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INTERCONTINENTAL CUP

Kenya 302 and 161 for 2 (Ouma 63, D Obuya 70, C Obuya 14*) beat Bermuda 281 (Hemp 97, Varaiya 5-56) and 178 (Hemp 68*, Varaiya 5-77) by 8 wickets. Kenya knocked off the final 79 runs to beat Bermuda in their Intercontinental Cup match at the Nairobi Gymkhana, easing to an eight-wicket win. Maurice Ouma brought up a slick fifty from 49 balls, but he couldn't replicate the blistering stroke play of the previous afternoon, scooping Malachi Jones straight to mid-off for 63. But David Obuya, the slower of the two, opened his shoulders - clubbing Jones over long-on before dispatching Rodney Trott over the same boundary for six. Trott got his man, however, when Obuya stepped to the leg-side and was beaten by a quicker delivery. Obuya's namesake, Collins, together with Tony Suji knocked off the required runs with the minimum of fuss to inflict yet another defeat on Bermuda. Kenya now top the Intercontinental Cup table with 40 points, six ahead of Netherlands. Source www.cricinfo.com

ICC DEVELOPMENT STAFF CONFERENCE

The RDM attended the 2007 ICC Development Staff Conference held in Namibia from 26 to 29 November 2007. Items covered in the agenda included:

- * Future Funding Scenario and Membership Criteria, update after Development Committee and elected representatives meeting, planning session, key principles on spending of 'new' funds, Governance in Sport Workshop
- * RDM One on Ones
- * Members Services and Corporate Communications Update
 - Internet
 - Coach/umpire education benchmarking
 - BIP
 - IOC
 - CAP
- * CAP delivery training
 - Leadership in Sport Workshop
 - Operations - reporting, planning and communication
- * Research & KPI's
- * Commercial Update
 - Global sponsor
 - Apparel partner
 - Guidelines (region and member)
- * Tournaments
 - Central Player Eligibility Process
 - Central Tournament Database
 - Development Event Result Dissemination
 - Europe Online Database)
- * 'More Players' Workshop
- * 'What Twenty/20 means for the Developing Cricket World'
- * 'Better Players' Workshop

WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 2

United Arab Emirates (UAE) took a comfortable 67-run victory over Oman in the final of the ICC World Cricket League Division 2 at the Wanderers Cricket Ground in Windhoek, Namibia. Namibia beat Denmark by four wickets to grab third position. By virtue of a top-four finish, the UAE, Oman, Namibia and Denmark qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier (formerly ICC Trophy) while Uganda and Argentina were relegated to Division 3. However, Uganda and Argentina will have a second chance to qualify for the 2009 event in the UAE when the ICC WCL Division 3 is staged in January 2009.








Uganda receiving some coaching at the indoor facility at Willowmoore Park in Benoni, South Africa before heading to Namibia for the ICC WCL Div. 2 Tournament








Uganda in action against Denmark during the ICC WCL Div. 2 Tournament in Namibia

Leading Run Scorers

Player	Matches Played	Runs
 Gerrie Snyman	6	588
 Arshad Ali	5	433
 Frederik Klokker	6	316
 Mohammad Iqbal	6	302
 Saqib Ali	6	268

Leading Bowling Averages

Player	Matches Played	Wickets	Average
 Arshad Ali	5	15	12.2
 Bobby Chawla	4	10	15.2
 Bjorn Kotze	5	8	15.5
 Frank Nsubuga	6	12	15.58
 Syed Ali	6	8	20

Source www.icc-cricket.com

TANZANIA



Twenty boys and twenty girls from the Annual Chanzo Cricket Tournament have been selected for elite training at the Muhimbili Cricket Academy and have started their training program. Eight boys teams and four girls teams from this event were selected to participate in a structured primary schools league organized by the development committee which commenced in November 2007.

Children participating at the Annual Chanzo Cricket Tournament in Tanzania

SWAZILAND

The Annual U10 Cricket Festival was won by the Enajabulweni Primary School with Usuto Primary School as runners-up. Inkhanyati Primary School were first time participants in the festival and finished a very credible third. This was the first time in Swaziland Cricket's history that private and government schools played in a combined festival and the government schools played very good competitive cricket proving that they will be able to compete at more senior tournaments in the future.



Children participating and watching the U10 Cricket Festival in Swaziland

NIGERIA

Anambra State Cricket Association recently handed over bats, wickets and balls received from the Nigeria Cricket Federation during the Full Council meeting in Abeokuta to schools. The two schools that got the equipment included the St. Paul's Primary and Nursery School in Awka and Rev.Fr. Ekwu Memorial Primary and Nursery School in Amawbia.

