

TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT JULY – OCT 2007

DOMESTIC LEAGUES:

The Dar es Salaam Region Cricket Committee organized a six a side tournament on the weekend of 7th and 8th of July 2007. A total of 10 teams participated in this event in two groups with semi finals and finals. TCA development side and Aga Khan Club qualified for the finals of this event. TCA Dev side won the event by 4 runs. TCA Dev side won the toss and elected to bat first scoring 48 runs for 2 wickets. However the Aga Khan Club put up a strong fight in chasing and in the forth over looked promising to win the game. The fall of 2 fast wickets in the fifth over broke their back. They needed only 8 runs in the last over to win the event, but TCA dev sided restricted them to 44 runs and won the event.

The ongoing DRCC CUP division A has reached its climax by entering the semi final stage with four clubs qualifying. Ekta Club being on the top of the table followed by Anadil Burhani, Academy Boys and Aga Khan Club. The semi finals and the finals will be play after the month Ramadan. The finals of the B division DRCC Cup game between Union B and Dar International was replayed as they drew to a tie, but unfortunately the replay also ended in a tie. Both the teams agreed to share the trophy. The annually played Mwalimu Nyerere Cup will also commence soon after the month of Ramadan.

DEVELOPMENT

The TCA executive member's had a meeting with the Deputy Chief Minister Hon. Ali Juma Shamhuna and the Deputy Minister for sports in Zanzibar Hon. Mahmoud Kombo along with other stake holder at their Ministry office in Zanzibar on the 7th August 2007. The main agenda of this meeting was " Revival of Cricket in Zanzibar". The discussions in the meeting were very fruitful and promising with both parties (government of Zanzibar and TCA) showing positive commitments towards the revival of the game in Zanzibar.



TCA donated a full cricket playing kit to the ministry and a flicx carpet for the Zanzibar players to prepare themselves for a Twenty 20 game that was played on the 27th Sept 2007 at the Amana Stadium, during the course of MCC tour to Tanzania. TCA commends MCC tour coordinator Tony Brennan, for all his efforts in requesting and convincing MCC for an additional game in Zanzibar in their tour itinerary.

The TCA development committee organized an annual Chanzo Cricket tournament for primary schools in Dar es Salaam on Sun 9th Sept 2007. The purpose of this event was to make an yearly assessment and evaluation of its ongoing cricket development program at grass roots. Development administrators,

coaches, scorers and umpires were also assessed during the event. A total of 25 teams from different primary schools in Dar es Salaam participated in this event, out of which 16 were boy's team and 9 were girl's team. Mkwawa primary school emerged winner in the boy's event after winning against Kigogo primary school while Kigogo primary school emerged winners in the girls' event against Victoria primary school.



Twenty boys and twenty girls from this event have been selected for elite training at the Muhimbili cricket academy and have started their training program. 8 boys team and 4 girls team from this event were selected to participate in a structured primary schools league organized by the development committee scheduled to commence in November 2007.



The LCCA development team from U.K visited Tanzania to conduct four days coaching seminars for the blind and visual impaired, and other handicapped cricketers. Their visit was organized by Mr. Leonard Thadeo the Secretary General of the National Sports Council of Tanzania involving Tanzania Paralympics Committee from 15th to 18th Oct 2007 at the UDSM ground in Dar es salaam. Development officers from Tanzania cricket association also attended the seminar. This seminar was the first of its kind to be introduced in the history of cricket in Tanzania giving opportunity to the under privileged people to participate in the game.



U 19 WCQS S.AFRICA AUGUST 2007

The Tanzanian U19 team was very much determined to win the U19 WCQS - African region event staged in Benoni South Africa from the 25th to 30th August 2007. Unfortunately the player's performance was below their standards in the event. The players complained of the cold and windy weather that varied

from 8 to 14 degrees leading to running and bleeding nose followed by headaches making it difficult to perform to their best ability. On the other hand luck was also not in their favor as they failed to qualify for the semi finals by losing to Botswana in the initial round robin with a fraction of .11 on net run rate bringing their determined hopes to an end. In spite of their poor performance the team manage to take away with them 4 man of the match awards out the total five games they played. TCA congratulates Namibia for winning the event and wishes them all the best in the forth coming U19 World Cup in 2008.

MCC TOUR AND ACA CEO VISIT TO TANZANIA

It was indeed a privilege to have The MCC team touring Tanzania after eight years. Their visit was a great inspiration and motivation to the Tanzanian cricketers, giving them the opportunity to play with a much experienced team comprising of professional and semi professional players..

The MCC team arrived on the 26th Sept and were well received by the tournament coordinator Tony Brenan and TCA officials at the Mwalimu Nyerere International Airport.



On the 27th the MCC team flew to Zanzibar to play their first game of twenty 20 against Zanzibar combine team with a concept to launch the " revival of Cricket in Zanzibar" at the Aman Stadium. Zanzibar Island is one of the tourist paradises of Africa and has a very rich history for the game of Cricket. Cricket was first introduced by the British settlers in late 18th century which then spread to Mainland Tanganyika in 1913. Cricket has not been played in Zanzibar for the past 30 years due to some political reasons. The Ministry of Sports in Zanzibar in conjunction with Tanzania Cricket Association have made a commitment to revive the game in Zanzibar. ACA CEO Cassim Suliman on his visit to Tanzania arrived in Dar es Salaam on the 27th Sept and was straight away transferred to Zanzibar to witness the Twenty 20 game at the Aman Stadium, where he was welcomed by Zanzibar deputy chief minister and other authorities from relevant ministries. It was amazing to see that Zanzibar combine side to have gathered some 80 players at the venue all eager to play, but unfortunately only 11 were allowed as per laws of cricket, which was indeed a testimony that cricket has not lost its roots in spite of not being played for 30 yrs. The MCC won the toss and decided to bat making 138 run and in reply Zanzibar combine side managed to make 80 runs which was a great achievement. The MCC game in Zanzibar has motivated many cricketers in the island. Plans were made to involve teams from Zanzibar to play in the domestic leagues in Dar es salaam, while the government would start working in upgrading the run down cricket pitches at the three Mnazi moja grounds and to chart out sound development program at grass root.

The MCC team played three games in Dar es salaam. Their first game was against Dar select on the 28th. MCC won the toss and elected to bat scoring 200 runs in the allotted 50 over game and Dar select manage to make 133. Latter in the evening a dinner was held at the deputy British High commissioner's residence to welcome MCC team to Tanzania which was attended by the ACA CEO Cassim Suliman and chairmen's from clubs in Dar.



The second game was played against Chairman's XI. MCC batted first scoring 126 / 10 in 46 over while Chairman's XI managed to make 110/ 10 in 45 over. The third game was played against the U19. MCC batted first and scored 133/9 in the allotted 50 over while U19 managed to make 102/10. MCC won all the three games in Dar.

The MCC umpire Mike Harris conducted an umpire seminar on the 1st Oct which was their rest day while Graeme Rickman and other players held coaching seminar to the juniors at Muhimbili Cricket academy.



The MCC visit to Tanzania was a great success and has contributed to a great extent to players of different age in the department of game.

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