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BOTSWANA

Ruth Maphorisa, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture, has said that Sport Tourism should be counted amongst the key initiatives in Botswana's drive to economic diversification. Maphorisa was addressing a multi-national crowd at the closing ceremony for the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s World Cup League Division 7, a week-long event that took place on Botswana soil.

The Botswana Cricket Association (BCA) hosted national cricket teams from Germany, Kuwait, Nigeria, Norway and Japan during the Division 7 tournament competitions.

"I have every confidence in the fact that sports can sell the country, and I believe that the ministry responsible for the economic diversification should consider sports as one of the main attractions to investors," said Maphorisa.

"I also want to warn football that they should watch out for cricket, the successful running of the Division 7 tournament is today a testimony of how cricket is making inroads in Botswana. What I find especially impressive is the implementation of their grassroots project and how it's being run," said Maphorisa.

Maphorisa also mentioned the fact that the Lobatse Stadium, although officially opened on the 5th of April, was not 100 percent ready for use but the BCA volunteered manpower to ready the pitch for use in the first game of the tournament. She said that when she first heard that the BCA planned to have their first match at the Lobatse grounds, she thought it was a joke because of the condition the cricket field was still under. She congratulated the BCA for the work they put into making sure the field was ready for the World Cup league.

"The BCA has not only made us proud but they have also put us on the map as a country; we have never hosted a tournament of such nature. Although we didn't win the league, this shouldn't be regarded as a loss but should be considered as capacity building."



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KENYA

A level 1 coaching course was held in Nairobi, Kenya from the 9th - 10th of May, 2011. The Level one course attracted 14 participants who included National team players, under 19's and 2 Kenya ladies team members. The purpose of the course was to train more coaches and with the increase in number of cricketers in the country there is need for people with knowledge and the technical ability of the game to assist the youngsters from the junior level to the top.

The first day the participants were taken through a video session that highlighted the basics of coaching at the junior level on fielding and batting drills and how to apply them while coaching. The video session also highlighted on cricketers who have made it to the top through the development programs elsewhere. After the video they were taken to the field for practical demonstrations where each participant went through the fielding and batting on the key areas of coaching like balancing, back swing, running between the wickets, catching and throwing and the importance of follow through.



The Kisumu Inagural six a side Tournament was held on the 14th of May 2011 at the Kisumu Senior Academy. The tournament involved 6 boys' and 4 girls' team playing in two groups and the primary schools had two teams i.e. Kisumu Junior Academy and Ogada Primary schools were also involved in an exhibition mini cricket match. The secondary schools that took part were:



Alfred of Kasagam Secondary playing a shot through mid-wicket in a match against Muslim Secondary

The purpose of the tournament is in line with cricket Kenya development program to spread the game to different parts of the country. Cricket Kenya introduced the game in Kisumu last year in November by conducting a course in Introductory to cricket coaching course to school teachers both primary and secondary and volunteer groups like YSDAK and 22 participants took part. The schools were also provided with equipments and the teachers who attended the coaching course went on to introduce the game to their schools.



Mercyline Odhiambo of St. Teresa's girl's team (in red) declines a further run during the girls competition

The tournament was a success and the teachers have also come together to form a committee with chairman being Gerald Omolo of YSDAK, secretary is Evelyne Oginga of St Teresa's and treasure is Derick Inyanje of Kisumu Senior Academy. YSDAK which is a youth sports development alliance of Kenya was also handy in looking for sponsorship as Airtel brought T-shirts for teachers and pens plus key holders which were given to students. YSDAK also bought trophies for the girls' category and hired the P.A system plus the tent for the event. The tournament was also attended by Kisumu district sports officer Mr Geoffrey Bukachi who also presented the winner's trophy.

MALI

From 31st April to 1st of May 2011, an ICC/ACA umpiring course was held in Mali in conjunction with Malian Cricket Federation (FeMaCrik). The course was conducted by Johnny Gabriel Gomez. In total 12 participated. The course was based on the forty-two (42) written laws of cricket and the forty-third (43rd) unwritten law of cricket which is the common sense. All these laws was discussed in depth by Mr. Gomez to the participants. In addition, he also shared his own umpiring experiences at national and international level. A lot of practical cases were studied throughout the course. A final exam was taken by the participants at the end. The closing ceremony was covered by the national TV (ORTM) and local newspapers and radios. Report by: Fofana - Administrative Assistant



MOROCCO

From the 21st – 22nd of May 2011, J. Gomez conducted an Umpires Course in Morocco. It has been reported by the Morocco Cricket Association that the course was both beneficial and interesting to all participants. The course conductor was assisted by Mr. Mounir Khmirau.

