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BOTSWANA

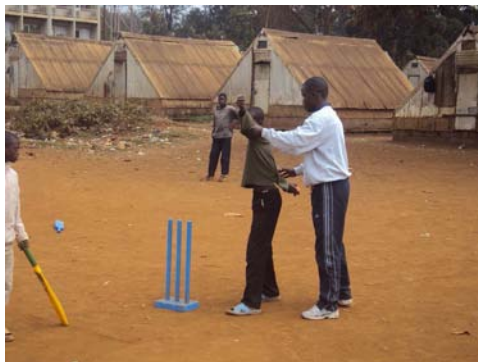
The Botswana Cricket Association is happy to announce that it has commenced with a league for Under 13 boys since the 13th of September 2010. The tournament consists of 24 schools participating. The tournament is scheduled to come to a close on the 13th of October 2010.

This tournament is held only for government primary schools at the BCA oval behind the National Stadium. There will be prizes for the man of the match for every game as well as prizes for the best batsman, best bowler and best fielder from the semi final stage. Prizes will be given to the player of the tournament, emerging player and team with the best team spirit.

On the 20th of September 2010, BCA hosted a refresher course for teachers in Phikwe. At this event, BCA also distributed cricket kits to 27 government schools in Phikwe and the Madinare area (450 kms away from Gaborone)

The refresher course was conducted by Arjun Menon. The kit was distributed in the presence of the BCL Mines MD along with other Government Officials.

KENYA



From the dusty fields of Mathare, to the 'greener pastures' of Karura Forest and the traditional cricketing school of Oshwal, the African Cricket Week was marked in Kenya in three very unique ways.

Mathare Youth children have embraced Cricket in a football dominated society, breaking ranks with the notion that cricket is to be played in certain areas and not others, the youngsters seized the most of a rare opportunity they were accorded by getting some quality coaching in their backyard by two coaches from Cricket Kenya.

Two years ago the prospect of playing cricket in one of Nairobi's larger underprivileged society was rather a dream than a reality, but times have changed and with the expansion of the



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Special Projects arm of cricket development within the association, areas like this one are set to benefit in terms of their involvement in the game.

The game is played through adversity within this location and interference such as the ball being picked up by a stranger, who would refuse to return it back until after much persuasion due to the ball having struck a passerby are commonplace. Mind you; there are no warning signs to exercise caution while you walk about near the playing area.



Yet even the lack of an ideal surface cannot work as a deterrent to the budding children of this estate, the fields are very dusty to say the least and while some of us might consider wearing a dust mask to practice, residents are used to the condition that a cough or a sneeze due to the dust emanating from below is a rare occurrence.

The celebrations were then to find their way to Karura Forest Primary School, a school that is directing all its efforts on ensuring that cricket culture is deeply rooted in its short involvement in the sport. Situated in a remote location among one of the two forest lands bordering the city of Nairobi, Karura Forest primary has given the game top priority. The institution that was a sleep 20 months ago, but such is the huge difference in their engagement over the past year that the school has won three Nairobi mini-cricket boys and a girl's title. The school marked the Cricket Week by holding a practice session that was followed by an internal match amongst themselves as they seek to start the new term, putting every effort to defend their hard earned titles and staying put at the top of the table with best of the lot within the city.

Oshwal Academy Nairobi on the other hand put their program of the day to some good use and served up a fun-filled occasion for their teachers in marking this important day in the African Calendar. The school inset was well utilized by the teachers who profited by taking basic lessons on umpiring and coaching. The basic umpiring session saw them educated on the most common application of the laws of the game during cricket matches.

The sections on substitutes, runners, no ball, wide ball and leg before wicket received the most attention since their occurrence on the field of play creates the discussion points. The tutors gained a lot from the explanations provided ahead of their cricket season that begins in the September term. There are now well prepared for the challenges ahead, especially in terms of the interpretation of the laws of the game as well as the coaching skills that were also included as part of the one-day session. Different techniques on fielding, catching and throwing and moreover, bowling and batting were expounded upon.

The essential segments of the sport were learnt, not in their entirety but basic enough to arm the participants with the necessary technical 'know how' to be able to achieve the goals set by the inset and furthermore the skills required to tackle the sessions out in the field.



1. Children from Mathare Youth Community engage in various activities during the first day of the African cricket week marked at their centre last week.



2. The second day of the cricket week was marked by the involvement of students from Karura Forest Primary School



3. Teachers from Oshwal Academy, Nairobi took the opportunity to up-skill themselves on the important aspects of the game



LESOTHO



An Introductory Scoring and Umpiring Course was held in Maseru, Lesotho from the 06th – 08th of August 2010. 14 candidates attended the course and were equipped with the basic skills of umpiring and scoring.

