY: P. Watson

MOZAMBIQUE



Inter School Cricket Tournaments:

This year Inter School Cricket tournament had commenced on 13th September with bigger enthusiasm among Mozambican School Children under NCSC- National Commission for School Cricket which were not seen earlier years. Probably due to employment of 2 permanent Cricket Monitors for last 12 months by MCA, exclusively for cricket development for Mozambican Children, apart from School teachers, are producing positive results. A total of 18 teams in 2 different scales are from Mozambican Schools are participating this year Inter School Tournament. 5 girls' teams are also part of this tournament and encouragement and competitions among girls are very much notable.

Ministry of Education PT teachers, who have been formed gradually by NCSC through MCA are contributing extremely positive way to spread the Inter School Tournament in Mozambique. Obviously this has been possible since National Directorate of School sports have included Cricket within its school sports program. Among senior boys it is very difficult to say who will be champion this year because 2 new schools namely Escola Secundaria de Costa de Sol and Escola Secundaria da

Solidariade are fighting for top spots, removing yester years strong team Escola Secundaria de Malhangalane. Most surprisingly Escola Secundaria 10 de Novembro is sailing high keeping well distance from nearest rival in girls matches. The tournament will be concluded on 18th October.

This year High Commission of India in Mozambique is sponsoring the Inter School tournament. As per sports calendar of National Directorate of School sports, 25th October will be the closing and prize distribution ceremony of all sports activities including Cricket, in presence of Education Minister and other Ministry of Education dignitaries.



MOZAL Cup:

In accordance to National Domestic tournament schedule for Senior Clubs, Mozal Cup has concluded successfully. This tournament is as usual sponsored by MOZAL CC along with other sponsors. A total of 12 clubs participated in 2 pools among Maputo and Matola provinces which started on 22nd June and ended on 17th August through a very exciting final between Moz. Gujarat XI CC and Paradise CC. Paradise Batted first and scored 153/7 in 25 overs Gujarat chased successfully 155/3 in 17.2 overs and won the trophy for the second time. Best player of the tournament was awarded to Imran Ikhariya, a MCA development player. Prize distribution ceremony presided by the Maputo Provincial Cricket President Mr. Manoj Gupta.

INDIA Cup:

This year as per domestic tournament calendar, senior India Cup tournament will commence on 18th October among senior clubs. This is a T20 tournament of Mozambique and sponsored by High Commission of India.

NAMIBIA

On Saturday and Sunday, 5 & 6 July 2008 a course was conducted on the laws of cricket for the Namibian Cricket Umpires Association. The commitment of the members was evident in the excellent turnout with members coming from far afield to attend over the weekend. The course entailed more than just lectures on the laws, with various practical orientated sessions taking place. The use of training material contributed by cricket South Africa ensured lively sessions with all participating fully and thereby enhancing the learning experience. The knowledge and interactiveness of the members was notable and contributed to the success of the course. The contributions and guidance from the more senior members, namely Jeff Luck and Wynand Louw, bodes well for the future of Namibian umpiring which will benefit Namibian cricket positively. The ICC-ACA should be congratulated for the initiative shown in organizing and funding the course, however it is important that the association be nurtured so as not to lose the momentum that has been achieved till now. I would like to thank the ICC-ACA for giving me the opportunity to interact with my colleagues in Namibia and hopefully transfer some of my experience to them. Report by: KARL HURTER

RWANDA

Cricket is becoming increasingly popular in Rwanda by Murad Ahmed in Kigali



The scene is very English, but the setting is undoubtedly Rwandan. A British team, made up of Conservative Party members and MPs who are in the country for a development project, are playing a game of cricket against a Rwanda Select XI, made up of skilful youngsters and national team veterans.

The Rwandans are dressed in white, but the batsmen's pads have turned a shade of orange after playing on a pitch made up mainly of

dirt and tufts of dried grass. The cricket ground's location, the only pitch in the country, helps explain why Rwanda wants to move away from the French-speaking world. The ground lies next to the infamous Kicukiro College of Technology. The Conservative Party's development project in Rwanda this month also highlights a new-found partnership between Britain and Rwanda. A Ministry of Education decree ensured that all of Rwanda's 1,500 primary school teachers attended two weeks of English classes run by the Tory volunteers.

