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GAMBIA

GCA's preparations are underway to commence the schools league schools. They are getting themselves ready for it with the help of the coaches on ground going to the schools having training session with them. The players are clearly committed to the process as this is evident by the time schools have allocated to cricket whereby some players arriving at the square as early as 3pm to begin the evening training.



GPA are sponsors for the 2010/2011 Super Twenty20 tournament. The Finals see the Jewels of India and GPA slogging it out. By: Wilfred R. Riley - Administrative Secretary

KENYA

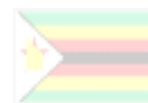
An Introductory Umpire Course was held from the 11th – 12th of March 2011 in Mombasa. Mombasa was the first beneficiary of this year's seven umpiring courses scheduled to be held by Cricket Kenya in up to four regions including Nairobi, Nakuru and Kisumu in the coming months.

The response was positive with the targeted one dozen participants turning up for the event. The Coast province is making huge strides towards its own development and sustainability by ensuring that such endeavours are working to their advantage.

It is expected that for every team created or formed to play a game of cricket, it will require an umpire to stand in matches where it is involved and that's part of this the plan going forward.



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The two-day event covered 72% of the 42 laws of cricket which are necessary at this initial stage. Analyses of particular situations were used as the basis for discussions on several occasions with situational experiences used as solutions of how they were dealt with by the presenter.

The participants were encouraged to study the laws into detail especially as umpiring expects that they know of all the laws and their interpretations. While players will accept or dispute decisions made by the umpires, umpires will not gain respect by the lack of correct interpretations of the laws and this

requirement places a lot of emphasis on studying the laws to specifics.

The participants were instructed to see to it that the flow of the game was not be interfered with and they are only suppose to intervene in cases where there are breaches on the laws of the game.

These teachers have done a great deal of work on this course and will look to use the knowledge gained in the next available opportunity within their schools and compliment the work being done by Joseph Owino at the coast. Prior to this course, Owino was by and large the only person capable of umpiring school matches especially within the state institutions, but now he can have the privilege of calling on two or three others to assist him in standing at this encounters.

Part of the syllabus for this event was conducted outdoors where the group was taken through the different dimensions that are required to be adhered to and more so understood by the umpires since they are the sole judges in determining that the players indeed stick to the regulations.

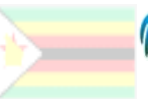
The use of the projector played a significant part in enabling the participants get a firsthand look at previous recorded extracts from real match situations and assisted the facilitator with explanations of certain occurrences on the field of play that would however have been difficult to elaborate using words alone.



The secondary school league began on 22nd January to be played until the 10th of March, 2011, with 18 schools both private and public participating in the 20 over format event.

With cricket development programme taking shape in various parts of the country this is one of the pathway events to professional level. It promotes age group cricket like the under 17 and 19 playing together. It also promotes cricket into schools and gives opportunity to some boys who are good enough to join clubs. It also gives school without cricket culture a new sport to learn,

enjoy and participate.



This year Secondary league was much more competitive than last year especially in the public schools where Lenana and Highway won more than 2 games and even the league standings being determined by run rate which was very interesting.

MOZAMBIQUE

Between 11th and 14th of March 2011, a level 1 Coaching Course was organized by "CCPM - Comissão de Cricket de Provincia de Manica", the Central Zone Cricket body of Mozambican Cricket Association, under the ACA - ICC Africa Development programme.

This was the very first Coaching programme in the Central Zone of Mozambique (including Manica, Sofala and Tete Provinces) which is 1200 KM north of Capital Maputo. CEN - Centro de Educação Njerenje provincial head office of Central Zone Cricket hosted the full course.

Mr. Solly Chothia, ICC-Africa Coach was the mentor of the course where 15 Future Coaches attended the course. All these coaches are involved actively in Regional Cricket Development Programme at CEN and making very interesting progress in grass-roots and junior level coaching in different Schools of the Central Zone. Mr. Gideon Benande, President of CCPM manifested his total satisfaction to this very first coaching course thanks ACA-ICC for its support in this region of Mozambique through Mozambican Cricket Association."



NAMIBIA

Namibia has had heavy rain showers daily from the beginning of the year, making it impossible to practice or play any cricket. The frustrated Girls Cricket coaching team 'invented' a new cricket form for girls to be played on tennis and netball courts, thus not being dependant on dry, playable cricket fields.

The FNB Girls Court Cricket is a mixture of Kwata Cricket and Action Cricket rules played on an enclosed court surface with a soft ball. Cricket is again introduced as a sport code to girls in school that does not play cricket. The basic idea is to have fun while throwing and hitting balls, running around and realizing that cricket is not only for boys and actually quite playable, thus becoming a chosen sport code for girls.





