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Your monthly update on KZN Cricket

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CEO's Message

Shout it out loud...
Go Dolphins Go!

Hashim Amla continues to astound all with continued excellence for the Proteas. His elevation to the number 1 ODI batsman in the world, coupled with his career high of number 2 batsman in the world in Test cricket, must make him arguably KZN and Dolphins best cricketer ever. When you consider the greats that have come before him, this is truly a remarkable achievement. We must do more to continually recognize his worth to Dolphins and Proteas cricket.

The Dolphins have qualified for the semifinals of the MTN40 over campaign with good wins over the Cobras and the Warriors, to date.

More importantly, it has been the quality of the cricket that we have played. There are signs of significant progress against the team that performed last campaign. Well done to Graham Ford and Imraan Khan for their leadership in effecting these improvements.

Kyle Abbott has progressed well and his death bowling in both the winning games was very good. Glen Addicott has also staked his claim with good ball striking ability. Ravi Bopara has settled extremely well and adds depth in bowling and batting.

As we approach the business end at this competition, the batting is further strengthened by the addition of Vaughn van Jaarsveld and David Miller. Both are great ball strikers and match winners on their day. Vaughn showed just how dangerous he can be with his power hitting during the Cobras' game.

Currently the KZNCU Provincial team is 4th after 5 matches in the 3 day competition and 3rd in the 40 overs competition. Star performers have been Divan van Wyk and to a lesser extent Khaya Zondo.

Matthew Hulett continues to impress scoring a match winning 119 n.o. vs Border.

Again, bowling continues to be our weakness, and injuries have played a role.

The KZN Inland provincial U19 team produced an outstanding turnaround performance to win against SWD, after being bowled out for 58 in their first innings. Star performers in the run chase were Nick Hendrie and Tyler Lortan, who are both joining our Academy next year.

Chad Bowes and Sashlin Reddy have both been included in the SA Cubs team for the Cubs week in Jan 2011.

SuperSport donated cricket equipment as part of their Let's Play programme to Phoenix CC, African Warriors CC, Gamalake CC, Umlazi CC and Delta CC (Cato Manor). Our thanks to Graham Abrahams and Vaughn Bishop.

The Comtech Club House was handed over by the contractor to Umlazi cricket club on 28 Oct. A significant date for all concerned.

Chatsworth Sporting U13 School's final between Oceanview and Rose Heights was played at Kingsmead. Congratulations to Joel Veeran for scoring a 100 in the final, helping Oceanview win.

JESSE!

New Additions to The Dolphins

RAVI BOPARA

England's international Ravi Bopara, who has played 10 tests, 54 ODI's and 11 T20 Internationals for England, took over from his English counterpart, Kevin Pietersen, to join the Nashua Dolphins for their SuperSport Series match against the Bizhub Highveld Lions.

Ravi will be playing for the Nashua Dolphins up until December this year.



RAVI BOPARA

the Dolphins. "He will add significant ball striking ability to our batting unit, for both the MTN 40 and Standard Bank Pro 20 competitions.

At 25, Vaughn is entering his prime as a batter and we look forward to his contribution on and off the field" said Jesse Chellan.

An aggressive left handed batsman, van Jaarsveld made his first class debut for the Lions in the 2003/04 season. In 55 first class games, he has scored 3537 runs with a highest score of 159. His average is 40.19. He's also scored 2305 runs in 80 domestic limited overs matches with a highest score of 106 and 957 runs in 45 Pro20 matches. His strike rate in Pro 20 cricket is an impressive 128.

Van Jaarsveld has also played in two One Day Internationals and three T20 internationals for the Proteas. His experience will contribute immensely and add further depth to the young Dolphins team.

VAUGHN VAN JAARSVELD

The 25 year old left-hander joins the Nashua Dolphins with immediate effect and is eligible to play for the Dolphins against the Nashua Titans tomorrow. In welcoming Vaughn into the Nashua Dolphins cricket family, CEO Jesse Chellan, thanked the KZN Cricket Pty Ltd and KZNCU Management Committee, for supporting Coach Graham Ford and himself in securing the immediate transfer of Vaughn to



VAUGHN VAN JAARSVELD

Suncoast Academy Dinner

The Suncoast Academy hosted its closing dinner on 08 November 2010. The purpose of the dinner was to commemorate the closing of the 2010 Academy intake and the introduction of the 2011 candidates.



Let's Play Sponsorship

Let's Play is a corporate social responsibility initiative developed by SuperSport and partners in response to a National need. Their aim is to elevate awareness of our social situation and to introduce and encourage play, activity and sport.

On Thurs, 11 November 2010, the team of Let's Play came through to Sahara Stadium, Kingsmead to handover sponsored coaching equipment to representatives of the development cricket clubs. The names of the clubs are as follows: African Warriors, Delta, Gamalakhe, Phoenix and Umlazi.



U19 Regional Camp

Former Protea national coach Ray Jennings (who is currently coaching the U19 national team), visited the Dolphins tank on 21st/22nd October 2010. He was on a national scouting mission. The purpose of the visit was to see our U19 talent group (made up of boys from coastal and inland region) for National Camps. Three new players were identified:

1. Sumanth Sunkari
2. Sibonelo Mthimkhulu (who comes from the Sunfoil development programme)
3. Craig Kirsten





Comtech Clubhouse Handover

Together with the grant from Lotto as well as the World Cup Legacy funding from CSA, KZNCU was afforded the opportunity of establishing playing facilities and a clubhouse facility at Comtech.

This project has been in the making for a number of years and many obstacles had to be overcome.

But as of this year, the construction of the clubhouse commenced and on the 28th October the clubhouse was officially handed over to Comtech. Prior to the building of the clubhouse, there was no cricket playing facility in the region. The facility will cater for the immediate school population as well as the community clubs in the region.



