

TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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Cricket activities were quiet slow during these four months as we were entering the last cycle of our annually planed development program especially when the resources get exhausted and due to the heaviest rains that were experienced in this decade.

The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial cup ended on 25 March 2005. The TCA development team with all young players ranging from 16 to 19 yrs in age in the A Division displayed their talents of the games, especially after winning with big margins against all the participating clubs in the preliminary rounds of the home and away format of the League and were leading the table with an unbeaten record, that was broken by Dar Gymkhana Club who emerged winners in the finals.

The TCA development team failed to grab the winner's trophy but managed to take along with them most of the other trophies.

Hamisi Abdalla - Best batter of the tournament trophy,(TCA dev side)

Khalil Rehemtulla - Best Bowler of the tournament Trophy.(TCA dev side)

Issa Kikasi - Best fielder of the tournament trophy. (TCA dev side)

Taher Jiwajee - Best all rounder of the tournament trophy. (Anadil Burhani)



Hamisi Abdallah



Khalil Remtulla



Issa Kikasi



Taher Jivajee

TCA League commenced on the 9th of April 2005 with five teams in A division and seven teams in B division playing in a round robin format with the first two teams on the table qualifying for three one day games for the finals. The TCA Morogoro development team will be making their inaugural appearance in the B division structured league since the start of the development program in the region, which indeed is a positive sign of the program. In fact after the first five years of the ten year planed development program in Tanzania that started in Oct 1999, has already built a good infrastructure and is taking a good turn in the second five years of its program, to see more dev teams coming up that are ready to participate in the structured league that shall enhance the standard of their game, and at the same time more dev player's taking part in the cricket coaching course's and seminar's and eventually turning into dev officer's that indeed helps spread the game rapidly country wide, sustaining it in the right manner, and making the program more independent in its own perspective, in spite of the financial constrains that has been a stumbling block.

The new batch of players aged 10 to 13 yrs selected from the mini cricket tournaments for the elite training camp at the Muhimbili cricket academy are showing great interest in the game, especially moving from the initial stage of the modified game that they had been enjoying to the second stage of the game which is eleven a side with cricket laws. One can see the excitement on their faces when putting on the defensive cricket gear's, that they experience it for the first time of their cricketing carrier. Paul Mayannda level II Coach has been quiet busy with new batch on the black board teaching them the 42 cricket laws, scoring and fielding positions.



In order to enhance the Tanzania's Cricket development program and to give exposure to the Morogoro development team, the association arranged a two one day game with veteran side from union sports club comprising of two former national player's i.e Shakir Sherali and Mohmoud Rahim. On the 8th of May 2005 Union veterans traveled to Morogoro to play 2 one day game against the morogoro development side at the Sokoine University grounds.

Team manager Kassamali Bhalloo of the veteran's side presented caps for the games to the young players just before the start of their first game.

The first game was won by the veterans and the second by the development side to make it even. After every game the duo former national players gave some good cricket tips to the young player's, who appreciated it and were motivated by their visit to Morogoro.



30 young players have been under going training in preparation for the forthcoming U19 World Cup Qualifying Series for Africa / East Asia Pacific region, to be held in Benoni S. Africa form 20th to 28TH August 2005.

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