Twelve schools have been identified and the program includes coaching during the week at the schools with matches being played on Saturdays. The grand finale will be on the 16th of April when the top players will play each other in a FNB Girls Court Cricket Festival to determine the winning school team.

During all matches on Saturdays Ian van Schoor, the Namibia Ladies Cricket Coach, will be scouting for upcoming and potential talented girls to attend the Girls Cricket Academy in Windhoek, practicing on a daily basis.



Peter Thomson, co-inventor of Revolver Cricket, has sponsored Cricket Namibia with equipment for the planned Wanderers Youth Cricket Festival in Windhoek. The Festival was planned to start in February, but due to heavy rains had to be moved to May, the start of a Winter Cricket League for youth cricketers.

The Revolver Cricket concept is the brainchild of a development team who thought outside the box ... and came up with a unique triangular game played in a circle. Loosely modeled on the popular informal game known as French Cricket – and based on their unique revolving stumps — it represents a serious attempt to make cricket more fun all round.

RevolverStumps* are a stunningly simple yet innovative development in training/playing apparatus, specially designed to rotate through 360 degrees.

Because Revolver Cricket with a set of Revolver Stumps* in the middle and all balls directed at that central striker, there is no need for a full pitch or pitches. As long as it's being played on a reasonably safe, even surface, the only preparation necessary is in the area in which the ball/balls will be pitched. Revolver Cricket is designed to be played principally with a soft ball (anything from a tennis ball to a "highend" soft ball). Not only does that avoid the need for

protective gear, but the type of ball used can be tailored to suit the size of the playing area available and the age and experience of the players involved. Thus an inexpensive format of cricket!

NIGERIA

The ICC-ACA Level 1 Coaching Course was held in Awka, Anambra State 24th and 25th of March 2011.

Declaring the event open at the Marble Arch, Awka, on Thursday, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Anambra State, Barr. Mrs. Nwando Obika who represented the Commissioner of Youths and Sports Anambra State, Mrs. Chinwe Anowai, stated that the State Government is happy with the way the game of Cricket is moving to the Regions in this recent time. While revealing that the Anambra State Government has always taken sports as one of its priority for youth development, the Permanent Secretary stated that the State Government would always partner with the Nigeria Cricket Federation to ensure that the game is sustained and developed more in the State.

Appreciating the effort of the Anambra State Cricket Association and the records of the teams especially the Bishop Crowther Seminary Awka, at the National level, the Permanent Secretary solicited support of NCF in terms of equipment and technical knowhow to ensure the goodwill the game has brought to the State is not left to die. She stated that one of the greatest problems teams and States have is getting Cricket equipment in Nigeria.

She therefore appealed to the International Cricket Council, African Cricket Association and Nigeria Cricket Federation to always extend this kind of programme to the regions as that would help develop the game fast.

Responding to the requests of the NCF and the State Association, the Permanent Secretary directed the Director of Sports to follow up the request for a provision of a piece of Land for the Cricket Oval to sustain the game as the Government of Anambra State does not toy with sports development.

In his address, the ICC Resource person, Mr. Okon Ukong who is handling the Course assured the Anambra State Government that ICC, ACA and NCF are ready to ensure that the game is developed in all crannies of the Nation. He called on the Government to facilitate the provision of the Land for Cricket Oval as NCF would not hesitate to give their support and also attract a lot of competition to the State.

The Vice Chairman of Anambra State Cricket Association, Sir. Victor Obidike on behalf of the Chairman, Barr Chuma Anosike thanked NCF and ICC for seeing the need to let Anambra State host the Level 1 Course.

While re-emphasizing the need for the NCF to support the Anambra State and the development of the game in the South East, he called upon NCF to as a matter of urgency reintroduce the National League for State teams to emerge. As that would make each State own and support their teams. While frowning on the elimination of Cricket as one of the sports that would be featured in the 2011 National Sports Festival, Sir, Obidike opined that the National League will go a long way to compliment the success of the National Club Championship.



Among the personalities that graced the occasion included the Director of Youths and Sports Services, Ministry of Youths and Sports, Anambra State, Dr. C.C. Amuzie, The Secretary of NCF, Mr. Patrick Okeke, The Director of Sports Anambra State, Mr. Mbanefo Chidiogo and many others.

The Course facilitated by the NCF Regional Development Officer, South East, Emeka Igwilo was attended by participants from Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Edo, Enugu, Kaduna and Anambra State.



RWANDA

The Annual General Meeting of RCA took place on the 12th of March 2011 at one of the conference rooms at the stadium. The meeting was chaired by the executive committee members of RCA, the RCA president, the vice president, the general secretary and the treasurer and the attended by the club captains and two of their players.

Below from far left, the executive committee, Mr. Mukri (Treasurer), Mr.Haba (RCA president), Mr. Vardhini (Vice President) and Mr. Byiringiro (General Secretary).



