

TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT JAN – JUNE 2007

The year 2007 has started with a lot of cricketing activities, keeping all involved in the game busy nibbling on their toes and the situation shall remain the same for the rest of the year in all departments of the game.

DOMESTIC LEAGUES:

In Jan Cricket session started with continuation of the Mwalimu Nyerere Cup 2006 in its final stages. The Dar es Salaam region cricket committee organized a twenty 20 league which started on the 15th Jan with 9 teams participating playing in two groups with semi final and finals. Both the Mwalimu Nyerere and the Twenty 20 leagues were being played simultaneously giving all clubs the opportunity to play a game every week.

The final of the Mwalimu Nyerere Cup was played at the Anadil Burhani grounds between Academy Boys and Anadil Burhani Club. The TCA academy Boys won the toss and decided to bat first, scoring 167 runs all out in 47th over, but then with their tight bowling and fielding restricted Anadil Burhani to 151 all out in the 37th over to clinch the championship trophy.



In the twenty 20 event, Aga Khan Club and Anadil Burhani the top two team from group 'A' qualified for the semi finals while Union and Academy boys qualified from group 'B'. It was Union and TCA academy boys from the same group that qualified for the finals played on the 25th March at the Anadil Burhani grounds.

Union won the toss and decided to Bat scoring 75 runs all out in 19 over, not giving the academy boys a hard task in chasing.

The academy scored 76 runs in 15 over for 2 wickets winning the game with 9 wicket victory over Union. This became the second victory for the Academy Boys this year.



A fresh league of 50 over for “A” division and 30 over “B” division, organized by DSM regional Committee (DRCC) started in May and is expected to finish by mid August.

DEVELOPMENT:

Six a side tournament was well organized by Dar es Salaam international cricket club on the 24th March 2007, to raise funds for cricket development in Tanzania. Hon. Tony Brennan, the deputy British High commissioner for Tanzania, who has taken keen interest towards the game and has come forward voluntarily joining hands in the development of the game. The management of Tanzania Cricket Association appreciates and thanks Mr. and Mrs. Brennan to initiate and spend their valuable time for making this fund raising event a success.



A total of 8 teams formed by foreign expatriates from different countries working in Tanzania, including TCA academy U17 participated in this fund raising event. The TCA academy U 17 team won the event in a nail biting finals against Bok n Dop team comprising of all South African

expatriates. Bok n Dop won the toss and selected to bat first scoring 74 run all out. The TCA academy u17 chased the score for 2 with 2 balls to spare.

A total of Tshs 3,200,000/- were raised in this event to support the ongoing cricket development program in the country out of which Tshs 1,000,000/ - was donated by Voda com Tanzania ltd The Association has commended the entire cricket loving expatriates in the country and the Voda Com company for their strong support for the game.

The ongoing cricket development program at grass root level in primary schools is going on smoothly with more young talented youths of both genders being identified to join the Muhimbili Cricket Academy for day to day elite training camp. Paul Manyanda a level 11 Dev officer has been quite busy educating the youths towards the laws of the game along with umpiring and scoring.



EAST AFRICA ALL ROUNDER ACADEMY- DAR ES SALAAM

Tanzania in conjunction with the ICC / ACA development program for Africa region were given the opportunity to host East Africa all rounder cricket academy for player aged 19 and under in Dar es Salaam, from 18th to 21st June 2007. Candidates, Rajendra Patel from Kenya, Roger Mukasa from Uganda, Andre kayitera from Rwanda and Rashid Amri and other volunteers from the host country attended the event.



The E. Africa all rounder academy was conducted by Tom Tikolo from Kenya and assisted by Taher kitisa of Tanzania, covering all the departments of the game i.e. batting, bowling, fielding and match situation.

It was a great opportunity for the young players from neighboring countries to go under such training program and interacting among themselves.

ICC WCQS DIVISION 3 – DARWIN:

Tanzania qualified to participate in the ICC WL division 3 after winning the ICC WCQS – Africa region in August 2006 in Dar es Salaam. It was indeed a big challenge for the young Tanzanian side to play with much experienced countries like, Uganda, Cayman Island, Hong Kong and Fiji, who have been in this div for quite a while playing each other, while for Tanzania it was the first entry to this level of the game.

In order to meet the standard at this level it was important for Tanzania to prepare its team accordingly.

In Jan 07 the team traveled to Kenya for one week during the ICC WL division 1 event being part of the six Associate countries preparation that had qualified for the World Cup 2007 in West Indies.



The young Tanzanian team got the opportunity to play against Scotland in their warm up games, which was indeed a great experience, Tanzania also played Uganda, Kenya A, and NPCA combine. The Association appreciates ICC and Kenya Cricket for their consideration by accommodating Tanzania and Uganda in this event for warm games with division 1 teams to prepare them for ICC WL division 3.

In March the Tanzanian team made their second tour of 18 days to Bombay, India, where the youths got the opportunity to play 10 games on 10 different venues with 10 different top clubs in Bombay.



They got the opportunity to play with some formal test players and some players playing in the Ranji trophy. All the credit should go to Mr. Nitin Dalal of Star Cricket Club, for organizing a successful tour for the Tanzanian team to Mumbai, India.

Tanzania Cricket Association commends NPCA of Kenya that toured Tanzania for 4 one day games in order to boost the morale of the Tanzanian team just before its departure for the ICC WL div 3 to Darwin, Australia.

Tanzania was just unfortunate and unlucky when it came to grouping as per the ICC criteria, happened to fall in the toughest group of the event comprising of much experienced teams like, Cayman Islands, Uganda and Hong Kong.



In spite of the tough group, Tanzanian team did not give in easily but instead put a good fight against Caymans Island and Uganda losing to both the teams very narrowly, and won against Hong Kong and Fiji to earn a ticket for the finals of the plate event.

A total of three man of the matches were awarded to the young Tanzanian player's out of the five games total games played.

The first man of the match trophy against Uganda was awarded to Benson Mwita, in spite of losing the game, and the second man of the match trophy against Hong Kong was awarded to Abhik Patwa and the third man of the trophy against Fiji was awarded to Athumani Kakonzi.

Hong Kong recovered fast from the shock of losing against Tanzania in the initial round robin stage and won against Tanzania in the finals of the plate event making it quits to a 1-1 draw.

The Darwin event was indeed a great achievement and experience for the youngest side of the tournament. The ICC event manager Chris Briers deserves a big credit for his tireless efforts in organizing the event very well and making it a great success.



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