NIGERIA

Nigeria Cricket Federation (NCF), in its on-going exercise to re-engineer its processes to make it more efficient and effective in service delivery to stakeholders of cricket in Nigeria has entered into a relationship with CubeServ, an Information Technology Company based in Victoria Island, Lagos which operates as a complete Information System Provider.

The federation successfully launched an Online robust database software that captures information of Cricketers in Nigeria/Foreign based Nigerian players that play at the Primary/Secondary School, Tertiary, Club, State and International level, Ex-Internationals, Umpires, Scorers & Curators. The robust software package, designed by CubeServ, has also been customized to capture data of Cricket Administrators in the country, Club Owners, Sponsors and Media Personnel who cover cricket.

At a brief signing ceremony performed on behalf of NCF by the General Manager/COO, George Wiltshire & Head of Operations, Abimbola Maduka, on behalf of CubeServ, held at the Secretariat of the federation in Lagos today, George Wiltshire explained that cricketers, administrators, other stakeholders of Cricket in Nigeria can access the URL: www.nigeriacricketfederationdatabase.com from cybercafes, comfort of their homes, office, from mobilephones with internet access and follow the simple procedure to register as appropriate either as Player, Umpire/Scorer, Administrator, Sponsor or Media Personnel etc. The user friendly system will serve as information bank and will be very useful to anybody who is interested in knowing more about stakeholders of cricket in Nigeria. He urged stakeholders to start registering online in order to populate the database with profiles of themselves.

Wiltshire, on behalf of the Nigeria Cricket Federation sincerely acknowledged the contributions and genuine support of CubeServ towards the Federation and looks forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the company.



Caption: Abimbola Maduka, Head of Operations CubeServ and George Wiltshire, General Manager/COO, Nigeria Cricket Federation at the signing ceremony.

SEYCHELLES

The following article was posted in a Seychelles national newspaper pertaining to the History of cricket in Seychelles

CRICKET, THE GENTLEMAN'S GAME

CRICKET must have been played in our little country by the British colonialists, as far back as the beginning of the twentieth century. Records show that there were local competitions and matches against visiting navies.

Furthermore, during the second World War, there were different nationalities posted here and games were organised amongst themselves. It's a pity this nation never took this sport seriously because we could have been like the West Indians. We have strong, well-built locals who could have been good pace bowlers. One cricketer who I admire was the late Governor, Sir John Thorp. I started my career in this game with him, standing in the slips together. But, unfortunately, he left us in a tragic accident in the early sixties.

I started playing cricket whilst in India, in 1956, with my parents. It was fun and upon my return to Seychelles in 1957, I joined my brother, Yunas, who was a keen cricketer, to play this gentleman's game here.

In those early days, it was very difficult for me to get a place in the National squad but enthusiasm, eagerness and hard work was finally rewarded when, in 1960, I was selected in the team to play against an Indian Navy team. I was an slow off-break bowler and batted at No.11 but soon my luck changed and I was

promoted. In 1963, when Yunas, who was an opening batsman, broke his leg in a football match, I decided to take his place as an opener. This I did very well, carrying my bat on two occasions.

In the sixties and seventies we played against visiting navies, English, Indians, Pakistanis and Australian. In those days, limited overs cricket were never heard of and one team will bat until declared and then the other will try to win. In between we cannot forget the heavy lunch at the Continental Hotel belonging to the ManCham's family.

In my school days at the then Seychelles College, we did organize Inter-House competitions, but upon my leaving school, this was stopped. It seemed that the sport followed me wherever I went.

In 1966, upon the retirement of Mr Gustave de Commamond, as Chairman of the then Seychelles Amateur Cricket Club, I took over the Chairmanship until my own retirement in 1995.

In 1983, the Ministry of Sport, under the Minister Esme Jumcau, decided the zoning of all clubs and asked them to form either Federations or Associations. Thus that is when we became The Seychelles Cricket Association.

We had our first overseas

team visit here, in February 1976, pre-independence by Kathiwar C.C. from Kenya. Soon afterward, Parlands C.C., Lohana Youth, and Pangani C.C. followed. All from Kenya.

