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BOTSWANA

The Botswana Cricket Association is embarking on yet another historic milestone in Botswana. The Botswana Cricket Association is introducing a league exclusively for girls under 13 years of age commencing from 9th June 08. There are six schools participating in this competition at the Gaborone Cricket Club. The teams are divided into two pools and the winners play the final on 25 June 08. This is in line with the ICC strategic vision of empowering women's cricket globally. We are also the first country in Southern Africa to have a league catering only to government Primary Schools - fixtures of which are below. This is a big step forward in our development plan and also promoting the game at the grass-root levels. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament for the best batsman, best bowler and fielder apart from the player of the tournament. Participating teams are as follows:

- Philip Moshotle Primary School
- Ikageng Primary School
- Oodi Primary School
- Rasesa Primary School
- Solomon Dihutso Primary School
- Tlhaakgame Primary School

POOL 'A'				POOL 'B'			
DATE	DAY	TIME	TEAMS	DATE	DAY	TIME	TEAMS
9.6.08	Mon	2:30pm	Philip Moshotle vs. Oodi	9.6.08	Mon	2:30pm	Rasesa vs. Solomon Dihutso
11.6.08	Wed	2:30pm	Ikageng vs. Philip Moshotle	11.6.08	Wed	2:30pm	Solomon Dihutso vs. Tlhaakgame
13.6.08	Fri	2:30pm	Ikageng vs. Oodi	16.6.08	Mon	2:30pm	Rasesa vs. Tlhaakgame

SEMI FINALS			
DATE	DAY	TIME	TEAMS
18.6.08	Wed	2:30pm	Pool 'A' no.1 vs. Pool 'B' no.2
18.6.08	Wed	2:30pm	Pool 'A' no.2 vs. Pool 'B' no.2

FINALS			
DATE	DAY	TIME	TEAMS
25.6.08	Wed	TBA	Winner from Pool 'A' vs. Winner from Pool 'B'



MALAWI

Malawi Senior Cricket Super League has received a boost after the sponsors National Bank of Malawi increased its support by 53 per cent. The commercial bank announced the increase of the sponsorship from K720,000 to K1.1 million (\$1 equals K130) last Friday in Malawi commercial capital Blantyre. The bank's general manager Augustine Chithenga said he was satisfied with the way the league was run in its inaugural season last year.

"Cricket is now rivaling football in discipleship. It is no longer seen as a contemporary sport for Malawians of Asia origins. I have seen that even indigenous Malawian youths are participating, which is pleasing National Bank," Chithenga said in his speech. "Last year's league was very competitive, we were impressed with the way Malawi Cricket Union (MCU) ran the league and this has compelled us to increase the sponsorship to K1.1 million."

The sponsorship money would cover the costs of prizes, which are yet to be apportioned, uniforms for teams and administration costs of the competition which will run for three months.

Welcoming the good news, MCU president Ouresh Aziz said the increase in the sponsorship would promote the growth of the sport through its development program. "We have 66 primary and secondary schools participating in the development program. We have a development team which will be participating in the senior league. There are also six indigenous players who graduated from the development side and they are now in the senior national team." The league, which will be competed for by 12 teams, will end on August 31. Mpingwe Sports Club Green are the defending champions of the league which also comprises Mpingwe Orange, Mpingwe Yellow, Mpingwe White, Mpingwe Grey, Mpingwe Red, Mpingwe Blue, Development, Indian Sports Club, Oriental Lankas and Country Club Limbe. Report by: Peter Kanjere in Blantyre, Malawi.

NIGERIA

The Abuja Cricket Club has qualified for the finals of the National Cricket Club Championship to be held in Abuja. The Abuja club qualified at the expense of last year's runner-up, Crocodiles Club of Kaduna in a pulsating three-match encounter that had to be decided with the third match. Abuja had drawn first blood with a 4-wicket victory in the first match played at the National Stadium oval in Abuja on 18th May, 2008.

