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BOTSWANA

The Botswana cricket association has received a donation of 10 bats and 30 tennis balls from game which was covered in their local Mmegi newspaper

KENYA



From the 12th – 13th November 2010, Kenya hosted a Level 1 Coaching Course in Mombasa. There were a total of 15 participants in attendance. Participants were made up of mainly school teachers, from private and public schools, as well as interested personnel from the host club of Coast Gymkhana.

The components of the course included the role of the coach that previously had been that of a teacher of cricketing skills but in the modern game, the coach assumes plenty of other roles that go hand in hand with their profession and does include constant learning of new modern techniques that are involved in the ever-changing sport to keep abreast with all and sundry.

The teaching skills were covered in the sections of the course material and importance was placed on the coach giving information in bits and re-emphasizing the key points during practicing and allowing the players more time to perform the skill as they look to grasp the different techniques of the game.

Individuals were provided with coaching manuals to aid them in their new found tasks back in their individual schools where they are now expected to join hands with the development team at the Coast to move the game to more pupils within the learning Institutions.



On completion of this course the participants have now acquired the basic minimum skills level required to be able to understand the breakdown of coaching points for teaching a cricket skill, the use of accomplished individuals within a group to assist their demonstrations and would be an added advantage during practice sessions. They were made aware that children like in education should be accorded an opportunity to practice every section of the process to achieve the desired result.

Finally, the group was taken through the basic umpiring and scoring procedures especially the ways of dismissals and the umpiring signals relating to play and infringements on the part of the fielding team. Moreover, the group requested for more of this interactive sessions and courses in the coming months. REPORT BY: David Odhiambo

The Nairobi Province mini-cricket tournament was held at the Ruaraka Sports Club on the 21st of November 2010 and included a total of 18 schools from within the Nairobi primary schools that are actively involved in the game of cricket competing for pride and honors of being confirmed as the best elementary school this term.

The occasion involved 18 boys' teams and 15 girls' sides making up a record 33 team Event involved in single mini-cricket tournament in Nairobi province.

MINI-CRICKET TEAM & INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

BOY'S CATEGORY

Winners: Ebenezer School

Runner-up: Roysambu Primary

1. Best Bowler Arnold Aluda (Karura Forest Pri)
2. Best Batter Mach Lako (Roysambu Primary)
3. Best upcoming school Front Runners School

4. Player of the tourney Peterson Kamau School)

GIRLS CATEGORY

Winners: Roysambu Primary

Runner-up: Muranga Road Primary

1. Best Bowler Mako Wako (Karura Forest)
2. Best Batter Mercy Chepngeno (Karura)
3. Best upcoming school Pangani Primary School

4. Player of the tourney Anne Wambui (Ebenezer (Roysambu)



MOROCCO

The Moroccan Royal Cricket Board held a Level 1 Cricket Coaching Course from 26 to 28 November 2010 at the Basket Sports Center in Rabat, Morocco whereby 25 candidates attended the course with a very encouraging intake of both Men and Woman cricketers. Morocco has moved into involving School Teachers to coach the Primary School and the High Schools all round the country.



The Development ACA Coach Mounir Khmirau went through the motions in executing these courses. He has mentioned that Morocco Cricket with the help of the ICC Development Programme has progressed and is moving forward to introduce the game in a mass participation aspect.



The course was very successful and important and the President of the Board Mohamed Nejjar declared to the Moroccan Press Agency MAP that next year the same candidates will attend the course for level II in order to be able to train the Juniors and the kids in the schools. He also added that there will be joint efforts between ICC-ACA and the Board in order to promote cricket in North Africa.

NAMIBIA



Cricket Namibia will be hosting a Women's Cricket Festival as part of the Bank Windhoek Women's Cricket League on 6 – 9 December 2010. This Festival for Under 16 girls will feature six teams from Namibia and Botswana as well as from Gauteng, Limpopo and the North West Province in South Africa. The teams will play against each other in a round robin tournament of 18 matches over a period of four days. The 30 over matches promise to deliver lots of excitement and action.

"Bank Windhoek is excited about the rapid growth of women's cricket as a sport in Namibia. We support the development of youth in sport and are very excited to witness this first time event that will host six teams from Namibia and its neighboring countries, namely Botswana and South Africa", said Riaan van Rooyen Bank Windhoek's Head of Corporate Communication and Social Investment.