Mr. Chaka Lekoatsa facilitated the course with the assistance of Mr. Atanase Mohapi the Lesotho Development officer.

The Four Nation local Tournament was hosted in celebration of the Indian independence ceremony. The tournament was played at the Machabeng college grounds on the 14th -15th August 2010.



The Participating teams were:

- ⇒ Lesotho
- ⇒ India
- ⇒ Pakistan
- ⇒ World xi

The Indians and the Pakistanis are living in Lesotho, as for the world xi was an international invitation.



It was a 20/20 knockout tournament and the toss decided as follows: Lesotho Vs world xi & India Vs Pakistan
The final results were:

1. India; 2. Lesotho; 3. Pakistan & 4. World xi

THE ZONAL QUALIFIERS

The post primary zone played their annual qualifiers at the various grounds, they were qualifying for the National tournament held at Hlotse High school Leribe from the 03rd to the 05th September 2010.



LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE

A very fulfilling course was held at the Lesotho Development Centre on the 27th to the 29th August 2010. 15 participants were trained in this course which was facilitated by Mr. Jody Martins



THE NATIONAL POST PRIMARY ANNUAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

This major event was held at Hlotse High School leribe from the 03rd to the 05th August 2010. 12 schools of both genders competed at this Tournament. They were from five different zones of our country. The winners were as follows:

Girls:

- ⇒ 3rd position Peka High School
- ⇒ 2nd position 'Mamathe High School
- ⇒ 1st position Zenon High School

Boys:

- ⇒ 3rd position Peka High School
- ⇒ 2nd Position Assumption High School
- ⇒ 1st Position St. Paul High school





PREMIER LEAGUE TOP FOUR

National Clubs' Cricket Tournament

Four top teams of the National Premier League Played a top four tournament on the 11th and the 12th September 2010.



- ⇒ Ajax Cricket Club
- ⇒ Bails Cricket Club
- ⇒ Lerotholi Polytechnic Cricket Club
- ⇒ N.U.L Vampires Cricket Club

A 20/20 knockout was played

The winning club was N.U.L Vampires Cricket Club.

Lerotholi Polytechnic, Ajax Cricket Club and Bails Cricket Club were in position 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

The Prize money of that tournament was as follows:

- ⇒ 4th Prize M1,000.00
- ⇒ 3rd Prize M2,000.00
- ⇒ 2nd Prize M3,000.00
- ⇒ 1st Prize M4,000.00

The first ever L.C.A Premier League Trophy in the hands of the National University of Lesotho's students.

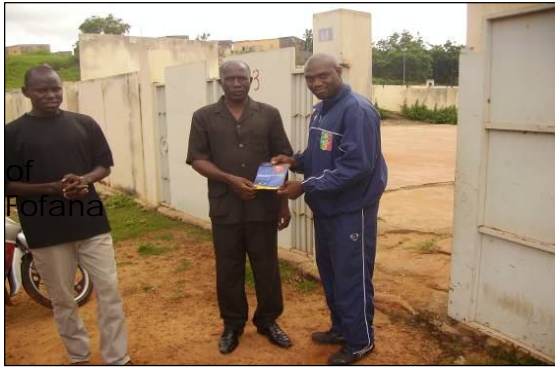
L.C.A is working very hard to making the sport of cricket known and played nation wide.



Report compiled by: MOSITO MAFANTI - LCA ADMINISTRATOR



MALI



Thursday 26 August 2010 a delegation of FeMaCrik (Malian Cricket Federation) went to Koulikoro. This delegation was composed of M Tidiane Fofana (President of FeMaCrik), Mr Souleymane Bobo Tounkara (Secretary Information and Communication) and Mr. Ichakha (National Coordinator of Regions).

The objective of this visit was the creation of the Executive Committee of Regional Board of Koulikoro. The delegation has been, successively received by the Regional Director of Youth Sports and after by the Director of CAP (Schools Regional Board). Let's also note that the authorities of the region said that they will bring all of their support to the promotion and development of the game of cricket. The Meeting took place in the CAP. At the end of ceremony, a committee of 17(seventeen) members was elected lead by Mr. Modibo Coulibaly.

The New League Committee is now ready to do its best to Promote and develop the game in Region of Koulikoro.

The Committee is dedicated to ensure the success of the game. The President of FeMaCrik congratulated and encouraged all members of New Committee to work in the spirit of game. FeMaCrik now has 5 (five) Regional League which are: Ségou, Sikasso, Timbuktu, Kayes and Koulikoro.



On Sunday 5TH September 2010, Malian Cricket Federation had conducted, in partnership with Kalanso (Private Primary Schools of Djélibougou), a one day Cricket Coaching course for forty participants. Most of them were from Kalanso and Troungoumé a town in 1st Administrative Region of Mali.