Towards the end of the eighties, I played this game in Mauritius, whilst living there for sometime. Upon my return to Seychelles, I arranged to bring a team over to Mauritius so that we can arrange inter-island competitions. This was done in November 1992 when I took the first team, the Islanders XI to play two limited over matches. This team until today is the only team to win a series over there. We had other tours but we either drew or lost the series, specially, after I retired as Chairman.

Upon my retirement, in 1995, after playing this game for 35 years and chairing the Seychelles cricket for a record 20 years, I was honored by the National Sport Council for my is gentleman's game.



Contributions and development to this gentleman's game.

Since my retirement, I still help in promoting the game and in 2000 when we started the Inter-Island competition, I was asked to be the Manager of the Seychelles Squad.

In conclusion, I would advise everyone in the management committee to keep this sport alive in our beautiful country and I shall, personally, see that it does not die.

Whether it is still the gentleman's game as it is known only we, our own self, can come to a conclusion.



The Islander XI in Mauritius

Best Wishes

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A Merry Xmas

and

Happy New Year

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Above: Picture showing the history of cricket in Seychelles - taken in 1978. The Picture features the head of the Africa Panel of Umpires – Mr. Subhash Modi of the Lohana Youth when he toured with Pangani CC



The Senior Development Coordinator of the Africa Regional Office held a Coaching course and CAP Course in Seychelles during the end of May 2011.

ICC-AFRICA



The ICC-Africa Regional Office hosted the Pepsi ICC-Africa World Cricket League Division 2 Tournament from the 14th – 19th of April 2011.

A total of nine (9) teams participated in this Tournament with the two (2) finalists being promoted into Division 1 which is scheduled to take place in Uganda shortly.

Nigeria beat Tanzania in a top of the log clash winning by a small margin of only 6 runs in the finals. Nigeria was run very close by a superb Tanzanian team! Nigeria being crowned the champions of Division 2 not only moves them up into Division 1 of the Africa Tournament but also secures a place for them in Division 7 of the ICC WCL.

Ghana emerged as the runners up of Division 2 with a splendid performance on the field. This win promotes Ghana to Division 8 which means coming out of the Africa Regional Competition into the ICC Global Competitions. Ghana is also scheduled to participate in the Africa Division 1 Tournament.

A closing ceremony and awards evening was held on the 19th of May 2011 which was covered by Supersport and other media. The event was undoubtedly successful and the ICC-Africa Regional Office would like to wish both Nigeria and Ghana all the very best in their participation in Division 1 in Uganda shortly.





Above: Winners – Nigeria National Team



Above: Player of the Tournament – Sean Phillips





Above: Runners up Ghana National Team



Closing function dinner



The photograph shows (left to right):
 Umpires: Venkata Ravi Angara(Botswana)
 Isaac Oyieko(Kenya),
 Tariq Mukhtar(Mozambique),
 Lucy Mayunga(Tanzania),
 Subhash Modi(Match Referee from Kenya),
 Baker Elonge(Uganda),
 Emmanuel Byiringiro(Rwanda),
 Hozaiph Bhallo(Tanzania),
 and Deepak Madangarli(Botswana)



The ICC-Africa Regional office in Conjunction with the Africa Cricket Association would like to congratulate Ghana Cricket Association for not only qualifying to compete in the Pepsi ICC-Africa T20 WCL Division 1 in Uganda but also congratulate Ghana on their promotion to Division 8 of the Pepsi ICC WCL which means coming out of the Africa Regional Competition into the ICC Global Competitions.

We would like to congratulate GCA on its achievements and success relating to displaying a high standard of cricket that has set a benchmark for others to follow.

The ICC-Africa Regional Office in conjunction with the Africa Cricket Association would also like to take this opportunity in congratulating the Nigerian National Team on its spectacular performance and efforts that had lead them to win the ICC-Africa APL T20 WCL Division 2 Tournament held recently in Johannesburg.

The Nigerian National Team has also secured its place in the Division 6 Tournament and further to this the team is to take part in the Pepsi ICC-Africa APL T20 WCL Division 1 Tournament in Uganda shortly.

KEEP UP THE GREAT PERFORMANCE NIGERIA!!!

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REMINDERS

CAP COURSE MODULE 2 – ALL MEMBERS

Reports to be submitted!

PEPSI ICC-AFRICA T20 DIV 1 TOURNAMENT – UGANDA: PROPOSED DATES: 9-15 JULY 2011

KENYA; NAMIBIA; NIGERIA; UGANDA & GHANA

Teams to please submit Participation agreements; 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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