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Report

Monthly update on KZN Cricket



CEO's Message

Preparing for Champion's League, the Launch of the Dolphins School Roadshow and the election of new office bearers for KZNCU have occupied centre stage for the past month.

Mr Jaffar has a long track record of service to KZN cricket. Most recently he was President of DDCU. He takes over from Mr AK Khan, who has been nominated (unopposed) as Vice President of CSA.

Ticket sales for the Champions League T20 have opened for the grass and the East stand. Tickets are available from Computicket and Kingsmead.

Behind the scenes preparations and logistics are in-hand and we expect this tournament to again capture the imagination of Durban's cricket loving public. The glitz and the glamour and "big hits" are sure to be entertaining. Don't miss out! Book your ticket now!

The Dolphins School Roadshow has been launched and has been very well received by the many children who have been exposed to it. The new Dolphin song and the revamped "Dolphi" with his funky dance moves are absolute winners. I urge all parents to encourage their children to become members of our Dolphins Club.

Look out for our Dolphins season tickets promotion that will become available in September.

Finally, the new Dolphins team round off their preseason preparation in August and September with the first fixture being a 4 day game against the Chevrolet Knights in Kimberley on 30th Sept 2010.

Go Dolphins Go!

Jesse!

New Leadership at KZNCU

KZNCU elections were held on the 10th August 2010. The following were elected at our 19th AGM:

President
Mr Faez Jaffar
Vice President
Mr Ernest Molotsi
Vice President
Dr Logan Naidoo
Treasurer
Dr Sajeel Maharaj



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KZNCU/DDCU Awards Ceremony

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his return from the South African Cricket Awards where he scooped five out of six awards. David Miller was also at the ceremony.

The function, held this year in a marquee on the field at Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead, was a glittering affair recognizing the achievements of KZN and Durban cricketers.

DDCU President Fa-eez Jaffar commented, "Tonight we acknowledged the administrators, umpires, players, sponsors and scorers for making the game of cricket worthwhile and the past season a success."

Honourable guests who attended were Mr Deputy Mayor, Logie Naidoo together with the President of Cricket South Africa (CSA) Dr Nyoka. Guest of Honour, Hashim Amla was in attendance after

Presidential Award
David Miller

Dolphins Player of the Year
Hashim Amla

U19 Player of the Year
Cody Chetty





Launch of Dolphins School Roadshow

The Nashua Dolphins are launching a first-ever school roadshow that will focus on getting the youth excited about the upcoming cricket season, promote a healthy active lifestyle and encourage children to get to the stadium to watch their heroes, the Nashua Dolphins.

This high-energy roadshow, which displays the renewed passion that is driving the Nashua Dolphins brand this season, was officially launched on Wednesday, 28 July at the Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead and will be visiting 114 Durban



primary schools over a 3-month period leading up to the 2010 / 2011 cricket season. Kathryn Taljaard, Marketing and PRO for KwaZulu-Natal Cricket Pty Ltd, commented, "The roadshow is more than educating children about the Nashua Dolphins cricket team. We are encouraging children to get actively involved in the sport of cricket both at school and at the stadium and to enjoy all the benefits that the Dolphins Club membership has to offer them this season."

"The school's roadshow and our season ticket promotion are our two major marketing activities

for the season. With the roadshow, we are targeting primary school children with our message of "Dolphins, my team, our team". Our intention is to grow the Dolphins brand using a fun song and dance routine, with strong messaging," said Jesse Chellan, CEO of KZNCU. Dolphi has also received a makeover and is set to become a new icon with his leadership advice on fitness, health, and good sportsmanship, not to mention his new look and his ability to take to the floor to teach the kids the new and funky Dolphin Dance.

The roadshow will be reaching over 100 000 school children and, thanks to Energade, every child will receive the new Kiddies Energade drink when they are at the show. The Dolphin Club membership costs R100 and is a mini-season ticket, which includes tickets to every domestic game and the Castle Test at Sahara Stadium Kingsmead for the 2010/2011 season. Kids and their families also get to sit in the VIP Dolphin Club grass area at the stadium, stand a chance to mingle up close and personal with the players, have automatic entry into match day competitions plus receive a Nashua Dolphins cap. The road show kicked off on 02 August 2010.

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Township Elite Parents

The Sunfoil Township Elite squad consists of 40 township boys who were selected from last year's Sunfoil tournament. The boys are taken through to Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead indoor facilities where they take part in the coaching programme held almost every Saturday. Our first Township Parents Elite meeting was held on 24th July 2010. Over 35 parents attended. KZNCU strongly believes in getting parents involved especially with our first generation cricketers. We are determined to break through the historical barriers and create a new culture which will see township parents getting more involved in their children's future.





