

TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT NOV 2004 – JAN 2005

The month of Nov was quite busy especially after the 15th when the fasting month of Ramadhan was over. The ICC development office for Africa region, introduced the first ever, Introductory Instructors Seminar from the 17th to 21st Nov 2004 in J' Burg, South Africa. The seminar was conducted and programmed by the ICC RDM for Africa region Mr. Hoosain Ayob.

A.Ferreira, H. Shapiro, S. Chotia, .M.Mogari, F. Waggie, A.L. Burnes, C. Nyathi and Maxwell Jordan, all contributed equally in assisting Hoosain for the seminar in various departments of the game. Mr. Zully Rehemtulla from Tanzania was one of the 10 candidates from East, Central and South African countries who attended the seminar.

The main objective of ICC for this seminar is to over see that all countries involved in the development of cricket to have their own local coaching Instructor, who shall conduct seminars independently in their respective countries according to their planed cricket development programs. These ICC registered Instructors will be in a position to accredit candidates for the beginners and level I coaches on behalf of the ICC.

This move by the ICC development committee was well received and commended by all countries involved.

The TCA development committee organized a Mini Cricket tournament / junior training program on the 27th and 28th Nov 2004, for four primary schools each with two boys's team and two girls team in Morogoro region, at the Sokoine University of Agriculture ground. Thanks to Tunakopesha Limited for coming forward and joining hands in the Cricket development program by sponsoring the event. Eight boy's team and eight girl's team participated in this tournament. The tournament started on the 27th at 8.00 am with two groups for the boy's team and two groups for the girl's team in a round robin format with semi finals and finals. The tournament was very interesting for 180 primary school children aged 8 to 12 years, which motivated the whole Morogoro region in general. All the participants of the tournament were provided with, T-Shirts with logos of tumekopesha limited, lunch and internal transport for two days. The girls and the boy's teams from Msufini primary schools emerged winners in this tournament and were presented with the winners trophies. Other trophies were presented to the best bowler, best batter and best all rounder.



On Sunday 28th Nov 2004, junior coaching session were conducted in groups for all the young participants of the tournament in various departments of the game by National players, Hamisi Abdalla, Benson Mwita, Khalil Rehetulla, Hussein Mohmed, Issa Kikasi, Rashid Amri, Asha Daudi, Monica Pascal, Aneth Banali, Hawa Salum, Hadija Nasibu.

All these players have come up from the association's development program which started in Sept 1999, and have shown their dedication and passions towards the game by their continuous involvement in the whole process of the development program.



Meanwhile the on going Mwalimu Nyerere memorial cup league played in a home and away format enters the second phase with TCA academy boys leading the table so far.

A very successful level I coaching seminar along with junior elite training was held from 12th to 18th Dec 2004, for school teachers (coaches), young boys and girls identified from the mini cricket tournament held in various regions of Tanzania. The week long seminar / junior elite training was attended by 26 new teachers (coaches) and 30 young players from, Mwanza, Musoma, Iringa, Morogoro, Tanga, Dodoma and Dar es Salaam. Transport to and from their respective regions, accommodation, meals and internal transport were provided to all participants by the association. The seminar was graced by the Director of Sports in Tanzania, Mr. Henry Ramadhani, on the opening day who commended the association for its efforts in developing and promoting the cricket sport country wide. He further requested to be included in the seminar itinerary with a topic on "Coaching Psychology" which indeed added flavors to the seminar.



The seminar was organized and programmed by the development in charge, Zully Rehemtulla, and assisted by Taher Kitisa, Eunice Moyo, Paul Manyanda, Onesmo Kigimbo, Lucy Mayunga and the National players, Hamisi Abdalla, Benson Mwita, Khalil Rehemtulla, Issa Kikasi, Monica Pascal, Aneth Banali, Hawa Salum and Saida Hamisi, in various departments of the game and towards the junior elite training.



All candidates who attended the coaching seminar gave theory and practical exams and were awarded with certificates of participation. A very tasty and mouth watering barbeque was enjoyed by all on the closing day of the seminar.

A provisional squad of 22 players from various regions, for the Tanzanian women's cricket team, started its training camp on the 5th of Jan 2005, at the Muhimbili Cricket Academy in preparation for the 2nd Africa Women's Tournament scheduled from 3rd to 10th Feb 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya. Tanzania initiated and hosted the inaugural event in April 2004. Thanks to all participating countries for their strong support in making the event successful. Tanzanian women's team is training hard to defend its championship title that it achieved last year.



It was very unfortunate that the scheduled tournament was postponed from 3rd Feb to 4th March 2005 by the Host Kenya, due to some conflicts that aroused between KCA and the Sports minister, who happen to dissolve KCA and appoint an interim committee in place to run the cricket activities in Kenya. The Tanzanian girls were very eager to play the invited MCC team from England in their opening match of the tournament, as this would have been their first experience to play with team from outside Africa. The MCC women's team was very keen to participate in this event, but was forced to withdraw due to the postponement, which made it difficult to reschedule their travel program and other commitments.



The four ICC A.M countries from Africa participating in this tournament are, host Kenya, Namibia, Uganda and Tanzania. The tournament will be played in a round robin format with first two teams playing the finals and other two playing for the 3rd and 4th position.

KCA appointed Zully Rehemtulla from Tanzania, as the tournament coordinator, in recognition towards his efforts and initiative in organizing this annually played women's tournament. The main objective of playing these tournaments is to enhance the playing standard and to give global exposure towards women's cricket in Africa, which will create opportunities for more countries from Africa to participate in the future international events. More African countries also wish to participate in this event, which would make it more interesting and competitive, but finance has been a major obstacle for them.

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