The attendance was good since all the RCA registered clubs were represented. The meeting was started by passing and presenting the minutes of the last AGM and discussing matters that arose from the minutes passed.

Later onwards, activities of the previous year were passed and there was discussion on the progress. The reports prepared by the executive committee were presented and there was discussion on each one of them. These were the financial report and the development report. After keen discussion on the above, there was presentation of both the calendar and budget of the year 2011 which was agreed upon by everyone present.

Towards the end of the meeting, there was an election for the new office bearers. These were to take on the new duties of the committees that would directly report to the executive committee. The posts are as follows: development, grounds, discipline and women's cricket. There was proper and fair delegation and the new committee members were voted into the post by the representatives attending the meeting.



Important issues and matters were being raised and discussed but time was also taken to applaud and appreciate the national team for their outstanding performance in Ghana. It was undertaken to give more encouragement to perform better in their coming tournament that will take place in South Africa.

After having a lot of discussions on the different items on the agenda and other businesses that needed to be attended to, the meeting was adjourned and everyone who left the meeting had agreed upon the elevation of cricket in Rwanda to greater heights with as much determination as one can have. Report by Rina Ntagozera



Rwanda National Cricket Team was crowned Champions in ICC Africa APL T20 WCL DIV3 Tournament that took place in Ghana this February 2011, it took a lot of Hard work, Dedication, time and energy to achieve this great milestone, after a period of seven years trying to move a step forward from Div-3 to Div-2. Rwandan team made it to the finals by winning their preliminary games against Lesotho and Cameroon, in the finals they beat Seychelles by 8 runs, which

became a platform for Rwanda to move up from Div-3 to Div-2.

As it was been said before by the Rwandan team coach Adam Arnold from Australia and the team captain Eric Dusingizimana, that they believed in the team that he took in Ghana because of the potential that they saw in them before, which they proved by winning the T20 WCL DIV3 and came out victorious.



Pic: The Rwandan Team Coach Adam Arnold



Pic: The Rwandan Team Captain Eric Dusingizimana

The team is now getting ready for the long journey which is ahead of them, they going to face the strong opposite sides which they believe they will go through and come out as winners.



This victory in Div-2 gave them courage and morale to continue training for the upcoming Division 2 tournament in Benoni in South Africa

SWAZILAND

The University of Swaziland cricket team won gold in the Boleswa Intervarsity games cricket. This is first of its kind in Swaziland history. This was largely due to advise from the National Coach whilst in Botswana and he gave us some tips as he knew the team and he was happy we made the country proud.

The Womens team beat the strongest team, Botswana who have never lost a game in the tournament ever, by 4 wickets after chasing 90 runs in the 15 overs match and had lost the former match against Lesotho by 7 wickets after setting a score of 77 runs.

The Male team recorded their first win ever in the four years cricket existence at the school, against Botswana by winning by 3 wickets after chasing 159 runs in the T20 format and later hammered the 3 times consecutive champions Lesotho by 21 runs after setting intact 112 runs and finished them all in 15 overs to be crowned the champions with a trophy.

UGANDA

The Men's National T20 League 2011 tournament kicked off at the end of January 2011 came to a climax with the Final being held at Kyambogo Cricket Oval on 20th March 2011. 15 teams participated in the Tournament. The semi finals and finals were played on the same day. Nile Cricket Club took on Partidar Samaj Cricket Club in the final with the latter emerging as the victors.



Nile CC members celebrate a fall of a wicket in the final
A Wanderers player dispatches one for six in the semi final against Nile CC



L-R: Best wicket keeper and bowler are awarded.



The Winners of the T20 Tournament, Partidar Samaj are crowned Champions.



The Women's National T20 League Tournament ran concurrently with the Men's T20 League. The tournament attracted 5 teams i.e. Gayaza High School, Jinja Secondary School, Tornado Cricket Club, Wanderers Cricket Club and Charity Trust Fund Cricket Club. It was an exciting final with Charity getting the best of Tornado Cricket Club in the final. This tournament will assist the ladies prepare for the forthcoming 50 over League.





Patricia Turinamahoro of Wanderers bats against Charity Charity Players celebrate the fall of a wicket
The Victorious Charity Trust Fund Cricket Club Members pose with the winner's Trophy

The MTN/Stanbic Mini cricket Development program co-sponsored by MTN Uganda and Stanbic Bank kicked off on 10th March 2011 in some Districts. The tournament comes to a climax with the National Finals at Lugogo and Kyambogo Cricket Ovals on 24th & 25th June 2011. There was a lot of excitement created by the plastic equipment purchased from South Africa. The tournament which was originally played using wooden equipment will now be played with colorful plastic equipment. Below is the pictorial from some of the District competitions.