"Our appreciation is expressed to the sponsor of the event, Bank Windhoek, for making this Women's Cricket Festival possible. This sponsorship by Bank Windhoek provides exciting opportunities and must be lauded and praised in all aspects", said Laurie Pieters, CEO of Cricket Namibia.

The Women's Cricket Festival will officially be opened on Sunday, 5 December at Wanderers Sport Club at 18h30 and the Prize Giving Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, 9 December at 13h00 also at Wanderers Sport Club.

NIGERIA



Nigeria hosted the ACA-ICC 2010 All Rounder Academy from November 9-12, 2010 at the National Stadium, Surulere Lagos whereby 20 participants attended. The four-day programme was attended by cricketers from Morocco, Cameroon, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Ghana and host country Nigeria.

The participants discussed the ICC/ACA Development programme and the pathway for players. They were taken through various drills in Bowling, Batting, Fielding and Wicket keeping for skill develop and fault correction. Participants had net practice to rehearse the drills and in addition a 20-20 game. Furthermore, (Science of Cricket video) was shown on Biomechanics and Jolene Dippenaar's 'Eye at Peak' was presented on visual training along side some Eye-Hand and Eye-Leg coordination drills.

Participants realized the emphasis on correct techniques through drills which must be practiced regularly. They gained a practical understanding of the Science of Cricket that is the movement of the body and how this enhances performance. They had a thorough understanding of the importance of the eyes {vision} and why attention must be given to vision along with the general physical preparation of players. .

At the end of the course, Participants were request to assess the presentation and content of the programme with a view to identify future needs.



As part of efforts to expand the grassroots base for the game, the Nigeria Cricket Federation (NCF), in line with the development programme of the International Cricket Council and African Cricket Association, recently Organized Cricket Introductory Courses in four states spread across the country.

The States are: Cross River, Rivers, Kebbi and Enugu states. The course, which was co-ordinated by Nigeria's international, Endurance Ofem, as expected, was indeed another success in trying to expand the grassroot development drive within the country.

In Portharcourt, (25th-26th November), the first day of the course covered a high percentage of practical work ranging from Batting basic techniques to Fielding drills involving general introduction of batting, grip, stance, back lift and hitting the ball, catching, throwing and retrieving the ball.

In Kebbi State, (25th-26th November), Coach Dan Asabe was on ground as course instructor. The turnout was quite impressive. Participants were taken through the basic techniques of batting, fielding and other key areas of coaching. The participating students were quite enthusiastic to learn the rudiment of the game.

In Enugu, the Two-Day ICC/ACA/NCF Introductory Cricket Coaching Course which took place at the University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State, over the weekend (25th-26th Nov.) ended with great success. The course which was attended by 27 participants and over 100 Secondary School Students/pupils of Primary Schools (who took part in the practical) was described by Ex-Nigeria International, Dr. Jacob Onyechi as motivating and wonderful.

The course covered trainings on the areas of batting /fielding/bowling fundamentals, wicket keeping, umpiring and scoring, volunteerism, the spirit of the game etc Bat-shapes, Tennis Balls, Wickets and T-shirts from NCF were distributed to the Schools, Participants, Students and Pupils.



The ICC/ACA and NCF development strategy of expanding grass root cricket was discussed and participants were taken through the pathway of coaching development. Volunteerism, planning a coaching session and modified games were also discussed.

RWANDA

The CWB London based charity organization yet again sent down a team of coaches, from 1-16th October, to conduct coaching sessions with Rwandan coaches as well as youth in cricket development activities and to spread the HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention message.



This year saw a team of 9 coaches coming down and comprised of different levels of coaches ranging from Level 1 to level 3 coaches providing coaching to about 1,000 students and teachers from various schools.

With some help from a few of the local coaches the team spent the first week in Rwanda introducing cricket and teaching about HIV/AIDS awareness to several school kids and conducting coaching sessions within Kigali as well as other schools around Rwanda.

The schools visited in Kigali included Apade primary and secondary, Greenhills Academy, ESA Nyarugunga, and Kagarama Secondary. The team also traveled to the North of Rwanda and coached ISAE Busogo as well as APEDI Rwaza students. Since Apade, Kagarama and ISAE School teams were participating in the on-going schools tournament, the CWB coaches put in extra hours through trainings on extra days to improve their skills for the tournament.



