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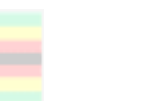
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INTERCONTINENTAL CUP

Namibia 115 and 237 for 9 (S Burger 79, Blain 4-61) beat Scotland 140 and 211 by one wicket

An unbroken 47-run final-wicket stand between Deon Kotze and Louis Klazinga pushed Namibia to a thrilling victory in Windhoek, keeping their unbeaten record in the Intercontinental Cup alive and leaving Scotland with an almost impossible task to qualify for the final. Sarel Burger kept the innings afloat with 79 off 162 balls, although when the last pair came together it appeared they'd been left with too much to do. Boundaries were rare, but Kotze and Klazinga worked hard to tick off the runs, piling pressure on the Scotland attack as they tried to claim the final breakthrough. Scotland had controlled proceedings for much of the third day after Namibia started on 45 for 3 chasing 237 on a sporting surface where wickets have fallen steadily. They chipped away at the resistance with John Blain taking his match haul to nine wickets while Glen Rodgers chipped in with a couple. But the defeat leaves them well adrift in the table with three matches remaining. Namibia, however, go from strength to strength and now sit with 82 points from their 100% record. Kenya, with a game in hand, are their closest challengers with Ireland 33 points behind in third place although they have played two matches less. Source: www.cricinfo.com

Team	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	Draw	Aban	Pts	Quotient	For	Against
Namibia	5	5	0	0	0	0	82	1.256	2390/83	2246/98
Kenya	4	3	1	0	0	0	66	1.263	1822/63	1832/80
Ireland	3	2	0	0	1	0	49	2.408	1535/26	1226/50
Netherlands	5	3	2	0	0	0	48	0.968	2470/88	2377/82
Scotland	4	1	1	0	2	0	32	1.003	1117/40	1392/50
U.A.E.	7	1	5	0	1	0	29	0.787	3024/124	3129/101
Canada	4	1	3	0	0	0	26	0.981	2085/69	1909/62
Bermuda	4	0	4	0	0	0	6	0.521	1657/80	1989/50



NIGERIA

Nigeria retained the coveted trophy and successfully hosted the second edition of the North -West Africa Cricket Championship held in Lagos and Abeokuta, Ogun State from April 1- 10, 2008, attracting the best cricketers around the North-West Africa axis. Five countries participated in the 10-day championship, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Mali and host nation, Nigeria. A total of 10 matches were played.

Nigeria, on Sunday, April 10, at the Tafawa Balewa Cricket Oval, Lagos, in a match 10 encounter, defeated hard fighting Sierra Leone by 1 wicket. The visitors scored 142 all out while the host nation surpassed the target with 1 wicket in hand. Endurance Ofem (Nigeria) top scored with (39) while L. Lamin (Sierra Leone) took 4 wickets for 20 runs in 10 overs. Lamin. L (Sierra Leone) was awarded the Bowler of the Series, Ateak.L (Ghana), Fieldsman of the Series, Olayinka. S (Nigeria), Wicket Keeper of the Series, while Ofem. E (Nigeria) was awarded Batsman of the Series and Cricketer of the Series. The family of Late Dr. Popo Akinyanju, a veteran cricketer and one time Chairman of Lagos State Cricket Association donated a trophy and cash prize of \$2,000.00 for the Cricketer of the Series.

Dignitaries that attended the spectacular Closing Ceremony included Dr. Kalu Idika Kalu, former Minister for Finance of Nigeria, Igwe Alex Nwokedi, former Chairman of Nigeria Cricket Association, Albert Okumagba, Managing Director of BGL Limited, the major sponsor of the tournament, Kwesi Sagoe, President of Nigeria Cricket Federation, Dr. Kalada Iruenabere, former Chairman of Nigeria Cricket Federation and Africa Cricket Association, Chris Enahoro, a former chairman of the Nigeria Cricket Federation, Garen Siekpe, Rasaki Akinola, Col. Walter Jibunoh (Rtd.), Akintunde Simplice (Veteran Cricketers) and a host of other dignitaries.
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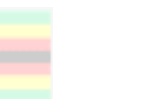
Rocks Cricket Club wins both the EDL Knockout Cricket Tournament as well as the GTA 20/20 Cricket Tourmanent.

The Nigeria Cricket Federation (NCF) has uploaded its website in continuation of its vision of creating better awareness not only about cricket but about the activities of Federation itself. The site which can be accessed at www.nigeriacricketfederation.com will carry cricket stories and operations and administration of cricket in Nigeria. It has links to dedicated sites e.g. Club Cricket Committee (CCC), London Nigerians Cricket Club (LNCC), Africa Cricket Association (ACA), Cricket South Africa and International Cricket Council (ICC). Further to its recent achievements in successfully hosting both the London Nigerians Cricket Club (LNCC) Tour 2008 and the North West Africa Cricket Championship (NWACC) 2008, the NCF continues its policy at making its administration more robust in alignment with the standards set by ICC-Africa.