In the second match played at the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) oval in Zaria, on the 25th May, Crocodiles Club of Kaduna rallied back and inflicted a 5-wicket defeat on visiting Abuja Club. The final match was played on the 1st June and Abuja made sure they had the services of their own veteran, former Nigerian player, Ladipo Idowu who flew in from Lagos for the match.

Abuja batted first and once again were restricted to a low score of 117 runs all out in 36 overs by the Crocodiles bowlers. At this stage, Crocodiles must have felt they had the match in their grasp! However victory evaded the Crocodiles team as they were bowled out for 87 runs in 31 overs. Abuja CC thus qualifies for the finals of the National Cricket Club Championship now rescheduled to 27th to 29th June in Abuja.

The Whales Cricket Club of Port Harcourt emerged the winner of the South-East zonal play-offs of the National Cricket Club Championship in the series played at Owerri in Imo State. In a round-robin series involving Whales CC, Unity Cricket Club of Awka and the host club representing Imo State. The series was played over 35 overs.

In the first match of the series, Whales CC defeated Unity CC by 6 wickets in what turned out to be a one-sided encounter. Unity CC were all out for 47 runs in 21 out of their allotted 35 overs. Whales responded with 52 runs for the loss of 4 wickets. In the next match between Unity CC and the Imo State representative Club, Unity CC triumphed with a 13 run victory. Unity Club batted first and notched up 139 runs all out in 35 overs. The Imo team batting second was all out for 126 runs in 33 overs. In the third and final match, Whales CC defeated the Imo representative Club by 18 runs to clinch the finals spot. Batting first, Whales scored 153 runs for 7 wickets in their allotted 35 overs. Imo Club responded with 135 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in their innings thereby falling short by 18 runs.

Whales CC thus joins Abuja CC, Integrity Force CC and Ibeju Lekki CC in the final stages of the Tournament scheduled for the 27th to the 29th June, 2008. Ibeju Lekki Cricket Club (ILCC) replaces Lagos Asians Cricket Club (LACC) as the CCC League representative with the pull-out of LACC due to vacation commitments of its players.

SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone hosted a week long Inter-Area cricket Gala Tournament for the Under 13's and 15's from the 26th of May – the 1st of June 2008 at the Kingtom Cricket Oval – Freetown, Sierra Leone

The areas that took part are as follows:

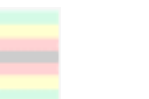
Board House;
Band Set Barracks;
Big Barracks;
Boom Defence
& Guard Room



The Tournament was a 15 overs' match at 17h00 daily as the boys that were participating were school going children in which some are in morning and afternoon shift respectively.

The opening match was between Band Set Barracks vs. Big Barracks whereby Big Barracks won the game by 9 wickets due to bad light in which the Duckworth Lewis method was applied. The second match was between Board House and Boom Defence whereby Board House won by 1 run with 10 wickets in hand. The third match was played between Guard Room and Boom Defence whereby Boom Defence won by 9 wickets due to bad light.

The first semi final was between Big Barracks and Boom Defence whereby Big Barracks won by 3 wickets in hand due to bad light. Duckworth Lewis method was applied. The second semi finals was between Board House and Band Set Barracks whereby Board House won by 6 wickets. It was an interesting final between Big Barracks vs. Board House It was indeed a grand final as it was a close match. At the end of the match, it was a victory for Big Barracks; they won by 2 runs.