CWB's Rwanda 2010 team's second week in country built on the first week by continuing activities in and around Kigali Schools. Some intensive coach education was conducted before attention turned to encouraging the coaches to take on the delivery. In addition to schools the team found time to conduct a range of other activities including After-school clubs, a visit and coaching session at the orphanage at Pefa and a trip to Butare in the southern territories where they worked with kids at a school for the deaf. The team was able to introduce cricket to PEFA orphanage in Kigali and start-up blind cricket in a disabled kids centre in Gitarama.

The CWB coaches also trained 25 Rwandan level 1 coaches that included some of the teachers from the schools and gave them certificates as well. The team donated kwik cricket plastic equipment to the schools and donated the other soft cricket kit to RCA to handle the distribution through its development programmes. The team also donated several hard-ball cricket equipment



collected from various clubs in London. This kit came in handy during the schools tournament.
Report by Robert Mugisha

TANZANIA

The ACA U19 Womens Tournament - 2010 was held in Tanzania Final day.

The final day saw Uganda winning against Tanzania of the last ball of the game. Tanzania batting first scored 57 all out. In reply Uganda replied by scoring 58 for 7 in 30 overs. The last over Uganda needed 2 runs to win. They managed to get the winning run of the last ball.

Earlier on the day Rwanda beat Kenya by 25 runs to take the 3rd position.

Kevin Apio of Uganda was the player of the series. She scored 52 runs and took 7 wickets. Sofia Hamed of Tanzania was the best batter. She scored 44 runs in the tournament. Janet Mbabazi of Uganda was the best bowler with 9 wickets.

Competition Points

All matches, ACA/ICC U19 Women 2010

Team	Plyd	Wo/r	W1st	Draw	Tie	L1st	Lo/r	NR	BPts	Total
Uganda	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	-	12
Tanzania	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	-	8
Rwanda	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	-	4
Kenya	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	-	0

UGANDA

In a bid to increase on the umpiring base in the country, UCA successfully held an Introductory Umpiring course in Kampala from the 19th – 20th November 2010 whereby 17 candidates attended.



This course targeted school teachers and students from schools. It was facilitated by Francis Ekalungar and Baker Elonge who are the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Uganda Cricket Umpires & Scorer's Association respectively. Both gentlemen have been umpires for quite some time and have even officiated in International Tournaments.

Members were taken through the basics of umpires and some of the following were introduced to the participants.

- Signals of the game
- Dismissals in cricket
- Positioning of the umpire
- Judgment of wides and no balls
- LBW judgments
- Pitch measurements/dimensions



Members were also taken through the laws of cricket by the facilitators. The facilitators emphasized time keeping and confidence while umpiring. They were also advised to always signal clearly to the umpires.

A session was conducted on the cricket field where members were taught to position themselves while umpiring. Members were also taught the markings on the field and how the measurements are arrived at.

On the last day, the Duckworth/Lewis method of revising cricket targets was introduced to the members. It was quite interesting that many members managed to grasp it very fast.

Certificates will be awarded to the participants after they have umpired some games and the Umpires Association is satisfied with their performance. Receipt of the certificate will also depend on the results of the test that was given at the end of the course.

Uganda Cricket Association continues to thank Africa Cricket Association and the ICC Development Program for making this course possible for Uganda Cricket. REPORT BY: Martin Ondeko

ICC-AFRICA

The ICC Africa regional development programme extended its members services reach this month, as it presented its first ICC Africa – Associate and Affiliate Umpire Forum from the 23rd to 28th November 2010. The forum saw 26 umpires from 14 countries participated in a five day umpire development process. The forum saw the utilization of former test umpire Cyril Mitchley and the current ICC Europe tournament referee David Dukes as presenters and facilitators. There was also the inclusion of presentations by Mike Gajjar, Cricket South Africa Umpire Manager and Carl



Hurter, Vice President of Gauteng Cricket Umpires Association and Shahid Wadvalla, Cricket South Africa match referee.

The forum took place at the O R Tambo Garden Court, and a range of topics were discussed. The regional development manager of the ICC Africa, Mr Cassim Suliman, kick off the forum with a strategic overview of the ICC development programme and the processes that will be put into place to develop the umpire in Africa. This was followed by Graham McMillan you discuss the ICC policies and umpire pathways relating to the African scenario. It is hoped that these two presentations were able to create in the participants minds a clear understanding of the current scenario regarding umpire development in Africa and the process forward into 2011.

