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CRICKET ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 2002

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Primary Schools - Mini Cricket

Some of the Graduates of the Level one elementary course conducted by Tom Tikolo in September are putting to use the coaching skills they acquired. Patrick Makumbi coaches both Kabira International School and Lohana Academy. Kenneth Kato is to coaching at Lincoln International School.

The Mini Cricket Committee has made contact with the District Sports Officers of Lira and Kumi to work out a plan of introducing the game in the schools of their districts. William Kamanyi the Development Officer is due to visit the areas in November.

Secondary schools (Boys) - Schools Development Programme (SDP)

The UCA Council has appointed Arthur Nuwagaba as Team Manager and Ansasiira Bashir Badu as Coach for the National U-17 boys Team expected to participate in the ICC East Africa U-17 Boys Tournament scheduled to run from the 15th to 22nd December 2002 in Nairobi - Kenya. A squad of 20 has been named but due to schools being in session, respective Cricket Masters have been requested to conduct training in their respective schools. After the end of year Exams, the squad will assemble for a one-week training session at Lugogo before they depart for Nairobi. The squad comprises of boys from various schools, which participated in the just concluded Schools Cricket Week.

The complete squad is comprised of the following boys:

Name	School	Date of Birth
1. Kizito Geoffrey	Busoga College Mwiri	19/12/87
2. Mabiike Hillary	Busoga College Mwiri	31/12/86
3. Matovu Allan	Busoga College Mwiri	28/12/86
4. Musali Dennis	Busoga College Mwiri	19/06/86
5. Semanda Ronald	East Kololo Primary School	17/03/88
6. Issa Emmanuel	Jinja SSS	25/12/86
7. Hamza Saleh	Jinja SSS	20/04/86
8. Kyobe Arthur	Jinja SSS	01/02/87
9. Waiswa Charles	Jinja SSS	29/09/86
10. Musoke David	Kibuli. SSS	23/12/85
11. Amanyu Atuhaire	Kiira College Butiki	03/05/86
12. Adowa Alph	Kings College Budo	18/08/87
13. Kansime Lucas	Kings College Budo	21/07/86
14. Ngolobe Dennis	Kings College Budo	27/11/86
15. Mugabe Duncan	Kirinya Primary School	09/12/89
16. Ochan Patrick	Kololo High School	08/08/88
17. Nyero Geoffrey	Kololo High School	
18. Okello Jimmy	Kololo High School	22/12/87
19. Arinaitwe Davis	Ntare School	12/04/87
20. Hassan Abdi	St. James. S.S.S	14/07/87

Women's Cricket

The inaugural Secondary Schools Girls' tournament has been set to run from the 7th to 10th December at an estimated cost of Ushs 6 million. Six schools: - Makerere College School, Kings College Budo, Ndejje S.S.S, Gayaza High School, City High School and Kololo S.S.S will compete for the top honours.

After accepting the invitation to participate in the ICC East African Open Girls Tournament slated for 15th to 22nd December 2002 in Nairobi Kenya along side the U-17 Boys Tournament, Council appointed Lucy Nakiboneka as Team Manager and Charity Nanteza as her assistant (both Teachers at Gayaza High School) for the Girls Team. Junior Kwebiha was given the task of coaching and preparing the girls for this tournament.

The Jinja Association of Cricket Clubs (J.A.C.C) has formed a girls Club and invited the Lugogo Girls dubbed "Pearl Cricket Club" for a friendly Cricket match to be played on the 9th of November at the Jinja oval.

The National Cricket League

Wanderers CC seized the top position in the Castle Lager National League with a 6-Wicket triumph over the Castle Development Team giving them a total 382 points. Tornado CC is in second place with 368 points. Both teams are left with 2 matches to play of which the last will be between themselves on 17th November.

Nehal Bibodi was named Castle Player for the Month of September at a colourful ceremony held at the Lugogo Club House. At the same function, the League sponsors presented a US \$5,000 Cheque as part of this year's sponsorship package.

National Senior Team

In a bid to prepare the National Team for the coming Group B ICC tournament in California U.S.A, Council is setting up a Committee - Task force USA 2003. The Committee is to be headed by Ivan Kyayonka and other members will be Trevor Dudley, Jagdesh Kakooza, Shukla Mukesh, George Zaribwende, Steve Luswata, Aloysius Nainhabo, David Turahi and the Treasurer of UCA. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of planning to build a good team for the USA tournament.

Bagurusi (Veterans) Cricket

The Veterans held a prize giving ceremony, which was preceded by a Six-A-Side competition involving all the four Teams. Awards were presented for each Man of Match and for the whole tournament; William Kibukamusoke of Engineers CC won the All-rounder award while Innocent Ndawula of Media CC won the best Fielder award. The ceremony was held in a Cricketing style with a barbecue donated by Sam Patel and drinks sponsored by Nile Breweries.

Other Events

The League sponsors Castle Lager handed over the final consignment of equipment to the CASTLE DEVELOPMENT XI worth 1.2 million shillings at a press conference held at the UCA Offices – Lugogo Indoor Stadium. Last Month the first consignment of Equipment for the team worth Uganda Shillings 3.6 million was handed over to UCA. The Kit is part of the Ushs 120 million Castle three-year Sponsorship package.

The Castle Development XI Team was formed to give a chance to young Cricketers who despite good playing ability do not get a regular place in their Clubs. Each Club was requested to recommend players who were not regular first eleven players and a team of 15 was chosen. At the end of the season, each club will take back its players and fresh recommendations will be made next year. The team is in 6th position in the 9-team league competition.

Compiled by Innocent Ndawula