The RDM of the ICC Development Programme, Mr. Cassim Suliman who paid his first visit to Nigeria during the NWACC tournament is happy with the progress the NCF is making administratively and has pledged to support the NCF in transferring this progress to the field of play. He has promised to locate more coaching and administrative courses in Nigeria and Nigeria will be the hub of the thrust of cricket development in North West Africa. He also announced that Nigeria is fortunate as their President Mr. Kwesi Sagoe has been co-opted on the ACA Executive Board of Directors.

The RDM paid a visit to the Nigeria from the 04th of April 2008 to the 08th of April 2008 and in that had an opportunity to conduct a cricket work shop concerning Cricket Administration; Playing Standards; Cricket Facilities; Woman's /Girls Cricket & Junior playing and Junior involvement. Countries present were as follows:

- Gambia
- Ghana



- Mali
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone

Meetings were conducted with the Media; Sponsors (Corporate Companies); Sports Ministry; National Sports Commission as well as Cricket Administrators.

As part of his visit he also attended the NWACC meeting and had a brief Visitation to Abuja Cricket Oval which is to be converted to Turf Wickets watched the NWACC Tournament in Lagos. In addition he also attended the final Press Conference highlighting the good work done by NCF and the support received from the ICC Africa Office. The RDM was well received by the Officials of NCF and the hospitality rendered was excellent. The commitment in ensuring that the game will be taken to a new level with regards to Administration and Communication was committed and given by all the countries present

MALI



FeMaCrik, the Malian Cricket Federation, held their fifth Bamako District Schools Cricket Tournament. It began on 24 March and drew to a climax on 4 April; it was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Urbain Sangaré.

This year 9 teams from 4 clubs were enrolled, representing over 100 players. Teams were allocated to three sections as follows:

1. Section 1 – Junior School children (U 13): three mixed teams (boys and girls) playing 11-a-side 15-over matches
2. Section 2 – Middle School Girls (U16): three teams, playing 11-a-side 15-over matches
3. Section 3 – Middle School Boys (U16): three teams playing 11-a-side 15 or 20-over matches.

The programme included 15 matches played during the 2-week Malian school holiday; group matches were followed by semi-finals with the finals held on 3 and 4 April. The table below gives details of the winning teams and runners-up in each section, as well as the individual players who were rewarded. This tournament was reported by ORTM (Mali's national tv and radio company) and by ESSOR (Mali's national newspaper covered: see Monday 7 April issue, [l'Essor n°16170 du - 2008-04-07 08:00:00] www.essor.gov.ml). They included articles and a report of the finals and the presentation of the trophies and medals to the winning squads. Each winning team received kit, a trophy and medals presented by local dignitaries and guests. Individual winners received 'gold' medals. FeMaCrik was especially honoured by the presence of representatives of the Minister of Youth & Sport, the Minister of National Education, the Malian Olympic Committee, local Civic Authorities and Malian sports federations.

TUS 2008	A. Children U13 years	B. Girls U16 years	C. Boys U18 years
Champion	Les Pharaons (Pharaohs)	Les All Stars	Les Titans 1
Runner-up	<i>Dragons Rouges (Red Dragons)</i>	<i>Dynamic Girls</i>	<i>Les Phénix (Phoenix)</i>
Best Batsman	Cédric DJOSSOU Pharaons, Kariba Boité CC	Bintou HAIDARA, Dolphins, Kalanso CC	Bakary DOUCOURE Phénix, Kariba Boité CC
Best Bowler	Haram SIDIBE Dragons Rouges, Petits Génies CC	Makoumata WAGUE Dynamic Girls, Kariba Boité CC	Thomas WATSON, Titans 1 All Stars CC
Best Player	Moussa FAROTA Pharaons,	Aïcha KONE All Stars,	Thomas WATSON, Titans 1



	Kariba Boité CC	FeMaCrik	All Stars CC
Player of the Tournament			Thomas WATSON, Titans 1 All Stars CC
Special Trainer Award			Bréhima DOUMBIA, Kariba Boité CC



Winners section I: Pharaohs

Winners section II: All Stars

Winners section III: Titans 1

The 4th 'Flamme de la Jeunesse' (Flame of Youth) athletics competition was held on Saturday 26 April at the Modibo Keita Stadium in Bamako. Four schools were primarily involved: Kalanso (Djélibougou), Petits Génies (Korofina Nord), Lumière (Hippodrome) and Lycée Sportif Ben Omar Sy (Kabala). The Malian Cricket Federation (FeMaCrik) was delighted to have the honour of organising a cricket demonstration as part of the opening ceremony. FeMaCrik wishes all the athletes a challenging and successful competition.

