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Your monthly update on KZN Cricket

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CEO's Message

Shout out loud...
Go Dolphins Go!

From Good to Great

With the onset of a new year and our organisational progression, the theme of "From Good to Great" will be our mantra for the next three years.

The purpose is to drive home the point that every employee, department, business and cricketing process needs to be improving continuously. With this mindset and participation from everyone, we will be able to accelerate KZN and Dolphins cricket forward in terms of delivering our strategic plan.

This follows the 'Count Me In' campaign which sought to develop a 5 year strategic plan and shared values which everyone had input and bought into.

Some highlights of the past month:

- The Dolphins being the first franchise to qualify for the semi-finals of the Standard Bank PRO20 Competition
- The commencement of the Suncoast Academy Year for our Class of 2011
- The performance of the Provincial Team in the One Day competition, now lying 3rd after nine matches
- The continued unbeaten run of our Women's team
- The potential securing of a new team sponsor
- The increase in financial assistance and involvement from the Department of Sport and Recreation in our Township Programme

YASIR Arafat



The Dolphins are pleased to welcome Yasir Arafat (as their overseas professional) to the squad for the Standard Bank PRO20 competition.

The 28 year old, right all rounder, who comes from Pakistan, will bring a wealth of limited overs experience and more specifically an impressive T20 track record of successes to the Dolphins set up.

This world class cricketer, who has represented Pakistan in eleven One Day Internationals, Seven T20 Internationals and three Test matches, will strengthen the bowling department and assist in fast tracking the young Dolphin bowlers.

Arafat is a force to be reckoned with on the domestic front, with a first class bowling World Record of five wickets in five balls in 2005. He was the third highest wicket taker in all time T20 cricket and has even been included in the latest addition of the Guinness Book of World Records (2011) as having a world record of 90 wickets in 69 matches from 2006-2010.

KZN Duo selected for the NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY 2011



Two of KZN's promising young cricketers Cameron Delpport and Cody Chetty were named amongst the 20 cricketers that have been selected to attend the 2011 National Cricket Academy at the High Performance Centre in Hatfield, Pretoria, from May until August.

Delpport made his Nashua Dolphins debut in the 2008/09 season and has gone on to score 1410 runs in 28 first class matches with a highest score of 110. The 21 year old, left handed batsman and right arm medium pace bowler has also been part of the current Dolphins squad that have progressed to the semi-finals of the PRO20 Series.

19 year old Chetty has been a regular in the KZN provincial team since making his debut in the

2008/09 season. He was also part of the South African U19 team that played in the U19 World Cup in New Zealand last year and has scored 478 runs in 17 first class matches with a highest score of 67. He is also an occasional leg break bowler.

Cricketers selected to attend the National Cricket Academy receive intensive coaching, but the emphasis is not only on cricket. They also receive training on how to manage their finances, how to deal with the media and those who are studying at tertiary institutions are encouraged to continue their studies.

The spirit of the GAME

A heart warming tale about a kind and spontaneous gesture that is a credit to the spirit of cricket...

African Warriors 2 and ACC 2 crossed swords at the Toti Oval on Sunday, 6 February 2011.

The opening batsman of African Warriors was sporting what looked like a new bat and when he was out, the next batsman borrowed his willow. An over or two later, whilst playing a shot, the bat split in half. The owner of the bat was very distraught and sat for a long time with tears in his eyes, staring at his broken bat and shaking his head.

The Toti Oval is flanked by a restaurant, Lords and Legends, from which cricket lovers, parents

and others can watch the game whilst enjoying a drink or a meal. The broken bat episode stirred some hearts as a mother of one of the ACC players approached the distraught owner of the bat to have a look at the damage. She called her husband, who does some fine woodwork. He ascertained that the bat was irreparable and asked what such a bat cost.

Half an hour or so later, the said woodworker returned to the still visibly distraught player and, after chatting to him for a few minutes, handed him enough money so that the player could purchase a better quality new bat.

He wished the player luck and returned to his seat to continue watching an absorbing game. It is rumoured that he and his wife did a quick

collection from the patrons of the restaurant, the majority of whom had seen the incident and the depression that had set into the bat owner.

It took the player a minute or two to get over the shock of what had just taken place and from that moment until he left, he sat and watched his teammate's wickets falling at regular intervals with a grin on his face as wide as the Grand Canyon. The generosity of this ACC supporter will live in the memory of one happy cricketer for a long time to come.

Email submitted by Steve Belluigi.

Standard Bank Schools PRO20 FINAL

KZN Inland champions Maritzburg College beat Coastal champions Kearsney College by four wickets in the KZN Regional Schools PRO20 finals at the Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead on Friday, 4 February 2011.

Chasing 110 for victory, Maritzburg made 112 for six with eight balls to spare. Greg Miller top scored for Maritzburg with 56 runs while Craig Kirsten took two for 29 from his four overs for Kearsney.

Kearsney made 109 for seven after winning the toss and batting first with James Lambert getting 34. Reegan Smith was the pick of the bowlers for Maritzburg taking two for 13 in four overs.

Reegan Smith was named best bowler while Greg Miller got the nod as the best batsman and man of the match.

Maritzburg joined the five other regional winners in the Standard Bank Schools PRO20 Challenge final, which was eventually won by Hoerskool Waterkloof, keeping the trophy in Titans' territory.



If YOU can dream it, YOU can achieve it!

The dreams of four boys came true when they were selected to receive full bursaries from DHS and Glenwood High Schools after being identified through the township programme.

Thabo Msomi and Thabani Nzama each received a bursary for DHS Grade 8, for the 2011 school calendar. Both young men are from very disadvantaged communities and their passion for cricket propelled them to take part in the township programme and excel.