At the end of this session some cricket equipments were given by the President of FeMaCrik Mr Tidiane FOFANA to the representative of Troungoumé. Let us note that this session was conducted



by Mr Mahamadou T Diaby (deputy of National Technical Director) and Mr Ichakha FOFANA (National Coordinator of Regions).



The closing ceremony took place in the presence of the Mayor of Troungoumbé, the representative of the youth of Troungoumbé and the two Directors of Kalanso Espace Education International School. The mayor in his speech has shown his availability to promote cricket in his town. The two Directors Mrs Sanoh and Mrs Diallo who have always supported the promotion of the game since its debut have shown all their satisfaction at the end of ceremony. Reported by Mr FOFANA ICHAKHA (Administrative Assistant)

MOROCCO

In the framework of the preparation for the Moroccan Team's participation in the U15 Tournament in Nigeria from the 4th to 7th December 2010, the Moroccan Royal Cricket Board organized a training camp for 38 cricket players from different cities of Morocco, Tanger, Rabat, Sale and Casablanca, led by the coach and the technical adviser to the Board Mr; Mounir Khmirou, at the cricket ground of Sale, on 17, 18 and 19th September 2010. The players were aged between 10 to 15 years old.





Other intensive training course will be led by the technical director to the Board Mr; Idrissi Mohameda long with a technical team, will be arranged on 1st to 3rd october 2010 in order to select the 12 players who will represent Morocco, for the first time, in the U15 Tournament in Nigeria;

NAMIBIA

Bank Windhoek Ladies Cricket League

The Bank Windhoek Ladies Cricket league started in Swakopmund during the last weekend of September when Pro-Ed, WAP and Moria played three matches against each other. WAP won both matches played against Moria and Pro-Ed and it seems like they will be the team to beat this year. The next matches is scheduled to take place in Windhoek and then in Outjo.



Kwata Cricket: Taking it to the next level!

The Kwata Cricket team consisting of cricket players coming through the development program of Cricket Namibia in partnership with UNICEF took development in Windhoek to the next level by playing their first league matches.

Children never been exposed to cricket before has been coached with soft cricket balls for the past year and since the beginning of September receiving coaching with hard cricket balls.



Wessel Myburgh and Mika Mutumbe are the U/11 and U/13 coaches guiding these teams on this new path. The emphasis this season will be the exposure to match situations and improving on the different skills taught to the players so that the teams can play competitive cricket the next season.

Coastal Cricket Development

Johnny Heynes and Justus Hangula works endlessly at the coast to develop cricket on all levels. They have just started to coach cricket at Kuisebmond and this semester their different leagues will also start for all the age groups. Five coastal cricketers were included in the recent Namibia U/13 boys' team touring to South Africa with Brandon Groenewald performing as bowler and batsman.



Development Cricket in the North

Pieter Groenewald, a grade 12 learner of Moria Private School, and Ben Calitz of Outjo, initiated a cricket development program, Edusport, among the local community. They introduce the game of cricket to the youth, especially to underprivileged children not being offered exposure to different sport codes, like cricket. Through cricket, they teach the kids important values, keep them off the streets and maybe identify the next Makaya Ntini!





The project is supported by Barry Aitken and the Forty Club in the UK. A team from Edusport has already participated in a mini-cricket tournament and a senior team will compete in the upcoming 14/14 tournament that is also the brainchild of Pieter Groenewald.

Namibia U/13 Boys Cricket team tours to South Africa



The Namibia U13 boys' cricket team took part in the Peninsula U/13 Pro20 Cricket Festival in Worcester and Bellville last week. They played six 20 over matches in Worcester from Monday to Wednesday of which they won 5 including the play offs for third place and lost only one match against the U/13 Boland team. On Thursday and Friday they played 40 over matches in Bellville against the Peninsula Academy. On Thursday they won the match against the U/12 side but lost on Friday against the U/13 side. Saturday they faced the U/13 Peninsula Academy team, winners of the Peninsula U/13 Pro20 Cricket Festival in Worcester, in a Pro20 match and beat them convincingly. Thus of the nine cricket matches played, the Namibia team won 7 matches and lost only 2. Brandon Groenewald got 230 runs in 8 matches and took 11 wickets during the tour.

NIGERIA

In this year's Coaching Clinic, there were eight (8) sessions in eight (8) consecutive days, which was conducted from Friday 6th to Saturday 14th August, 2010 excluding Sunday 7th. The clinic was conducted at the Cricket pitch, Tafawa Balewa Square, Race course, Lagos.