At the recent celebration held at the Ibeju-Lekki Cricket Club for the appointment of Prince Ademola Adeniji-Adele as The Honorable Commissioner for Sport for the Lagos State in Nigeria, the NCF President, Kwesi Sagoe had this to say in his congratulations speech, "let me first and foremost, congratulate the Commissioner personally on his appointment and I know that he is a keen sport lover having represented the state in hockey during 'our' playing days. I have no doubt that he has all it takes to succeed as a Sport Commissioner. Let me also congratulate our host, the chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government for his love and contributions to the game of cricket in Lagos and Nigeria in the past three years. Not only has he donated a piece of land in the local government to the Lagos State Cricket Association (LSCA) to develop a cricket facility, he has also given new hope to the game by having it exposed to schools in his jurisdiction".

UGANDA



The Uganda XI and Afripals Teams

Afripal's fondly referred to as Friends of Ugandan Cricket, were invited to Uganda during the Ugandan tour to Kenya, when Uganda played against Bermuda. The Afripal's team consisted of 9 Kenyan internationals namely Steve Tikolo, Thomas Odoyo, Peter Ongondo, Maurice Ouma, Jimmy Kamade, David Obuya, Alex Obanda, Joseph Angara, Nehemiah Odhiambo, and Alfred Luseno, among others. Two friendly games were played on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November 2007.

Afripals vs Uganda XI - 10th November 2007

Afripals win by 8 runs

Afripals vs Uganda XI - 11th November 2007

Afripals win by 73 runs

CAMEROON

A Level One Coaching Course was held in Yaounde, Cameroon in November 2007. The course was conducted by Olisa Egwuatu, the ACA North/West Region Co-ordinator. 21 Participants took part in the course, 20 males and 1 female. After the course, a two-a-side match was played on the new cricket mat donated to the Cameroon Cricket Federation by Kwesi Sagoe from Nigeria.



Level One Coaching Course Participants



Olisa Egwuatu (right) hands over the new playing mat to FECA Cricket Chairman, Victor Agbor (left)

BOTSWANA

The Botswana Cricket Association (BCA)'s effort to develop the sport of cricket at grass roots level appears to be paying dividends. This was evident during November when a record number of primary school teachers attended the coaching clinics organised by the BCA at the Oval ground. Close to 40 teachers attended the clinics that were conducted by Fuad Waggie. What made BCA even prouder was the fact that some teachers came from as far as Maun. The BCA development officer, Girish Ramakrishma, also lauded the teachers' turnout saying it is a sign of good things to come. "We are definitely very happy with the turnout of the teachers. This shows that in not too distant a time, cricket will be much more popular in this country" he said.

Dabulani Buthali, the executive committee member of the Botswana National Sports Council, hailed the efforts of the BCA under trying circumstances. "Cricket in this country is facing huge challenges such as shortage of training grounds, but that does not deter you in your efforts to develop the sport".

By Tshepho Bogosing



A very successful week of coaching courses and clinics were held in Gaborone and Francistown in Botswana from 5 to 10 November 2007. The aim to spread the game of cricket amongst the local citizens of Botswana will bare fruition in the near future due to the eagerness and willingness to promote the game of cricket in Government Schools by local teachers. With the support of the BCA, Botswana National Sports Council and potential sponsors to provide cricket equipment to participating schools, I have no doubt that more local

players will represent Botswana Cricket at international level in the near future. By Fuad Waggie



The government schools are closing on 24 November 2007 and the BCA has planned holiday clinics from 24th November to 12th December 2007. The kids will be attending the clinics on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 9 am to 12 pm at the Gaborone Cricket Club.

NAMIBIA

A mini cricket festival was hosted by the Namibia Cricket Board recently, here are some pictures from the event.



During the ICC WCL Div. 2 the Namibia Cricket Board will highlight and raise the awareness of the HIV/Aids in Namibia. The Namibia Cricket Board, together with the ACA /ICC and the Christina Swart-Opperman Aids Orphans Trust will be holding a Level O training course on the 26th November 2007 for teachers of vulnerable children. This course will be under the able guidance of Fuad Waggie. Thereafter the same teachers will supervise afternoon a soft ball coaching clinic for 80 vulnerable HIV children.