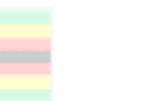


CAPE VERDE – ACA & ICC NEW FOCUS

With the support of ONDS – National Organization for Solidary Diaspora, in partnership with the British Honorary Consulate and Shell Cabo Verde, a Commission for Re-launching Cricket in S. Vicente was created and started its activities in September 2007. Two senior and 4 junior teams were built by the Commission. The teams meet once a week, on Saturday, for a training session with the objective to improve their technical capacity, under the orientation of 10 more experienced veteran players. The goal is to take the practice of Cricket to the main communities on the island of S. Vicente in a first stage and later to the islands of Santiago, Sal and Boavista. In his sense, on the 23rd of March a demonstration session took place in the village of S. Pedro, involving the population in general. The Commission is now organising demonstration sessions also in two other communities far from the city of Mindelo, namely Calhau (17 Km) and Salamansa (12 km).



All efforts are also being put in the creation of the Cricket Regional Association of S. Vicente. Anildo Fortes Andrade, who is involved in the activities since September 2007, is one of the most dynamic elements of the Commission. He says that in this moment they have 100 seniors and 60 juniors registered. In order to keep up the motivation of all those players they need now support concerning:





- Models of statutes of other Clubs created abroad;
- Updated Cricket Rules;
- Equipment and materials;
- Training of the Cape-verdean trainers, with preference by someone that can speak Portuguese or at least Spanish.

BOTSWANA

The Umpiring Basic Course that was hosted by the Botswana Cricket Association (BCA) ended last week. Girish Ramakrishna advised that the course was organised for a few selected government teachers who have demonstrated skill, passion and aptitude for cricket. The course was conducted by Shahid Wadvalla an International Cricket Association Umpire whereby 41 teachers participated. BCA also conducted a two-day Level 2 Coaching Course which had been conducted by Solly Chothia from ICC-Africa. An Elite Academy was held for the Botswana National Cricket Team.

ICC WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 3 TOURNAMENT – SOUTH AFRICA



Benoni, South Africa hosted its first ICC WCL Division Three Tournament from the 13TH to the 18TH of April 2008. The event saw 7 African countries (divided into 2 pools according to strength) participating in this tournament including a local invitation team. After Day 3, the two top placed teams in each pool played in semi finals and the winners of the semi finals progressing to the finals. The competing nations were Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Malawi, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Swaziland and the 8th team being the Invitation Team From the Eastern Cricket Academy. The final was contested between Ghana and Swaziland with Ghana beating Swaziland and thus both teams progressing to the ICC World Cricket League Division 2 to be staged in Zambia in August 2008.

A closing ceremony was held on the evening of the 18^h. All awards were presented at the Presidential Suite at Willowmoore Park as follows:-

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| - Tournament Winners | Ghana |
| - Runners up Winners Section | Swaziland |
| - Runners up Plate Section | Rwanda |
| - Winners of the Plate Section | Sierre Leone |
| - Player of the Tournament | Francis Dake |
| - Umpire of the Tournament | Subhash Modi |
| - Appreciation Awards | Abdul Latif Barnes (match manager) |



Various dignitaries made the awards presentations. After the awards presentation, each team distributed memorabilia from their countries to other countries and then dinner and drinks were served. The closing ceremony was enjoyed by all. Supersport was at the finals to cover the game. The ICC WCL Division Three Tournament Africa was a huge success. The success of this event has raised the bar for all future ICC Development tournaments. Congratulations and our sincere thanks and appreciation must go to the Eastern Cricket Union, Abdul Latif Barnes, Leonard Rajagapaul, and all those who contributed to making this tournament a success.



Winners of the Tournament: Ghana Team



Runners up – Winners Section: Swaziland Team



Umpire of the Tournament: Subhash Modi



Photograph shows Umpires: (L to R)

R. D’Mello (Kenya); Subhash Modi (Kenya); Alpheus Gawe (Eastern Cricket Union, South Africa); K. Gulamabbas (Kenya); Jannie Bedford (Eastern Cricket Union, South Africa); David Odhiambo (Kenya); Tshepo Molefe (Eastern Cricket Union, South Africa) and Rafia Valimahomed (Malawi)

ICC-ACA OFFICE

The ACA has successfully distributed development cricket equipments for Junior and Senior involvement in the game to ensure that the game has a good cricket foundation to build on. The CEO of ACA, Cassim Suliman on behalf of the Chairman and Executive Members of the ACA Board handed out these equipments which consisted of 4x Jumbo Bags per country to the following Affiliates;

The Chairman’s of

- Gambia
- Malawi
- Sierra Leone
- Rwanda



REMINDERS

ACA AGM – 24 May 2008 (Benoni, South Africa) & ICC Africa Development Seminar – 25 to 26 May 2008 (Benoni, South Africa)

Please make sure that we have your delegate's name and flight details

ACA-ICC U17 Tournament – May/June 2008 – HOST COUNTRIES: South Africa, Nigeria & Uganda

Please send your respective countries school holidays through to the host country in order to finalize dates

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