

# Cricket Newsletter



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## Kenya seal T20 global qualification with win in Kampala

The National men's cricket team lifted the Pepsi ICC-Africa Division 1 Twenty20 qualifiers in Kampala, Uganda after beating the hosts during the final match played at the Lugogo Cricket Oval on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2013.

The Kenyans had to contend with second spot for most of the tournament after losing their opening fixture to Uganda at Kyambogo Oval.

On the other hand Uganda dominated all their fixtures except for a scare against Botswana

when they had to dig deep to defend a paltry 86 runs four days before meeting Kenya for a second time. Kenya on their part played superbly through their fixtures against other teams excluding the match versus Nigeria narrowly achieved with four balls to spare on the penultimate day.

The stage was then set for a significant showdown on the very last day of the tournament, Uganda leading the table by 14 points and Kenya closely behind on 12 points but with a considerable better net run-rate.



Kenya players celebrate the fall of a wicket

For Kenya it was a must win game to score two more points and therefore edge Uganda on run-rate and they did exactly that setting a massive 156 runs and then bowling out their opponents for 137 to win the coveted trophy by 19 runs.

## Cricket interest grips Western

After introducing cricket to Busia County in Western Kenya in early January, Cricket Kenya Development Officer in charge of Special Projects Dun Okinyo made a return to the area to see

how the schools were doing. Okinyo was so much surprised with what he saw in the one week tour to the area, only three weeks after the sport was introduced to a

community that had no idea about it. Teachers and pupils in the primary schools have taken up the game seriously and it was not a surprise to see them organize matches between themselves.



**Kenya U19 boys participate in a the ICC Africa Division 1 title where they emerged third overall**

### **National U19 boys begin training ahead of Africa qualifiers**

The National Under-19s boys have commenced training in Nairobi ahead of the crucial ICC-Africa U19 Regional Qualifiers scheduled for Nairobi in mid-August.

Kenya will be competing against seven other countries in this event for a direct ticket into the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup to be held next year in the United Arab Emirates.

The eight teams to contest the qualifiers will include Namibia, Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia, Botswana, Sierra Leone and the winner of the Under-19 division 2 to be contested in March in South Africa between 25-28th March, 2013.

Most of the 25 boys currently in training were picked from the Nairobi provincial Under-18

league that was held in July last year and the National Under-17 boys championships that took place in Nakuru in December 2012.

The division 2 teams that will compete to join the division 1 fray include:- Tanzania, Ghana, Rwanda, Gambia and Swaziland.

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### **CCA commence 2013/2014 cricket season**

Coast Cricket Association (CCA) commenced their 2013/2014 season on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 with the 30-over tournament that witnessed two matches staged at Jafferys and Burhani Sports Club. Jafferys A and Burhani Sports Club registered identical 8-wickets wins over Mom-

basa Heat and Simba Union Club respectively. In the Jaffery's versus Mombasa Heat match, Jafferys' Mohammed Fazal scored an impressive 78 not out to propel his team to a much-needed opening win. The victory achieved with more than 11 overs to spare guaranteed the

hosts two valuable points in the tournament opener.

At Burhani, the hosts also cruised to victory thanks to an all-round performance by man of the match Yusuf Hussein who picked up three wickets for 24 runs to take his side to victory.



**Gautam Bhudia of Arya Boys A bowls during the ongoing Nairobi Secondary Schools League Division 1 match against CGHU**

### **16 teams contest Nairobi secondary boys league**

The Nairobi boy's secondary schools league continued in February with 16 teams contesting. The teams have been divided into three pools according to their strengths.

With cricket development programme taking shape in various parts of

the country this is one of the pathways to long term development of cricket players by promoting age group participation in a structured format.

The fixtures contested every Saturday at various secondary school

grounds gives the students a new sport to learn, enjoy and participate in while opening opportunity for the better players to showcase their talent and make a case for inclusion into the club system.

## Nandereka claim inaugural mini-cricket title

The inaugural mini cricket festival was held in Samia District of Busia County in Western region of Kenya.