Cyril Mitchley was up next and he presented a very practical discussion topic relating to the pre-tournament preparation of umpires. He covered personal travel, pre-tournament ground inspection, pre-tournament meeting and topics for discussion at this meeting. The first day ended with the presentation from Shahid Wadvalla who discussed physical preparation for the umpire relating to diet and fitness.

Shahid Wadvalla kicked off the second day in with a very interesting presentation regarding umpiring techniques. He paid specific attention to training tips for LBW's and the positioning of the umpire on the field. Cyril Mitchley then began the 2nd session with umpiring methodology which included coping with pressure, net practice for the umpire, practical tips for managing conflict on the field and dealing with the media. The post lunch session was conducted at Sahara Park Willowmore with a practical session on umpiring techniques and methodologies.

Friday morning saw the inclusion of the real "meat" of the forum. David Jukes presented the entire morning session. He cove interpretations of the MCC laws for the year October 2010 to September 2011. This included a video presentation of the laws and the interpretations that was produced by the MCC to explain their rationale. David then went on to discuss the world cricket league 50 over playing conditions, standard T20 playing conditions (which was particularly relevant to these umpires as they will all be utilized in the 2011 T20 qualification pathway tournaments) and finally the I/i.e. shield matches playing conditions, which a few of the umpires have really found themselves officiating in. The afternoon session was a very practical orientated session where Mike Gajjar and Carl Hurter presented the Duckworth Lewis calculations in the utilization of the Duckworth Lewis software. Carl also went on to explain that the calculation formula to be utilized in the determination of the reduction of overs in a rain/light affected match. Mike Gajjar use this time to discuss the umpire assessment process is currently utilized by Cricket South Africa.

The final theoretical day was kicked off by Logitech's Dieter Peigel. He explained that the computer based the scoring systems is the ICC regional office has decided to use for the major regional tournaments in 2010 and 2011. He showed the umpires how the system worked as well as the various added benefits from a coaching perspective. He also introduced the delegates to the website and how the live matches were reflected on the website. David Jukes then continued with Keith presentation regarding the code of conduct in the application of the disciplinary procedures at ICC regional events. Obviously this process would be cascaded down into the ICC Africa regional events and it was felt that this was a particularly interactive and useful session for the umpire delegates.



The final day Sunday, 28 November saw the umpires being allocated matches in the Eastern cricket league. They were to stand in the Premier league matches, Promotion league matches and Directors league matches. The purpose of this practical assessment of the umpires was to better equip the regional office with a decision-making tool. As a direct result of this input from the league captains, observations made during the course of the seminar, private discussions that were held with the candidates as well as general perceptions that were observed over the course of the five days, the regional office is hoping to be able to establish an Africa A panel, an Africa B panel and an emerging panel. It is envisaged that the 'A' panel will consist of six umpires the 'B' panel 10 umpires and the Emerging panel should consist of eight umpires. These umpires will be allocated matches ICC AfricaT20 Qualifiers in 2011.

It is hoped that the success of this first ICC Africa – Associate and Affiliate Umpire Forum will lead to a better quality of umpiring Africa in general. A further outcome will be a movement of umpires from the Africa A panel into the ICC Associate and Affiliate panel.



REMINDERS

U15 JUNIOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT – BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA: 04-06 DECEMBER 2010

MOZAMBIQUE; BOTSWANA; NAMIBIA; ZAMBIA; SWAZILAND; **LESOTHO; MALAWI** & INVITATION

Please submit Participation agreements; squad lists together with passport details and dietary requirements as well as Participation Fees to the ICC-Africa Regional Development Office

U15 JUNIOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT – KAMPALA, UGANDA: 04-06 DECEMBER 2010

TANZANIA; UGANDA; KENYA; RWANDA; SEYCHELLES

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U15 JUNIOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT – LAGOS, NIGERIA: 04-06 DECEMBER 2010

NIGERIA; SIERRA LEONE; GAMBIA; GHANA; **MOROCCO**; MALI; CAMEROON

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PEPSI ICC-AFRICA WOMENS CWCO TOURNAMENT – NAIROBI, KENYA: 14-19 DECEMBER 2010

SOUTH AFRICA; ZIMBABWE; KENYA; TANZANIA; UGANDA

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