

RDM VISIT TO EAST AFRICA

ZANZIBAR

Cassim Suliman arrived at the Zanzibar International Airport on 27 September 2007 to watch the first ever cricket game played between the Zanzibar Stars and the MCC in a 20/20 match at the Amaan Stadium. The match was arranged by Zully Rehemtulla and Tony Brenaan. While in Zanzibar he attended meetings with the Deputy Minister of Information Culture and Sports, the Sports Commissioner, the Deputy British High Commissioner, Mr. HE Tony Brenaan, the Deputy Principal Secretary of Zanzibar and the Cricket Administrators and Government. Amongst the matters discussed at these meetings were the re-introduction of cricket from grassroots level to senior and national level.

TANZANIA

A meeting was conducted with the executive members of the Tanzania Cricket Association in which the cricket league structure, administration, cricket operations, finance and outside ICC funding was discussed. Facilities in Tanzania were inspected by the RDM. The 2 grounds at the Boharanie Stadium in Dar-es-Salaam were inspected and found to be in very good condition. The second facility which the MCC played on was the University Grounds which were also found to be in a very good condition. The other venue visited was Jay Khana Sports Club which at present has astro turf pitches and very good supporting facilities.



The Tanzania Cricket Association hosted the MCC at the University Ground in Dar-es-Salaam

UGANDA

A meeting with staff, officials and players was held to understand the view points of ICC and ACA with regards to cricket administration. The Uganda Cricket Association currently set a high standard. The RDM in conjunction with officials from the Uganda Cricket Association also attended meetings with various companies pertaining to sponsorship deals for additional funding and a cricket academy. UCA will submit new sponsorship proposals to various companies that were seen during the visit and who have confirmed additional funding to UCA as well as MTN who is to construct a cricket academy for the UCA. The facilities inspected by the RDM are in need of much support with regards to astro turf pitches and practice facilities. The turf wickets inspected are in good condition and well maintained.

The RDM also met with the Sports Commission of Uganda and they are to commit by assisting in maintenance of the cricket facilities.

A Level 2 coaching course and umpires course are to be conducted before the end of this year. This visit to Uganda was very positive.



The RDM meets with a representative of Stanbic Bank in Uganda



The RDM with a representative of MTN in Uganda and William Kibukamusoke, President of UCA

KENYA

The RDM then went to Kenya and met with the Executive Members of Cricket Kenya and discussed various logistical, operational and financial matters. A meeting with the national team players of Cricket Kenya followed where performance, involvement, domestic league and the way forward for Cricket Kenya were discussed.

The RDM also visited the cricket facilities in Nairobi which are generally good but equipment is needed to maintain the facilities to international standard.

The RDM met with the Sports Commission to establish an allocation of land and secure a ground for Cricket Kenya to establish their own cricket facility.

The RDM and CEO of Cricket Kenya, Tom Tikolo met and many matters including cricket operations at national and domestic level were discussed.

The trip to East Africa was concluded on 6 October 2007 with a meeting in Mombassa with the Chairman of Cricket Kenya.



The RDM chats to the Cricket Kenya players

RDM VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE

The RDM paid a visit to Mozambique as the Mozambican Cricket Association has applied for Associate membership status with the ICC. The RDM spent two days in Mozambique assessing the Association as a whole. It was found that the Mozambican Cricket Association does meet the criteria as stipulated by the ICC for membership status and the RDM has supported the application made by the Mozambican Cricket Association.



The RDM with some of the MCA Executive Members

The RDM also attended several meetings with the Deputy Minister of Sports, Director General Sports Commission, the Executive Committee and sub-committee's of the Mozambican Cricket Association and the Development Director School Cricket in Mozambique to discuss logistics and the way forward for all stakeholders in Mozambique Cricket.

While in Mozambique, the RDM did a facilities inspection and was impressed with the amount of work done by the Mozambique Cricket Association in ensuring quality facilities for their players at all levels.



Inspection by the RDM of a newly planted outfield in Mozambique



Cassim Suliman with Dr. Angela Melo, President of the Mozambican Cricket Association

ICC INTERCONTINENTAL CUP



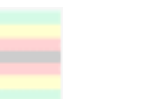
Kenya recorded a 9 wicket victory over Canada in a match played in Nairobi from 12 to 14 October 2007. Canada batted first and scored 263 runs all out in their first innings. Jimmy Kamande from Kenya had the most impressive bowling figures of 24-10-56-4 from the first innings, this despite recovering from a carjacking incident he fell victim to the day before the match started. Kenya scored 393 all out in their first innings with Thomas Odoyo recording his maiden first-class century with an impressive 103 not out and the 19 year old Alex Obanda scoring 83 runs in his debut first-class season. Canada managed to score 229 all out in their second innings with captain Steve Tikolo finishing with bowling figures of 16-5-34-4. Kenya quickly finished off the match by scoring 105 for 1 wicket in their second innings with Maurice Ouma finishing the match in emphatic style by hitting a huge six over long-on.

Jimmy Kamande from Kenya Bjorn Kotze from Namibia

Namibia recorded an impressive 8 wicket win over Canada in their match played in Windhoek from 25 to 28 October 2007. Namibia scored a massive 480 runs all out in their first innings with Bjorn Kotze playing a captain's innings of 163 not out. Canada scored 286 all out in their first innings with Gerrie Snyman the pick of the bowlers with figures of 15.4-3-63-4. This forced Canada into a follow on and they scored 295 all out in their second innings. Gerrie Snyman continued his form with the ball and took 3 wickets for 53 runs and other opening bowler Louis Klazinga finishing with figures of 22-3-55-4 in the second innings. Namibia easily finished off the match with 102 for 2 wickets to secure victory.