The trophy was presented by Mr. Francis T Samura the assistant secretary general of the S.L.C.A to the winners. In his closing remarks, he congratulated the winners and advised them to keep it up, and the losing side to train harder for the next gala, and that they are all winners. He also advised them to love the game and not only to play it as the game is spreading rapidly all over the world and they are the ones who will take over from the senior players in the future so should work hard. He said that he is making this statement on behalf of the president who is out the country on official duty and the entire executive

members of the association so they should take it in good faith. He also thanked the coach Mr. Ibrahim Omarr Sesay for organizing such a tournament for the boys as he has a lot of work to do as a coach. Reported by: Ibrahim Omarr Sesay - Level 2 Coach

Sierra Leone's National coach, Mr. Cyril Panda has been doing a fine job in training women who have shown keen interest in the game. An introductory training clinic has been set up at the National stadium with ex-players giving a helping hand. A second clinic will soon commence in Kingtom that will kick start the competitive rivalry needed to enhanced growth and standard of Play. Sierra Leone is working towards getting two teams by December 2008.



MAURITIUS – ACA NEW AFFILIATE MEMBER

At the recently held Africa Cricket Association Annual General Meeting, Mauritius had been approved membership to the ACA. A signing Ceremony took place in Mauritius with the Government of Mauritius for a 13 acre plot of Land for the construction of a cricket stadium.



From L to R: Hon. Sylvio Tang, Minister of Youth & Sports, Hon. Ashraf Dullul, Minister of Housing & Lands, Mr. Ali Parker, President- Federation of Cricket Clubs, H.E. B. Jaishankar, High Commissioner of India – Mauritius and Mr. Anup Johri, Secretary – Federation of Cricket Clubs.

CAPE VERDE – ACA & ICC NEW FOCUS

On June 1st 2008, Cape Verde celebrated their International Childrens' Day by hosting a match between the Nhô Fula Junior Team and the Damatinha Junior Team.

Both team elements were mostly male but nevertheless there were female participants as well.

Lunch was prepared by Cape Verde's Commission in celebration of this auspicious Day
The game ended in the Nhô Fula's gaining Victory over the Damatinha
The day was enjoyed by all.



Cape Verde has created a link for all to visit in order to view more news from Cape Verde, and to see the game taking off. <http://cricketstv.blogspot.com/> - view the joy of the game.

NAMIBIA

A Level II Coaching Course was requested by the Namibian Cricket coaching staff and was held on the 11th – 13th June 2008 at the Wanders Cricket Club in Namibia. The course was conducted by Graham McMillan whereby thirteen candidates attended. Amongst the attendees were development coaches as well as National Players. Graham stated that the attendance of this course by current and past national cricketers was very heartening. For a few this course was a refresher and others a foundation for future forays into the coaching sphere. He believes that the recruitment of retired national players, the final phase in the player pathway for Cricket Namibia (LTPD phase seven), bodes well for the future of cricket development.

ZAMBIA

An Introductory coaching Course was held in Zambia on the 6th & 7th June 2008 whereby 13 participants attended the Intro to cricket course and 9 participants attended the Admin course. The course was conducted by Graham McMillan – the Senior Development coordinator for ICC-Africa. Graham stated in his report that he believes that ZCU executive will grow into a very competent body. In order for cricket at national level to grow, ZCU need to create and maintain a viable and vibrant regional cricket league that could see each region (Midland, Copper Belt and the East) playing an home/away provincial league system. This would assist in spreading the game in Zambia and lead to a better national selection process.

ICC-AFRICA

A 3-day Cricket Academy/Wicket Keeper/Batsman course was held in Benoni, South Africa from the 24th – 26th of June 2008. The course was conducted by Graham McMillan of which the following 7 Southern African Region Countries participated:-

- Botswana
- Lesotho
- Malawi



- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Swaziland
- Zambia

Some of the daily activities constituted the following:-

- Biomechanics of batting and the importance of Head placement
- Intro to Forming vs. Chaining
- Open discussion on the merits of the "static back lift" and the "dynamic stance" including back swing.
- Inveracity batting drills – chaining exercise
- Practical development of drills for static back lift and moving stance and back swing



Daryll Cullinan was the Batsman Coach and Ahmed Omar was the wicket keeper coach. The course was both enjoyable and enlightening for all participants.

REMINDERS

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

AFRICAN WOMEN'S CUP – Date to be finalized

SA vs. Zimbabwe

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