Cricket is also a powerful symbol of Rwanda's shift towards all things English. On a day off, the Conservative volunteers take on Rwandans at the game. Francis Maude, the Shadow Cabinet Office Minister, and opener for the British team, describes Rwanda as "a success story, from a country hollowed out, to a proper functioning state." Mr. Maude top scores in the match with 20, but his wicket leads to a batting collapse, finishing with yet another English defeat at African hands.

Cricket is taking off here. In April Rwanda made the semi-finals of an International Cricket Council tournament in South Africa, beating Lesotho and Mozambique before falling to Ghana, in its best performance yet. "With Rwanda being a Francophone country, it used to be hard to get the Ministry of Sport to be interested in the game," says Julius Mbaraga from the Rwandan Cricket Board. "Now, it's not a problem."

TANZANIA

A Level 2 Coaching Course was successfully conducted from 10-13 September 2008. For this course "Cricket coaching guide - level 2" book was circulated to candidates as their literature. 500 copies have been printed and will be launched on the opening ceremony of the ICC WCL Div 4 Tournament which is set to take place on 3rd October 2008 in Tanzania for circulation to other ICC members globally.



UGANDA

William Kamanyi conducted a Level I Coaching Course in Kampala, Uganda at the Makerere College School from the 18th – 23rd August 2008. The course was successfully run and the following skills were covered;

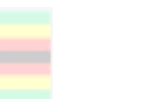
Game Administration

- Umpiring
- Scoring
- Pitch Preparation
- Equipment management and Purchase

Batting

- Skills preparation
- Back and forward strokes (defensive and offensive)
- Horizontal and vertical strokes
- Running between wickets

Bowling



- Skills in preparation
- Techniques in fast bowling:
In swing; Out swing; Reverse swing
- Techniques in Spin Bowling:
Leg spin; Off spin; Googly



Fielding

- Field placing
- Ground fielding – Long and short barrier
- Catches - High and Low drills
- Throwing – over arm and under arm
- Wicket keeping techniques

Mr. William Kamanyi was able to use teaching techniques like power point and video clips, copies of which were generated on CDs and distributed to the cricket masters. The instructor, Mr. William Kamanyi also instructed actual demonstrations on the field. The course was able to widen their knowledge of cricket in coaching the basics of the noble game of cricket. These included bowling, batting, fielding, wicket keeping, scoring and basic umpiring signals. The cricket masters actually vowed to introduce cricket as a physical Education subject in their various to emulate fellow counter parts like Aga Khan High School. At the end of the course the cricket masters did tests both theoretical and practical. Below is the table of course results.

Uganda Cricket Association put yet another big step in the development of cricket in Uganda. ICC-ACA sent Mr. Subhash Modi to Kampala, Uganda, to conduct an umpiring course/seminar where he set an examination at end of the three day programme. This course was held from the 04th – 06th September 2008. The objective of the course/seminar was to have the Umpires in Uganda better their umpiring grades. Uganda Cricket Association has always craved for umpires of higher Caliber and its only programmes like this that will take Uganda forward. Mr. Subhash Modi was however impressed by the confidence of both umpires and scorers in Uganda. The umpiring committee led by Mr. Francis Ekalungar showed great knowledge of the Laws of cricket and the general understanding of umpiring especially One Day Cricket. The instructor of great experience engaged all the participants in discussions about all the Laws of cricket in learner centered sessions at Lugogo Stadium Conference room. Mr. Subhash Modi eloquently lectured about the role of umpires in cricket and the way forward for umpires and scorers in Uganda. The three day program also covered the formation of umpires and scorers structures.



Practical sessions at Lugogo Cricket Oval.



Above: Ms Rebecca Akwenyu receives ICC Code of Conduct Booklets from Mr Modi and Mr. Francis receives law booklets from Mr. Allan on behalf of the Umpires & Left examination for senior umpires

We are deeply honored to have Mr. Subhash Modi conducting the umpiring course and we hope the Umpires in Uganda follow his footsteps in their umpiring careers. There have always been two recurring themes required for umpiring in Uganda: a need for leadership and direction, a fundamental need for restoration of these values and a setup of structures. Thanks to the Association executive and council for organizing such a good programme that is going to uplift umpiring and scoring in Uganda. Great tribute is due to Mr. Cassim Suliman, Regional Development Manager - Africa and Ms Zuraida Badat at ICC-ACA producing this impressive strategy. The coordinated strategy rather than relying on a haphazard approach is the only way Uganda umpiring can reach and maintain world class standards. REPORT BY: JOHN T MAYEKU

ICC-AFRICA CENTRAL & SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION U17 TOURNAMENT – SOUTH AFRICA

Benoni, South Africa hosted the ICC-Africa Central & Southern Region U17 Tournament from the 30th of August – 02nd of September 2008. The event saw 5 African countries (divided into 2 pools according to strength) participating in this tournament including a local invitation team. The competing nations were Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia and the 6th team being the Invitation Team from the Eastern Junior Club Cricket U17 side. The final was contested between Namibia and Zambia with Namibia gaining a 14 run victory over Zambia.