The event was aimed at introducing the kids to the game after the completion of the Introduction Course to the teachers.

The event was sponsored by Cricket Kenya through its Development Program.

Being the first time the event was taking place in that region, the schools and pupils were upbeat to learn the new game.

The six teams were divided into two pools of three teams each. The initial stage was 12 overs per side with each player allowed to bowl one over. The tournament was won by Nandereka Primary with

Nabutuki Primary coming in second.

The final match went into the super over twice after the two teams tied twice.

Nandereka won the final super over by 6 wickets. Rumbiye beat Nanderema by 15 runs to emerge third while Bukiri beat a youthful Bukhulungu by 6 wickets to emerge fifth.



**Nandereka primary school teachers and a student pose with the winners trophy and the equipment donated by Cricket Kenya**

## NPCA 50-over tournament enters knockout stage

The Nairobi Province 50 over tournament continued over the month of February with various matches across the city. Even though the tournament was hit with various postponements, it was the surprise results that came with each week of matches that continued to spice up the

league.

Former powerhouse Swamibapa failed to register any win in their four matches and thus finishing last in their group that also had Kanbis.

Kanbis booked a place in the last four with a match in hand after a resounding win over

Premier Club which is slowly transforming itself into a strong team capable of fighting for the city honours.

In the second group of the Super League, Kongonis, Stray Lions, Nairobi Gymkhana and Sikh Union still have a big chance of making it in the semis.

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## Administration course held for 10 teachers in Kisumu

Cricket Kenya successfully conducted a Cricket Administrators Program (CAP) course on community cricket to 10 participants in Kisumu on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013. The group of youth and teachers were educated on procedures for staging cricket tournaments, the formation

and running of new clubs.

Under the formation of cricket clubs, the group learnt the key components on the procedures needed to set up such clubs. The success of clubs would need the involvement of the surrounding community, potential sponsors, par-

ents, volunteer groups and the participation of youths who form the larger player pool for the clubs, the gathering was advised.

On staging tournaments, the participants learnt the basic requirements which need to be put in place before an event is held.



**Teachers in attendance during the CAP Course on community module in Kisumu**



## CK boss pays visit to Kakamega County

Cricket Kenya chairperson Jackie Janmohamed, toured Kakamega to witness the finals of the Simba Cup tournament which had been going on for two months.

From what she saw in the event, the chairlady was impressed by what she saw from the community that has not been involved in cricket for a long time and said that Cricket Kenya would support the region in developing the sport and also commented that the future of the sport lies in schools and has encouraged the Government to incorporate the sport in schools championships.

During the event, Kakamega Cricket Club under 19 boys won by five wickets to overpower Yako Mitra XI.

KCC secretary General Kishan Bhatt expressed optimism that with time, they will start more clubs at major schools in Kakamega and its environs.

“Already Kakamega High School and a host of other schools that have shown interest and we are working closely to help the sport grow,” said Bhatt.

## 3 Ladies represent Kenya at Women’s Academy

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Africa Cricket Association’s (ACA) elite women’s cricket academy program was held in Johannesburg, South Africa between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of February at the Willowmore Park Stadium.

Kenya was represented by three ladies, Emily Ruto, Sharon Juma and Daisy Wairimu. The ladies were amongst a team of 18 players from different countries in Africa.

The ladies were picked based on their performances in the two Twenty20 tournaments held in December last year, this being the Ladies Under- 19 Africa Championship in Kampala, Uganda where Daisy Wairimu was voted the Most Valuable Player and the ICC Africa Women’s World Cup Qualifier held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, that both Ruto and Juma were part of.

The trainings at the Academy were conducted by Feizal Kimmie, the Senior Development officer for the ICC in Africa. He was assisted by Ephraim Nyawo of the Eastern Cricket Academy, Jolene Campher, an expert in Sport Vision and Wicket Keeping; Jody Martin, a level 3 coach and Chrissie Bakker, a Human Movement Specialist.



**Kenya ladies player Daisy Wairimu takes a break from practice during her last U19 event**