

## DEVELOPMENT January - April 2004

The first Cricket session started in the first week of Feb 2004. Because of the very hot Climate, the game of 20 / 20 was introduced for the first time in Tanzania. Twelve teams took part in this round robin league in two groups with semi finals and finals. Aga Khan Club emerged winner in the finals against Upanga club. Aga Khan decided to bat first After winning the toss and scored 113 runs for 7 wickets in 20 overs, and restricting Upanga to chase the score who managed to score 93 runs for all in 18 overs.



*Group Photo of the Two Finalist*



*Aga Khan Captain Receiving the Trophy*

The TCA chairman Mr. Zully Rehemtulla attended a three day workshop in Morogoro organized by the Ministry of Labor Youth Development and Sports from 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2004 held at the Hotel Oasis. The workshop tabled three key issues for all sports association in Tanzania in order to enhance and promote the standard of sports country wide. The three key issues were as follows:

1. Good governance and management within the association.
2. Fighting corruption in sports.
3. Working in line with the constitution. All the three issues were address by Deputy Minister of Labor Youth Development and Sports Hon Mudhihir Mudhihir in conjunction with The Director of Sports in Tanzania, Mr. Hendry Ramadhani, and Registrar of Sports Mr. Leonard Tadeo.



*Group Photo with all the delegates*



*Exchanging views with World Famous Athlete Filbert Bayi*

The development committee has come up with a new format for all primary schools that have indulged

in learning the game of cricket starting with Mini Cricket. In order to make the game more interesting for the young boys and girls and to build the urge of being competitive at a very early age, and enhancing cricket at grassroots level, every Sat from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm the committee has organized a league system for mini cricket played with bowling machine ball at the Muhimbili Primary School. Every weekend, four different primary schools get the opportunity to play against each other all round the year. This format has brought a very positive impact in the game at grassroots that has generated more awareness and has attracted more youngsters towards the game.



*Players waiting for their batting turn*



*Mini Cricket Played at Muhimbili School*

Tanzania Cricket Association initiated and organized the Africa women's Cricket tournament that was held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Aprils 2004 in Dar es Salaam. The Vice President of International Women's Cricket Council Betty Timer Flew all the way from Netherlands to grace and witness the tournament. She was very much impressed with the standard and the enthusiasm of the women in Africa towards the game and said what I have been hearing and what I am seeing is quite different and really amazing but then seeing is believing. Her visit really boosted motivation of all the participants, and she also promised to work closely with Africa. Thanks to all National Cricket association of the participating countries in Africa i.e. Kenya, Uganda and Namibia for their strong commitment and cooperation in making the event successful. This inaugural tournament was very well organized by 90% of youths that have upraised from the development program to gain administration experience, and has attracted other A.M countries in Africa i.e. Zambia and Nigeria who wish to participate in the forthcoming tournament that will be hosted in Kenya in 2005. Once again thanks to KCA for their commitment to host the next tournament. The whole motive behind this tournament is to expose Africa women's talents in the cricketing world, which has been over looked for quiet a period of time.

Understanding that the IWCC will be merging with ICC next year after women's cricket world cup in S.Africa , then for sure this tournament will be played under the ICC banner and a new format for qualifying for the women's cricket world cup will be put in place, to give opportunity to more A.M and affiliate countries globally and make the game grow bigger and faster. " People say educating a woman is educating the society ".



*IWCC Vice President Betty Timmer being received at the Dar es Salaam International Airport by Mr. Zully Rehemtulla and Team Managers of all participating teams*



*Betty Timmer exchanging views with Tanzanian Team Manager Mrs. Eunice Moyo*

Tanzania women's team emerged the overall winner of this tournament by setting an unbeaten record. Apart from winning, the team scooped most of the individual awards i.e. all the four player of the match awards, the best batter of the series and the best player of the series.



*Uganda and Namibia Captain during the toss before their encounter*



*Zully Rehemtulla presenting the best batter trophy to Uganda's Rebecca Akwenyu*

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