Congratulations to all players and teams. The next match is scheduled for 1 to 4 November between Kenya and Bermuda in Nairobi – a report will be included in the November Newsflash. Good luck lads!



MALAWI

The MCC Tour to Malawi took place during the first week of October and was a tremendous success. Three games were played during the 5 day tour and despite losing against the visitors, there were some outstanding performances from some Malawian players that have come through our development program. Muzakkir Khan was twice awarded the best batsman and Faraz Junejo who was a participant in the Central/Southern Africa All Rounder Academy earlier this year, bowled well and also won the best batsman award for the last match. As hosts, we at the Malawi Cricket Union learnt a great deal from both the players and officials that are actively involved in English County Cricket. By Tariq Tarmahomed.

NIGERIA

Anambra State

Mr. Olisa Egwuatu, the ACA-ICC Development coordinator for North West Africa was highly commended and appreciated by the State Association for the ambassadorial role he is playing for the country and the State. The Association during its meeting appreciated the appointment by the ACA and urged Mr. Egwuatu to continue to represent Nigeria well in the course of his duties.



The Chairman of Anambra State Cricket Association Barr. Chuma Anosike, recently donated a set of cricket equipment to the Bishop Crowther Seminary Awka to encourage them on the feat in the game and motivate them to continue to sustain the game.

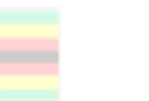
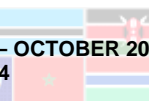
The proprietor of Bishop Crowther Seminary Awka Anambra State, Arch

Bishop MSC Anikwenwa and the entire school recently celebrated the achievements of the School's Cricket team over the years. The school has over five years remained the champion of the secondary schools competitions in the state.



The school is currently the runner up in the 11th Phillip Asido National Junior Cricket Super League held at the Federal Government College Warri, Delta State under the HOWZAT programme. After the Championship, two players of the team Charles Obasi and Chinedu Anikeobi won the Man of the Series and Bowler of the Series awards respectively.

The Captain of the school team Charles Obasi was also commended by the school and the State Cricket Associated for representing Nigeria in the U19 World Cup Qualifying Tournament - Africa 2007 which took place in South Africa.



ZIMBABWE

The Zimbabwe squad for the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifiers in Lahore, Pakistan in November 2007.



The officials and players are:
(Sitting, L-R): Chipo Kamuchetsa, Chipo Mugeru, Julia Chibhabha (captain), Joyce Chizano (team manager), Nonhlanhla Nyathi and Siphathisiwe Moyo.
(Standing, L-R): Mtandwa Nyamadzawo (physiotherapist), Emmanuel Dube (coach), Susan Kudzibatira, Ruvarashe Chinyemba, Sharne Mayers, Thandolwenkosi Mlilo, Sinikiwe Mpofu, Sharice Saidi, Precious Marange, Yvonne Rainsford (vice-captain), Christabel Chatonzwa, Emily Jinjika, Lorraine Chivandire (fitness trainer) and Alister Zowe (assistant coach).

SWAZILAND



Four encouraging coaching courses were held in Swaziland between 22 and 23 October 2007 at the Swaziland University and 3 Schools in the Manzini Area.

Swaziland University - 52 enthusiastic students of which, 22 females and 30 males were eager to be coached and play the game of cricket as soon as they possibly can. Their response to learn and play was overwhelmingly encouraging as was their eagerness to learn more of the game. Hopefully some of them will become teachers in the near future to take cricket up as their sport as an extra curricular subject in schools.

Salesian School – Cricket equipment was handed to the principal at Salesian school after registering to participate in the cricket structure of SWA. Afterwards 30 boys attended the coaching clinic arranged by Swaziland Cricket Association's Head Coach (Sohail Khan). The principal of the school was equally excited for the introduction of a new and unknown sport (cricket) to the local kids at the school.

Kazakhli School – 40 boys were ear marked for the coaching clinic which prepared boys represent the school in different age groups in the activities arrange by Swaziland Cricket. A team of U10 players were also prepared to participate in and U10 cricket festival which will be held at Melkerns Cricket Club on Saturday 3 November 2007. With the support of the principal and the sports master, cricket is becoming the number one sport of the school.





In-Khanyati School – 20 boys under the guidance of the sports teacher and support from the principal and other teachers, the game of cricket is becoming increasingly popular at the school. These boys were all prepared for the upcoming U10 cricket festival at Melkerns Cricket Club. This coaching clinic gave them much confidence.



ICC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ANNUAL AWARDS 2007

Beyond cricket's traditional boundaries, in ICC's Associate and Affiliate Members, significant numbers of players, coaches, clubs and administrators work tirelessly to develop the game and make it accessible to more people. In recognition of this fact, the ICC Development Program Annual Awards for 2007 were launched on 31 October 2007, marking the efforts being made outside ICC's Full Members to improve overall standards of play and public interest in cricket. With eligibility limited to the ICC's 91 Associate and Affiliate Members, these Awards – now in their sixth year – illustrate cricket's expanded reach and play an important role in sharing best practice.

The eight categories in the awards are:

- Best Overall Cricket Development Program
- Best Women's Cricket Initiative
- Best Junior Cricket Initiative
- Best Cricket Promotion and Marketing Program
- Best Spirit of Cricket initiative in partnership with UNAIDS and UNICEF
- Photo of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Lifetime Service Award

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Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

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