Activities were divided into two parts:

1. Lectures
2. Practical

Class work:

The under-listed were taught in class:

1. Ethics, culture and etiquette of cricket



2. History of Cricket
3. Laws of Cricket
4. Games strategy
5. Captaincy
6. Umpiring and scoring

Field work:

Skills and techniques of the following were taught on the field:

1. Batting
2. Bowling
3. Fielding
4. Wicket keeping
5. Umpiring and scoring



A test was conducted to assess the cricket knowledge of the participants.

Equipment:

Locally produced batshapes and wickets were used. Rubber balls were also utilized.

Coaching Crew:

1. Austin Areghan (Ass. Co-ordinator)
2. Joseph Eshua (Co-ordinator)
3. Friday Udoh
4. Emmanuel Okwudili
5. Azeez Salako
6. John Tamuno

Guest Coach:

Okon Ukpong

ZAMBIA

A three (3) day Basic Umpire’s Course for teachers was held at Nchanga Cricket Club in Chingola district on the Copperbelt Province of Zambia. The course which was sponsored by Konkola Copper Mines Plc (KCM) was conducted from 15th – 17th September 2010 and was attended by 20 participants/teachers from various schools within the district. It was also encouraging to see a good number (8) of female participants attending the course.



Chingola district is known to be one of the districts on the Copperbelt with an active and sponsored school cricket development league since the Introductory to cricket course held in 2007. This development has been successful with the help of these teachers who have been instrumental in setting up the programme. Since the introductory course in 2007, about 30 coaches/teachers have been trained. The Copperbelt Cricket Association (CCA) and its technical officers for cricket development are working very hard to ensure that these Development Programmes are kept alive. The Basic Umpire’s Course was facilitated by Edwin Muwowo



and Brian Yambayamba who are the Technical Advisers for CCA and resource persons for the Cricket Development Programmes on the Copperbelt Province.

Due to the success of this programme, the number of involved schools in Chingola is steadily increasing. The number has almost doubled over the past 3 years to now consist of about 30 member schools.



The participants were examined at the end of the workshop and a practical match was organised between Kabundi High School and Chingola High School as part of the practical examination for participants.



ICC-AFRICA



The Africa region ran its first Elite Academy from the 25th – 30th of September 2010. The venue was Sahara Park Willowmore in Benoni. The Academy accommodated two (2) senior players per country of which the seven (7) associate membership were invited to attend.

The rationale for this camp was the continued upskilling of the cricketers in Africa in line with the KPI's. The major focus areas of the academy were the approaches to batting and bowling in the 50 over game.



With all seven associates now playing in the Global World Cricket League. The Elite Academy was directed at these cricketers. It is felt that our batters need to develop more attacking shots played with a greater deal of proficiency. The focus of the bowling was accurate on the spot bowling with the elimination of wides been the priority.

In order to achieve these lofty ideals a full set of expert presenters were assembled. Shukri Conrad was the head coach of the Academy. He has coached The Highveld Strikers and the Cobras in the South African domestic franchise leagues.



Shukri put the players through their paces each day, the average length of the days were about seven hours. Shukri utilised the Indoor facility, the turf outdoor nets as well as a centre wicket for the development of the skills. The services of Sports Psychologist Ken Jennings were also procured. It is hoped that this level of mental development and toughness will become the hallmark of the African Cricketer. Jolene Dippenaar was used as the visual trainer. She went through the theory as well as practical visual enhancement skills.

It is hoped that these cricketers will take what they have learnt and been exposed to, back to their relevant countries and that this becomes part and parcel of the African Cricketer!



REMINDERS

ALL ROUNDER ACADEMY – BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA: 08-12 OCTOBER 2010

LESOTHO; SWAZILAND; MOZAMBIQUE; MALAWI; SEYCHELLES (3 PER COUNTRY)

Please submit names urgently and passport details as well as other requirements

ALL ROUNDER ACADEMY – NAIROBI, KENYA: 08-12 OCTOBER 2010

KENYA; RWANDA; TANZANIA; UGANDA; SEYCHELLES (3 PER COUNTRY)

Please submit names urgently and passport details as well as other requirements

CEO'S CONFERENCE – BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA: 21-24 OCTOBER 2010

UGANDA; KENYA; TANZANIA; ZAMBIA; RWANDA; MOZAMBIQUE; SWAZILAND; BOTSWANA; MALAWI; NAMIBIA; MALI; SEYCHELLES

Please submit names and passport details as well as other requirements

UMPIRES SEMINAR – BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA: 24-28 NOVEMBER 2010

SELECTED UMPIRES

U15 JUNIOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT – BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA: 05-09 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 – DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA: 04-06 DECEMBER 2010

TANZANIA; UGANDA; KENYA; RWANDA; SEYCHELLES

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 – LAGOS, NIGERIA: 04-06 DECEMBER 2010

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

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

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