RWANDA

Extracts from the article in The Times dated 20 November 2007 by Jonathan Clayton

The applause drifts gently across the ground as bat strikes ball and the figures in whites make their dash for the crease. A boy leans on his bicycle on the edge of the outfield to take in the scene and catch up on the score. It may sound like any village on a pleasant Sunday afternoon – but this is Kicukiro Oval in French-speaking Rwanda, where eager schoolboys are getting to grips with the unfamiliar English game. It is the only



cricket ground in the country and its rudimentary pitch, where cows usually graze, lies next to the infamous École Technique, where 2,800 Tutsi men, women and children were massacred by marauding Hutus in the genocide of 1994. “When we first started playing, we found piles of bones on the boundary over there,” said Julius Mbaraga, captain and a founding member of Right Guards, the nation’s first cricket club. One early game was interrupted after an unexploded landmine was discovered at silly mid-on. This week Rwanda will be welcomed at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Uganda as a full member – only the second, after Mozambique, with no formal links to the British Empire. Its unlikely inclusion owes much to cricket. Introduced to the country in 2000, the game has rapidly become the most potent symbol of the tiny central African state’s drift away from the French-speaking world and towards Britain. “I think you can say we have batted our way into the Commonwealth,” said Charles Haba, president of the Rwanda Cricket Association, who has persuaded six schools to start playing and has gained affiliate status with the International Cricket Board.

“Good batting, good batting”, comes the cry from the corrugated-iron roof pavilion at Kicukiro. “Tank you bowler, tank you bowler,” yells Bob Bashir, 15, enthusiastically clapping gloved hands as a lanky bowler races in and pitches the next ball wide. Last week Cricket without Boundaries, a British charity supported by Andrew Flintoff and Gordon Brown, flew in to organise a six-day coaches’ clinic in the country. Its members were impressed by what they found. “Our sessions were packed and they all so eager to learn,” said Nick Lowles, a volunteer with CWB. “The hope is we can help them develop the game. They are so enthusiastic but they have so little. There is some great talent here, although it is raw talent.”

Rwanda Cricket Association (RCA) schools’ cricket development program has been boosted with cricket equipment from Cricket Without Boundaries (CWB), the UK based charity organization, dedicated to helping, educating and developing local communities around the World through the game of cricket. A five-man team from the organization led by Ed Williams (tour manager), Andy Hobbs (head of cricket development at Sussex country Cricket club), Chris Kangis (coach) and two volunteers Paul Daniels and Nick Lowles, were in the country for a week-long tour. Since their arrival on November 10, the five men conducted a coaches’ clinic for local trainers, which attracted over 60 participants and at the end of the clinic, twelve participants were awarded ICC Introductory coaches’ certificates. Ed Williams, urged the coaches who benefited from the course to pass on the acquired knowledge to other locals through carrying out similar clinics.

MOZAMBIQUE

The Annual "India Cup" 2007 tournament concluded very successfully on 18th November 2007 in collaboration with High Commission of India in Maputo. The tournament started on 3rd November and was played in 2 groups in round robin and later in knock-out format. 2 clubs – Maputo Cricket Academy and Mozal Cricket Club were not included in this tournament as they disqualified in the "8 teams" tournament, however they will be included in National League starting from 8th December. The semi finals were contested between Moz. Gujarat XI CC (1st of group A) against Paradise CC (2nd in group B) and Liga D. Muculmana CC (1st in group B) against AMM Cricket Club (2nd in group A). The semifinals were won by Moz. Gujarat XI CC and Liga D. Muculmana CC and they defeated their opponents 55 and 28 runs respectively. The final was held in presence of many members of Diplomatic corps and Government dignitaries along with huge number of spectators and media. Liga Desportiva Muculmana won India Cup Final for the first time by 24 runs against favorite Moz. Gujarat XI CC.



Chief Guest of the Prize Distribution Ceremony was H.E. Mr. Rajinder Bhagat, High Commissioner of India in Maputo and was Presided by Mr. M.R. Massinga, Chairman of Mozambican Cricket Association. Zully Rehemtulla from Tanzania had also flown down to Maputo on the 17th to participate a week long ceremony of the Ismaili community in Maputo. The National Commission of Cricket Umpires, also certified a number of umpires and scorers in 2007 through standard and appropriate examination and practical criteria.

The winning team Liga Desportiva Muculmana with their trophy



Action during the "India Cup"



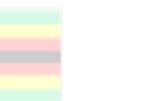
Front view of the Parque dos Continudores Stadium



A newly qualified umpire receives his certificate from Rajinder Bagat, HC of India

2007 ICC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AWARDS

DEADLINE DATE FOR INITIAL NOMINATIONS AT REGIONAL LEVEL – 14 DECEMBER 2007
(Nomination forms have been posted to each member AND are available on the ICC website www.icc-cricket.com/development)



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