

DEVELOPMENT REPORT AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2004

The Tanzania Cricket Association takes this opportunity to congratulate, Namibia, Uganda and Zambia for qualifying for the next round of the WCQS in Ireland and Malaysia respectively and wish them best of luck. Tanzania also takes this opportunity to thank the management of Zambia Cricket Union for the warm hospitality offered during the tournament.

Tanzania national team fielded young side for the WCQS Africa region in Zambia from 1st to 8th August 2004. T.C.A. appreciates and commends K.C.A. for providing three build up games with their academy players in the course of the team's preparations for the WCQS.

Tanzania team performed excellently in a triangular series against Kenya academy team and Nigeria as the third and the final build up matches in Nairobi before departing for Zambia. It was very unfortunate that Tanzania could not qualify for any of the three positions for further qualifying tournaments due to some short falls from the organizers.

This tournament was definitely not organized to the ICC standards, just to mention a few e.g the dubious umpiring, games played without official match referees, wickets were dead and not prepared to the standard etc were all night mares for the young Tanzanian team, but all this should not be considered as major issues for discussion as Cricket in Africa has to move forward and we all learn from our mistakes and the young boys have many more tournaments to play in course of their cricketing career.

The Bottom line is the young boys did gain some experience from the WCQS and were highly motivated during the build up matches with the Kenya academy player's which provided them with opportunities to play with world class players like Steve Tikolo, Thomas Odoyo, Ravindu Shah, Martin Suji, and Kenedy. It was also a privilege for them to be coached for one week by a highly experienced coach Madasar Nazar a former Pakistani test player who is now the In charge of the Kenya cricket academy.

In spite of losing most of the games of the tournament in Zambia the young Tanzanian players like Athumani Kikonzi, Benson Mwita, Khalil Rehemtulla, Hamisi Abdalla, Abik Patwa and Issa Kikasi displayed their talents and skills to win the hearts of the local crowd in Zambia, and have shown a promising future.

The chairman of Africa cricket Association (ACA) Mr. Peter Chingoka who witnessed the last game between Tanzania and Zambia was really impressed with the talent of these youths and could not resist mentioning them in his speech on the felicitation night concluding the tournament.



On the 4th of Sept 2004 the TCA development committee organized, Dar es Salaam inter primary school mini cricket tournament for 12 primary schools in the region for both girls and boys at the Muhimbili primary school. A total of 20 teams took part in this tournament i.e 12 boys team and eight girls team. The player's from the first batch of the development program i.e Hamisi, Benson, Issa, riziki, rashidi, omary, Athumani, Kassim, Aneth, Hawa, Kurwa, Fatuma, Mwanaidi, Saida all contributed strongly in organizing, umpiring and scoring

department to make this event a total success.

Mabibo Primary school emerged winners in the boys tournament in a tough match v/s Magomeni primary school in the finals, and Kigogo Primary School became winners in the girls tournament in a battle v/s Mabibo Primary school in the finals.

30 boys and 30 girls were identified and selected for further elite training program at the Muhimbili academy.



On 25th Sept 2004 the annually played Phoenix Assurance League reached its climax, to witness both Aga Khan Club and Anadil Burhani playing the finals of the 'A' division.

The Aga Khan Club clinched the trophy by restricting Anadil Burhani to chase 161 runs in the allotted fifty overs, and claimed their second victory for the season.

In the 'B' division, Union 'B' emerged winners against Anadil Burhani 'B' in a nail biting match in the finals.

On the 27th Sept 2004 Tanzania became an associate member with IWCC

(International Women's Cricket Council). Thanks to IWCC board members for considering Tanzania as part of the cricket family.

The Mwalimu Memorial Cup commenced on the 10th of Oct, with five teams participating in the 'A' division and five teams participating in the 'B' division. This time the TCA organizing committee has come up with a new format of playing home and away games in around round robin and the first two teams on the chart to qualify for the finals to play best of three series. This format is going to be more interesting for the teams and help promote the standard of the game in general.

Tanzania cricket Association presented its cricket development program activities to the Ministry of Sports, all sports associations, media, corporate companies and other stake holder's on the 25th Oct 2004 at the crystal room, New Africa Hotel. The presentation was highly commended by the Deputy Minister, Director of sports and all present. You can view this presentation by down loading it from our web site www.tanzaniacricket.com



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