Launch of the Coaches Association

Our launch of the KZN Coaches Association went off with a bang on Monday, 26 July 2010! It was a huge success with over 100 coaches who attended and we were honoured to have Anton Ferreira from CSA here to witness the event and give a presentation. KZNCU CEO Jesse Chellan expressed his excitement about the launch of the Coaches Association. "Our long term success on the field will be determined by the quality of our coaches throughout our system. This will become the cornerstone of our future success", he said. Yashin Hassan, who will be leading the Coaches Association, explained how these regular meetings will build relationships with school and club cricket coaches and keep them up to date with the latest coaching techniques. Graham Ford, the Nashua Dolphins coach enforced what a big part school coaches play in developing the Nashua Dolphins and Protea players.



Report on Level 1 and 2 Coaching Courses

The Sunfoil Township Development Coaches, responsible for coaching in our African townships, attended the Level 1 Coaching Course held in March and May this year. So far 17 out of 22 coaches have passed their Level 1 Coaching Course.

All in all, KZNCU has held four Level 1 Coaching Courses to date. The results of those courses are as follows:
Report on Level 1 and 2 Coaching Courses:

January	19 Candidates	9 Passed	10 Failed
March	24 Candidates	22 Passed	2 Failed
May	18 Candidates	16 Passed	2 Failed
July	20 Candidates	12 Passed	8 Failed
TOTAL	81 Candidates	59 Passes	22 Failed

WE NOW HAVE 59 NEW, CERTIFIED COACHES IN OUR CRICKETING SYSTEM



Maritzburg College UK Cricket Tour

Maritzburg College were undefeated, played 15, won 15.

Team photo with Kevin Petersen at Lord's



Umpires

The Umpires Association held a meeting on Saturday, 17th July, to develop their improvement plan. Sagren Naidoo is facilitating this meeting. Their strategic goal is to:

- Improve the standard of umpires
- Increase the number of umpires

Anyone wishing to become an umpire should contact Mr Sagren Naidoo on: 031 335 4200.

CLT20 Ticket Sales

Ticket sales for CLT20 are available from Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead and Computicket from 10 August onwards.

New Appointment at KZN Inland

Doug Watson has been appointed as the head coach at Inland. He will be focusing on their provincial team as well as the future Dolphins (schoolboys) from the Inland area, working closely with Graham Ford. He will be based at the Oval in PMB.

CSA High Schools PRO20

Schools not yet registered for this year's tournament should urgently contact Jay Naidoo on: 031 335 4200. The tournament kicks off on 04 October 2010 in KZN.



Moses Mabhida Pitch

It has started! The first pictures of breaking the ground at Moses Mabhida Stadium to lay the cricket pitch for the International Standard Bank PRO20 on 09 January 2011!



MANCOSA Bursary

MANCOSA has sponsored two bursaries for KZNCU staff, a MBA and a BBA. Staff members will have the opportunity to apply for either of these courses. Rivash Gobind (Dolphins Video Analyst) is a recipient of one of these bursaries.

Toyota Father and Sons Day

On Sunday, 01 Aug 2010, Shaun Pollock, Hashim Amla (SA Cricketer of the Year), as well as hard hitting batsman, Loots Bosman hosted the Toyota Father and Sons cricket coaching day at Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead. Much fun was had by one and all. Kathryn Taljaard, Marketing Manager at KZNCU showcased one of the many exciting initiatives being launched this year, The Dolphins School Roadshow.





Interesting Facts

Michaelmas Cricket Week, in its 51st year, begins on the morning of Heritage Day. This year the number of teams has increased, from 16 to 18. Two development teams have been included for the first time in many years. On each day a KZN school plays against a visiting side from outside the province. The 8 matches that will be played each day take place on fields at Goldstones, Varsity Oval, St Charles Oval, Maritzburg Oval, Barns, Eston, St Charles, Collegians and Varsity.

Unqualified audit report for 2010 by PWC

The KZN Cricket Union & Group has for the 5th Consecutive year received an Unqualified Audit Report for the year ended 30 April 2010 from its auditors PriceWaterhouseCoopers Inc. The Statutory audits were completed in a duration of 3 weeks with no interruptions being experienced by Camp Australia or the Fifa Soccer World Cup. PriceWaterhouseCoopers Inc have been reappointed for the next financial year.

PLANNING CALENDAR

03 Sept to 05 Sept	Level 1 Coaching Course
06 Sept	Coaches Assoc Forum Meeting
11 Sept	Chennai Super Kings vs. Central Stags
14 Sept	Mumbai Indians vs. South Australian Redbacks
16 Sept	Mumbai Indians vs. TBC
17 Sept	South Australian Redbacks vs Royal Challengers Bangalore
19 Sept	Mumbai Indians vs Royal Challengers Bangalore
24 Sept	CLT20 Semi Final 1
17 Sept to 19 Sept	KZN U13 Festival
19 Sept to 23 Sept	Club Championships
24 Sept to 27 Sept	Michaelmas Week
	Sunfoil Camp
27 Sept to 30 Sept	Level 2 Coaching Course
30 Sept	Dolphins vs Knights (Kimberley)
	U17/U19 Final Trials

Determined people working together can do anything.