KwaMashu Section E THE BEGINNING OF A DREAM

It has been a dream in the making but with hard work and determination, eThekweni Municipality has committed to develop the ground at Kwamashu Section E.

Kwamashu Section E ground has been the same since the early 90's, and with the municipalities support and vision, it is KZNCU's hope to develop the facility into a world class cricketing oval - we envisage a facility that is equivalent to what has been built at the Chatsworth Oval.



Coaches Association

The monthly Coaches Association meeting was held on Monday, 18 Oct 2010. Phil Russell was the guest speaker.



He spoke about the various bowling techniques. His presentation was informative and gave the coaches invaluable tips on how to teach the bowling techniques to their aspiring cricketers.

The next Coaches Association meeting will be held on Monday, 22 Nov 2010. Our guest speaker will be talking about players' fitness.



Dolphins School Roadshow Update

The Dolphins School Roadshow came to an end on Wed, 09 November 2010. It was a phenomenal 3 months that the Roadshow ran and we are sad to see one of our greatest projects come to an end. Overall, the show has been a resounding success.

One only has to look at the faces of the children whose lives we have touched with our message, and to the feedback from all the school principals to know that this show has made an indelible in print on the Durban community.

With new ventures, come many learnings and we are certainly going to be doing an in-depth evaluation on the entire road show from the start of the process right to the end.

Our objectives are still ongoing as we continue to monitor the success of the road show in the number of people still joining the Dolphin Club, the number of bums on seats at the games, and the general awareness and then loyalty to the Nashua Dolphin brand which was the key messaging in the show.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS VISITED:	114
NUMBER OF CHILDREN REACHED:	52 525
AVERAGE No. OF PUPILS PER SCHOOL:	460

DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF SCHOOLS

INDIAN	40%
BLACK	28%
WHITE	22%
OTHER	10%

To date, we have over 1000 Dolphin Club memberships.



Moses Mabhida Stadium Showdown



MOSES MABHIDA
STADIUM DURBAN



Durbanites will be treated to a “once in a lifetime” opportunity when their two universal passions of cricket and entertainment collide in a star-studded affair at Moses Mabhida.

The 9 January 2011 spectacular will begin with a Standard Bank International Pro20 between South Africa and India, followed by a Bollywood extravaganza which will take place at the iconic Moses Mabhida stadium in Durban.

With cricketing greats on both sides playing in front of potentially the biggest crowd at a cricket game in Africa and the added razzmatazz of Bollywood’s Sharhrukh Khan, Anil Kapoor, Shahid Kapoor and Priyanka Chopra it is an event not to be missed!

The match gets underway at 2:30pm. The concert starts at 6:30pm. Tickets are priced between R100-R450.

“A limited number of tickets at R100 have been made available for the historic event at the Moses Mabhida Stadium on 9 January 2010. These tickets are aimed at the local community in Durban, and will be sold to previously disadvantaged communities with interest in cricket. As such, these tickets will only be sold through local cricket clubs affiliated to the KwaZulu Natal Cricket Union”, said Gerald Majola, CEO CSA.

Match Day Activations

KZNCU launched its match day activations at the first MTN40 game in Durban on 29 October 2010.

The competitions have proved to be a huge success as cricket supporters eagerly enter with the hope of being selected to face their heroes on the field and put their own cricket skills to the test against the best.

To enter the "Greatest Hit" competition all you need to do is submit your name and contact mobile number at the competition kiosk at the next match day competition. You stand the chance of winning a MTN handset, season ticket and a cricket hamper filled with exciting goodies.

Connor Gonts, Nerissa Govender and Faheem Ismail attempted to catch a fast flying ball off the bat of their cricket hero Cameron Delport. Congratulations to Faheem Ismail whose catch was declared the "Greatest Catch".



Daya Rajaram, Gerard Kamp and Thabo Msomi were the first 3 lucky Dolphins fans drawn to enter the KZNCU's "Greatest Hits" match day activations.



In-Stadium Branding



The Greatest Hits in-stadium branding has been erected with rave reviews from visitors and staff.

The new look area above the cricket shop, is a breath of fresh air when one enters the stadium, and is a site to see, when lit up by lights at night!

The reception branding, which gives every Nashua Dolphin player a moment in the limelight, truly gives the stadium the feeling that it is the "Home of the Dolphins".



Calendar

DECEMBER 2010

MTN40

Wed 01 D/N	1st Semi Final 2nd Leg	Sahara Stadium Kingsmead	Durban
Thu 02 D/N	Reserve Day (If Necessary)		
Fri 03 D/N	2nd Semi Final 2nd Leg	T. B. C	T. B. C
Sat 04	Reserve Day (If Necessary)		
Sun 05 DAY	3rd Leg Semi Finals (If Necessary)	T. B. C	T. B. C
Mon 06	Reserve Day (If Necessary)		
Fri 10 D/N	Final	T. B. C	T. B. C
Sat 11	Reserve Day (If Necessary)		

SUPERSPORT SERIES

Thu 16 - Sun 19	Cape Cobras vs Dolphins	Boland Park	Paarl
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CSA PROVINCIAL

Thu 16 - Sat 18	KZN Inland vs Free State	Pietermaritzburg Oval	PMB
Sun 19	KZN Inland vs Free State	Pietermaritzburg Oval	PMB


INTERNATIONAL

Thu 16 - Mon 20	1st Castle Test SA vs India	SuperSport Park	Centurion
Sun 26 - Thurs 30	2nd Castle Test SA vs India	Sahara Stadium Kingsmead	Durban

CSA U19

Thu 02 - Sat 04	KZN Inland vs KZN		PMB
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**Great opportunities
come to those who
make the most of
small ones!**