TOP: BOTSWANA – BOTTOM: NAMIBIA



TOP: LESOTHO – BOTTOM: ZAMBIA



TOP: MOZAMBIQUE – BOTTOM: INVITATION





A closing ceremony was held on the evening of the 02nd. All awards were presented at the Presidential Suite at Willowmoore Park Cricket Stadium as follows:-

- Tournament Winners Namibia
- Runners up Zambia
- Player of the Tournament Gladston Kandella (Zambia U17 Player)
- Umpire of the Tournament Alpheus Gawe

Tim Khumalo attended the Closing Ceremony as the guest speaker. Presentations were also made to the man of the match for each day as well as appreciation awards to Umpires that rendered their services during the Tournament.

Dr. Andrew Shawa graced the Tournament with his presence and stated that the matches were played in the True Spirit of Cricket. In an email to Mr. Suliman following the Tournament Dr. Shawa wrote: *"I write to congratulate you, your Staff and the Local Organising Committee for staging a very successful tournament which was enjoyed by us all who saw the revelation of great talent in our Youth of this region. I thank you for the courtesy and hospitality extended to me during my visit as Regional Board Member of Africa Cricket Association. Kindly convey my personal, as well as ACA'S felicitations for winning to the President and his Namibian Cricket Board"* Regards, Dr.Andrew Shawa

The ICC-Development Awards presentation for 2007 was also made during this evening to the countries that have been selected in the following categories:-

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| Volunteer of the Year | - Botswana |
| Photo of the year | - Botswana |
| Best spirit of cricket initiative UNAIDS & UNICEF | - Mozambique |
| Best spirit of cricket initiative UNAIDS & UNICEF | - Namibia |
| Best overall cricket development program | - Namibia |
| Lifetime service award – Laurie Pieters | - Namibia |
| Best Junior Cricket Initiative | - Namibia |
| Best cricket promotional and marketing program | - Namibia |
| Best women's cricket initiative | - Zambia |



After the awards presentation dinner and drinks were served. The closing ceremony was enjoyed by all. Overall, the ICC-Africa Central & Southern Region U17 Tournament was a huge success. Once again, Congratulations to Namibia for their win and our sincere thanks and appreciation must go to the Eastern Cricket Union, Graham McMillan, Leonard Rajagapaul, and all those who contributed to making this tournament a success.

ICC-ACA OFFICE

ICC-ACA distributed the following goods to all participating countries that attended the ICC-Africa Central and Southern Region U17 Tournament:-

1. 50 x HIV T-Shirts
2. 50 x HIV Caps
3. 2 box Primary Schools cricket equipment
4. 1 x Senior Cricket Equipment
5. 1 x Junior Cricket Equipment

These items were sent back with each countries team manager for the sole purpose of developing the game of cricket and thus gaining no commercial value thereof.

REMINDERS

ICC-AFRICA WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIV. 2 Tournament: 04-07 OCTOBER 2008 – BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA
Flight quotes, Participation Fees, Participating Nations Agreement Squad Registration Forms etc.

ACA –ICC NORTH WEST REGION U17 Tournament: 3-7 NOVEMBER 2008 - HOST COUNTRY: NIGERIA
Flight quotes, Participation Fees, Squad Registration Forms etc.

GOOD-LUCK TO TANZANIA FOR THE HOSTING OF THE ICC WCL DIV 4 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN TANZANIA IN OCTOBER 2008 – THE ICC AFRICA OFFICE AND ACA WISHES YOU ALL THE SUCCESS

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"NOW READY"

**GOOD LUCK TO BOTSWANA, GHANA,
MOZAMBIQUE, NIGERIA, SWAZILAND &
ZAMBIA WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE
ICC-AFRICA WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE
DIVISION 2 TOURNAMENT RESCHEDULED
TO BE HOSTED IN BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA
FROM 04 – 09 OCTOBER 2008**