Minicricket competitions in Jinja District



Minicricket competitions in Mbale District



The Cricket Without Boundaries Tour team from England arrived in Uganda at the end of February to carry out coaching visits in the various Districts. Coaching was carried out in Western, Central and Eastern Districts. Coaching and Administrative Courses were also carried out in some Districts. Their visit caused a lot of excitement in the regions visited and Uganda Cricket Association will ride on this visit to spread the game further to other areas. The members also distributed equipment to the Uganda Cricket Association among other activities. Gratitude goes to the team of seven for the awareness created in the areas they visited. Below is the pictorial for some of the areas visited.



Coaching in Jinja District

L: A member bowls during practice R: Members perform a warm up drill.



Distribution of T shirts in Mbale District

The Administrative Officer UCA (R) receives equipment from a member of the CWB team



FULL MEMBERS – ZIMBABWE

Matabeleland Tuskers are the new Logan Cup champions. Depleted, without five of their key players, they beat the previously undefeated Mountaineers by 18 runs, a remarkable achievement. The key factor was their swing bowler Keegan Meth, who has been steadily improving throughout the season and now seems to have instilled fear into the hearts of opposing



batsmen with his deceptive swerve and accuracy. In this match he took 13 wickets at a cost of only 108 runs, besides playing a second innings of 65 runs, and if ever one man won a match for this team, this was the occasion.

It was clear at the start of the day that the result of the match would most likely hinge on the result of the battle between Hamilton Masakadza and Meth – and Meth won handsomely. Masakadza off-drove a single off Keith Dabengwa in the second over of the day to take the home side's total to 100, which brought him to face Meth in the next over. He pushed fatally outside the off stump, edged a catch to the wicketkeeper and departed for 14, to scenes of jubilation from the fielders. As it turned out, this was the point where they won the match. Again, though, they were excessively noisy in the field, especially early on.

It was now the responsibility of the rest of the Mountaineers team to stand up and show they were not totally reliant on Masakadza in a tight situation – and this for the most part they dismally failed to do. The experienced South African Jon Beukes was one batsman who might have stood in the gap for Mountaineers, as he ran to 16 confident runs off 14 balls, with three fours, but he was then given out lbw on the front foot to Meth, and now the middle order surrendered meekly. Donald Tiripano, the night-watchman, had held an end up grimly for almost an hour, but edged a low catch to second slip off Meth to depart for 5 off 42 balls. Prosper Utseya, who has often been a man for a crisis in the past, was this time another lbw victim to Meth for a single, and Benjy Katsande lasted only three balls before edging to the keeper. Seven were now down for 125, the point of no return had been passed, and the last four wickets had fallen for seven runs in four overs.

Meth must have been tiring, but he kept bowling. At last Timycen Maruma and Shingi Masakadza showed some defiance, keeping out Meth and starting to attack Dabengwa, who had been blocking up the other end. Dabengwa as captain now faced the dilemma of whether to continue with Meth or give him a break for a while, but just as decision time was imminent, Meth struck again. Shingi Masakadza had been trying to counter his movement and upset his length by going down the pitch to him, which brought the keeper up to the stumps; the batsman did it once too often and was stumped for 17; eight down for 155.

Maruma now decided to take advantage of the wearied bowler, now in his eleventh over, smiting him for two mighty leg-side sixes in succession. In the meantime Dabengwa gave way to Chris Mpofo, but Tendai Chatara gave Maruma unexpected support, with five well-selected boundary hits off the fast man. They survived until lunch, and then Tawanda Mupariwa replaced the exhausted Meth; he quickly produced a rising ball that Maruma, on 36, edged at an awkward throat height to the keeper, who dropped it. After two overs by Mupariwa, Dabengwa brought back Meth, but he no longer had the power to terrorize; the batsmen could now play him like any other bowler and kept the scoreboard ticking over comfortably. Mountaineers supporters began to entertain delusions of victory.

When Maruma reached an admirable fifty, only another 24 runs were needed to win. But, tragically, a mix-up between the batsmen led to his being run out for 51 and the fighting partnership of 69 was ended. Natsai Mushangwe tried to hit out, but was caught in the outfield off Mpofo and the Logan Cup went to Matabeleland Tuskers.



REMINDERS

CAP COURSE MODULE 2 – ALL MEMBERS

ACA AGM – NAIROBI, KENYA: 16 APRIL 2011

ICC-AFRICA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR – NAIROBI, KENYA: 17-18 APRIL 2011

ICC-AFRICA WCL APL T20 DIV 2 TOURNAMENT – BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA: 23-27 MAY 2011

BOTSWANA; GHANA; MALAWI; MOZAMBIQUE; NIGERIA; SIERRA LEONE; SWAZILAND; TANZANIA & ZAMBIA & RWANDA

Please submit Participation agreements; Participation Fees; Squad lists together with passport details and dietary requirements to the ICC-Africa Regional Development Office if you have not already done so

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