

CRICKET ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER 2002

Primary Schools - Mini Cricket

Tom Tikolo, East Africa's regional Development Officer supervised a Mini Cricket Teachers course from 9th - 20th of September.



Teachers' Coaching Seminar

The course organised in five districts (Kasese, Luwero, Mukono, Entebbe and Mbarara) was conducted by William Kamanyi (National Development Officer), Baker Elonge and assisted by 5 Level II coaches. The response in participation from the districts was encouraging with an attendance of 87 teachers in total. The remaining ten districts will have their coaching sessions organised in December and January to prepare them for the mini cricket season which runs during the first term of the school calendar (February - April).

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

SDP 2002 came to a close this year with the 10th Edition of the Coca Cola Schools annual tournament held in Kampala. Jinja S.S emerged champions beating Kibuli in the final to become the first school outside the traditional schools (Budo, Mwiri, Nyakasura and Ntare) to win the trophy since the reactivation of the championship in 1975.

Individual awards went to:

Best bowler: Arinaitwe Davis (Ntare SSS)

Best batsman: Nandi Kishor (St. James)

Best fielder: Munana Mohammed (Jinja SSS)

Man of Series: Ochan Patrick (Kololo High)

This year 14 secondary schools took part instead of the traditional 12 because of failure to host the cricket carnival during second term, which picks two teams from the upcoming schools.

Mini Cricket Game at Lugogo



The general standard of cricket in the schools has improved although there was an evident lack of exceptional individual performances.

Women's Cricket

Women's Cricket went a gear higher with the confirmation that the first ever women's competition in Uganda will be a Girls' Cricket championship to be held in December 2002 involving six schools. This is mainly a result of British Council (Uganda), which earlier this year introduced the "Dreams and Teams" project in Uganda to benefit, initially the girl child, and chose to partner with Uganda Cricket Association in this effort.

British Council has also confirmed that three participants will be sponsored to attend a trainers course for the Dreams and Teams activities in Ethiopia early December 2002.

While in Uganda, Tom Tikolo held a one-day cricket clinic for women and girls. It was attended by 24 girls/women some of whom were out of school for second term holiday.

The National League

The Castle league is in its 2nd round and continued after the interruption due to The schools cricket week and the national team engagement in Zambia. Tornado leads in the points table with 312 points and Wanderers in second position with 300 points but with a game in hand.

The Castle monthly Player for August was Kenneth Kamyuka. In addition, Castle (Nile Breweries) gave out several individual awards for bowlers, batsmen and fielders.

National Team

The National team (Sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank (U)) featured in the 3rd edition of the Africa Cup from the 1st to 8th September in Lusaka - Zambia where it failed to make it past the group stage. Uganda lost to Kenya by 2 wickets (Uganda 76 all out and Kenya 77 for 8) and also lost to South Africa's development team by 198 runs (SA 240 for 6 and Uganda 42 all out). However, Uganda beat Malawi (Uganda 309 for 8, Malawi 92 all out) and Nigeria (Uganda 236 for 7 all out and Nigeria 124 all out). South Africa development team went on to win the tournament beating Botswana in the final by 250 runs (SA 305 and Botswana 37 all out).

The tour can be summarised in the manager's words "we have no idea what batting is". This means that the team has to go back to the drawing board and make serious plans if they are to make an impact during the Division II tournament in California USA next year.

Not to be totally out done, Francis Ekalunga the Umpire from Uganda was voted as one of the two best umpires and went on to officiate at the finals of the ACA cup.

Bagurusi (Veterans) Cricket

The maiden professionals' (Bagurusi) Saturday afternoon league came to an end with the final between the Engineers and the Administrators.



End of a Veterans Match at Lugogo

The Engineers scored 132 runs in 28 overs and the Administrators made 117 for 5 in 28 overs.

The Crocodiles (composed mainly of expatriates) beat the pressmen's Media Club by 28 runs in the consolation final.

Other Events

Tom Tikolo during his visit conducted a Level II coaching course that attracted 14 boys mainly A-level leavers who had from the beginning of the year been very active coaching Mini Cricket. It is hoped that this crop of coaches will be utilised in developing the game in secondary schools.

Makerere University is trying to form a team and have utilised the free Saturdays at Lugogo to hold afternoon games. So far three matches have been played between the Freshers and the rest of the Campusers. "The Freshers Series" as it is called stands at 3-0 in favour of the rest of Campusers.

Three Cricketers left the country to go and play in South Africa as semi-professionals. Kenneth Kamyuka and Franco Nsubuga will be playing for Lanesia a Division one club, while Joel Olweny will be playing for Tasmania a Division two club both of which are in Johannesburg.

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