After being identified in the Sunfoil Township Tournament, these boys were selected by DHS to receive full academic bursaries to the high school.

"The parents never believed that their children would be given such an opportunity", commented Linda Zondi after speaking with the

parents. "Cricket has been the means of a way for them to attend one of Durban's prestigious schools".

The Department of Sport and Recreation has supported the boys by sponsoring them with their accommodation at DHS Boarding Establishment for the full duration of their bursaries.

The two receivers of bursaries from Glenwood High School in 2010 were Sbonelo Mthimkhulu from Clairmont and Sphamandla Mlambo from Lindelani. They were also identified through the programme.



Ernest Molotsi (Vice President of KZNCU), Thabo Msomi, Dr S Dhlomo (MEC of Health), Thabani Nzama, Linda Zondi (Township Development Manager KZNCU)



For the Love of GREAT CRICKET

In celebration of the month of love, the KZNCU ran a Valentine's promotion, 'For the Love of GREAT Cricket'.

To enter, fans needed to turn their loving thoughts of cricket into a 5-line poem and post it on the 'Dolphins Cricket' Facebook page. Those who entered had to be present at the match on Friday, 11 Feb 2011.

The grand prize was a two night stay for two at the Suncoast Hotel & Towers, a dinner voucher for Havana Grill, a romantic Spa treatment and two VIP tickets to the next PRO20 match at Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead.

Runners up prizes included Spa treatments and much much more.

The 3 lucky winners were Berleen Lindsay (first prize), Suleman Modan and Shane Webster (runners up).



Winning poem from Berleen Lindsay

"We love to watch the game when the Dolphins play,
if we could we would watch them every day!
Their cricket is superb and worthy of our ticket!
Dolphins you beauties, you know how to play cricket.

Bring on the cobras, bring them tonight - we are going to show them that a dolphin can bite!!!"

FAMILY DAY

KZNCU STAFF ENJOY A FAMILY DAY AT KINGSMEAD

While the Nashua Dolphins celebrated a thrilling win against the bizhub Highveld Lions on Sunday, the staff at the KwaZulu-Natal Cricket Union also had something to celebrate.

All staff, together with their immediate families were invited to attend the KZNCU Staff Family Day at the Krish Mackerdhuj Presidential Suite.

"Once a year, the extended family get a chance to be hosted at the Presidential Suite to watch a Dolphins game. This initiative has been going on for a while and it's about saying thank you to the families for being patient with their loved ones that work extended hours during the cricket season," said Jesse Chellan, the CEO of the KZNCU.

Lilly Tshibi had the pleasure of experiencing this for the second time. "It was great. It was nice getting to know the families of our friends we work with. We had lots of fun," said Tshibi.

Overall, it was a great day for the KZNCU, both on and off the field.





Calendar

LEVEL 1 AND 2 CRICKET COACHING COURSES

Level 1 Coaching Course Qualifications

Candidate must be 18 years or older - please bring a copy of your ID (doesn't have to be certified)

One must have a basic knowledge of cricket

You will be lent a CD which you must please load onto your computer and return

Covers hard and soft ball

Cost: R150

To bring: Pen, paper and cricket bat

To wear: Shorts, T-shirt, non-markable takkies or a sports tracksuit if you want

Duration: 3 days

Time: 8:30am to 4pm

Venue: Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead

Dates of Courses

- 22 to 25 February 2011
- 24 to 27 May 2011
- 5 to 8 July 2011
- 23 to 26 August 2011

Level 2 Coaching Course Qualifications

Candidate must be 21 years or older - please bring a copy of your ID (does not need to be certified)

Must hold a level 1 coaching certificate for at least one year (to please bring along the certificate to the course)

One needs to complete an assignment before the course – a date will be set 2 weeks before the coaching course

You will be lent a CD which you must please load onto your computer and return

Covers hard and soft ball

Cost: R 150

To bring: Pen, paper and cricket bat

To wear: Shorts, T-shirt, non-markable takkies or a sports tracksuit if you want

Duration: 3 days

Time: 8:30am to 4pm

Venue: Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead

Dates of Courses

- 5 to 8 April 2011

COACHES' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

- Mon, 28 March 2011
- Mon, 09 May 2011
- Mon, 20 June 2011
- Mon, 01 Aug 2011

Please contact Sarah Mun-Gavin on: 031 335 4200 or sarahm@cricket.co.za if you are interested in attending a coaching course or becoming a member of the Coaches' Association.



Calendar

STANDARD BANK PRO20		
25 Feb - 1st Leg	Nashua Dolphins vs Chevrolet Warriors	AXXESS DSL, St George's Park, PE
4 March - 2nd Leg	Nashua Dolphins vs Chevrolet Warriors	Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead
11 March - 3rd Leg (if required)	Nashua Dolphins vs Chevrolet Warriors	Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead
18 March - Final	T.B.C.	T.B.C.
SUPERSPORT SERIES		
Thurs 24 March - Sun 27 March	Nashua Dolphins vs Chevrolet Knights	Pietermaritzburg Oval
Thurs 31 March - Sun 3 April	Nashua Dolphins vs Highveld Lions	Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead
CSA PROVINCIAL COMPETITION		
Thurs 10 March - Sun 13 March	KZN Amateur vs Namibia	Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead
Thurs 17 March - Sun 20 March	KZN Amateur vs Western Province	Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead
Thurs 24 March - Sun 27 March	KZN Amateur vs Free State	SuperSport Park
Thurs 31 March - Sun 3 April	KZN Amateur vs Northerns	Wanderers Club
Mon 28 March	Coaches' Association Meeting	

Quote

"Surround yourself with people who are going to lift you higher"
- Oprah Winfrey

