



Kenya fail to capitalize on impressive start

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Kenya national cricket team failed to seize the opportunity to win the Namibia T20 Quadrangular series when they went down to the hosts by 5 wickets in a last ball finish in the final match played at the Wanderers Cricket ground in Windhoek, Namibia.

After being asked to bat, Kenya's opening pair of Tanmay Mishra and Alex Obanda had raced to 73 off just 8 overs before Obanda was caught for 30. His dismissal brought in Morris Ouma who hit

the ground running almost instantly with two sixes in his 20-ball 29. Ouma shared a 57-run second wicket partnership with Tanmay Mishra who lost his wicket bowled by Craig Williams for 68.

Skipper Collins Obuya then walked in and scored a quick 28 off just 14 balls to propel Kenya to 187 for the loss of 5 wickets.

Nehemiah Odhiambo was left to defend 14 off the final over but his efforts

were futile as Namibia clinched an unlikely victory off the final delivery. Kenya had beaten Netherlands twice and SA Emerging ahead of the final match.



Alex Obanda enjoyed success with the bat in Namibia

CK Chair elected Africa Cricket tournament director

Cricket Kenya Chair Lady Jackie Janmohammed was elected Africa Cricket Association (ACA) tournament director.

The election took place during the Annual ACA AGM held on 20th April in Durban, South Africa.

During the same function CK received 5 ICC Development Programme Awards for 2013 on

different categories including a 'Volunteer of the year award' which was won by Aliya Bauer, for her commendable work with the Maasai of Laikipia North District.

Other awards won were in the following categories;

- Best Cricket Promotion and Marketing Initiative.
- Photo of the year award
- Best Spirit of Cricket

Initiative.



CK Chair Lady receives one of the several Annual Awards that Kenya won from ICC's Andy Hobbs

Kisumu teachers get cricket knowledge

Cricket Kenya continued with their quest to get more people to train the game throughout the county by yet again conducting a coaching course. This time it was the turn of the lakeside city of Kisumu. Over 18 participants took part in the Kisumu introductory course held at the Kisumu Day High School for two days.

The course was conducted by Cricket Kenya's Development Officer, Joseph Angara.

The participants who included teachers and volunteers were taken through the basics of

cricket which include batting, bowling, fielding, organising coaching sessions, scoring and organizing tournaments.

They all received cricket training manuals that will help them in their coaching at their respective institutions.

Speaking at the end of the course, Gerald Omollo – Chairman of the teachers committee thanked Cricket Kenya for facilitating the course and providing the training equipment and promised that the teachers will help spread the game. "We are not going to put all this

knowledge gained to waste. We will try and pass the gains from this course to young children in the areas around Kisumu County, so that they can become cricketers like other children from various parts of the country".



Joseph Angara demonstrates to the participants how to grip a bat

Bad weather fail to deter Rift Valley youngsters

"The group did nets and fitness sessions to prepare them for the upcoming Rift Valley age-group leagues, coach Peter Ongondo commented."

Rift Valley was lucky to conduct some clinics for the increasing number of players in the area. The two-week holiday clinic brought together 90 players.

Apart from just being trained on fundamentals of the game, the clinic was also aimed at introducing the players to hardball cricket. It was

during the camps that some players were identified for the Under 13 leagues for both boys and girls.

Apart from having the new players taken through the paces, the clinic was also attended by a group of players who are currently play in the league for the

Development Side and Ali's Academy.

The ladies too were not left out as some of the U19 players led by Ruth Ambiyio, Edith Wanjiku and Esther Wangare got an opportunity to train full day and catch up with the rest who have been training during school days.

Mombasa's Arya win Coast mini-cricket

Coast Mini Cricket Tournament was held at Fahari Primary School ground on 13th April 2013 in which total of ten schools from Mombasa namely Ziwani, Makande, Makupa, Arya, Mvita, RG Ngala, Fahari, Serani, Aga Khan and Nasserpuria took part.

After a day of intense competition, Arya Primary emerged champions after beating Ziwani by 8 wkts

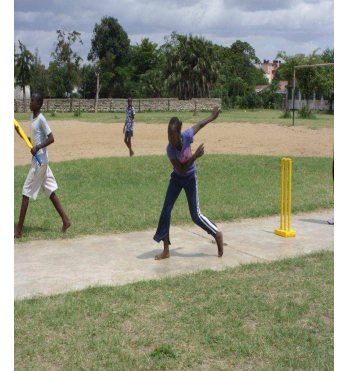
in a thrilling final.

Ziwani put on 54 runs for 7 wkts in their 15 overs with a superb 23 runs from Timothy Dana. He got support from Peter Oduor who made 15. Kishore Bandari took 3/13 and K. Bharat 2/10.

Cricket is a game where it becomes extremely important to put the opposition on the back

foot psychologically and there is no better way to accomplish this than by getting runs at a healthy rate. This is what Arya did.

The event witnessed several brilliant individual performances most notably from the crowned champions who scooped both the bowling and batting awards.



Saumu Swaleh of Makande was impressive despite her side missing out on the finals

Karura and Martin Luther reclaim Nairobi schools show

Karura Forest and Martin Luther primary schools claimed Nairobi mini-cricket titles in the boy's and girl's categories respectively. The 24-team tournament drew participation from 12 schools each represented by two teams.

Defending champions Karura boy's team ensured they retained the

title they won last July thanks largely to the tournament's best batsman John Senteu, who had a good run with the bat scoring 71 runs from five innings.

Karura overcame a hardworking Highridge. Karura scored 55 before bowling out Highridge for 30 runs to register a 25-

run victory.

In the girl's category, Martin Luther downed Karura girl's by 4 wickets after they chased down 44 runs set by their opponents.

Karura's Lilian Njeri picked 2 for 12 but her efforts failed to stop Martin Luther girl's team march to the title.



Action during the Nairobi mini-cricket event held at Ruaraka

Kenya U19 prepare for regional World Cup Qualifiers

The Kenya Under-19 boy's team is currently preparing for the ICC Africa Regional Qualifiers scheduled to be held from 24 – 31st May in Kampala, Uganda.

The team is training at Ruaraka Sports Club in Nairobi led by Coach

Joseph Angara.

Kenya will be contesting the one available slot for the African continent against defending champions Namibia and tournament hosts Uganda.

The winners of the

tournament will progress into the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup to be held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) next February. The 8 team event will also feature Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Ghana, Zambia and Botswana.

"It is important that everyone understands what we're aiming to achieve, which is to qualify in Uganda, coach Joseph Angara said."

Cricket brings life in Busia kids

Busia County came alive with spectacular colors from the school teams, and buzzed with a flurry of activity as close to 150 kids from primary schools and their supporters converged at Nanderema Primary School to compete in the inaugural Cricket Kenya Mini Cricket Festival.

Nanderema Primary School emerged the champions winning both the Boys and Girls titles. After playing three matches in the preliminary rounds and then winning the semi finals, Nanderema proved to be the strongest of all winning all their matches

before winning their final matches against Nabutuki and Bukhulungu to be crowned the champions.

"The team members really wanted to win badly. They love cricket and followed the basic things we laid to them well. The players have been training since January when cricket was first introduced to us and were quite sharp coming into the tournament," said Nanderema coach Kevin Were.

The tournament was graced by NPCA chairman Tom Tikolo who showed his impression by the level of enthusiasm among the participants.

"I have seen some boys and girls with immense potential and who can turn into great players if given proper training," he said.



Pupils and teachers of Bukhulungu celebrate after qualifying for the finals

Schools benefit from Development boss gesture

More than 30 pupils in Busia County will have a place to sit after the winners of the inaugural cricket festival held in the area last month received desks from Cricket Kenya Development Director Kalpesh Solanki.

Solanki donated 10 desks during the tournament.

NPCA boss Tom Tikolo, on behalf of the Development Director, presented the desks to the captains and teachers of Nanderema, Nabutuki and Bukhulungu Primary Schools-top performers of the event.

"I would like to thank Solanki and CK for their great support in the education sector, especially in rural schools," said Nanderema head teacher Lucas Ouma. "Pupils in rural settings are often faced with the challenge of poor learning environments and so we really appreciate partners who assist to create better learning conditions for our children. Conducive learning environments set standards and encourage better results." he added. On his part, Solanki said that despite being

expected to promote cricket in the country, CK will be more than happy to see that pupils are learning in a good environment.



Nanderema head teacher receives desks donated by Kalpesh Solanki