

# THROUGH THE COVERS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019



# CEO MESSAGE



A year ago, which by the way feels like yesterday, I wrote a message which said that time goes by so fast. This year time has gone by even faster.

The previous season's focus was on breaking the trophy drought that KZN experienced over a few years. All the senior men's teams managed to play winning cricket and ended the season with an overall haul of three trophies. These performances contributed to us being awarded the coveted title of the KZN Sports affiliate of the year at the Annual KZN Sport Awards, presented by DSR.

Our focus for the 2018/19 season was to not only consolidate in terms of our on-field performances, but to ensure a more sustainable approach to all our activities. The focus was on improving in all areas of our business which includes the wider cricket services departments, the player pipeline, development programmes, stadium operations, commercial, finance, human resources and marketing.

On-field our white ball Protea representatives, David Miller, Andile Phehlukwayo and Imran Tahir have been key to the team's successes and should all be part of the Proteas bid to win a first World Cup. Keshav Maharaj has continued to cement his place as the best test match spinner in South Africa and our head coach and various players were selected as part of the SA "A" team to India.

The Hollywoodbets Dolphins team had a disappointing four-day campaign but managed to achieve the original aim of using the campaign to give opportunities to some of the most talented upcoming players in South Africa. This season has always been about achieving success in the white ball formats and currently the team is in a good space to achieve exactly that, having just qualified as hosts for a semi-final.

The senior provincial teams had mixed results but also managed to present opportunities to some of the most talented youngsters to come through the pipeline. The rural team managed to stay unbeaten at the national tournament and the Coastal Women's

team managed to qualify for the national tournament and will aim to break into the top six.

The Dolphins cubs won the national franchise competition for the first time and four players were selected for the SA U/19 team – Matthew Montgomery ©, Thamsanqa Khumalo, Andile Mokgakane and Lifa Ntanzu.

Club cricket saw the introduction of the DPL and it provided some much-needed energy into the system. It created a vibe, extra opportunities and memories that will hopefully inspire club cricketers to keep pursuing the cricketing dream.

The various development programmes including township, rural and coaching coordinator roles were amalgamated into the RPC/Hubs Development programme, which will lead to a unified system and crucially a more sustainable approach to our pipeline. We now have 15 RPC/Hubs all over the province which will be monitored and measured according to certain deliverables.

The stadium operations at both the Kingsmead cricket stadium and the

# CEO MESSAGE



Pietermaritzburg Oval have performed well even though it has been one of the busiest seasons. The playing surfaces have received excellent ratings from the ICC and CSA.

Commercially we have been blessed with amazing partners and managed to assign stakeholders to almost all of our properties. Hollywoodbets has been as passionate and supportive as ever and the Department of Sport and Recreation has continued to play a massive role in our pipeline. Sunfoil, Hirsch's, East Coast Radio, Independent Newspapers, Mount Edgecombe, SAB and ABI have all extended their involvement and we look forward to building on these relationships.

We have also had the privilege of welcoming a few new partners, Fourways Airconditioning has come on board as Associate sponsor to the Hollywoodbets Dolphins, Safilo Eyewear and Sorbet Man has added immense value to the players, Solly M has partnered with the Coastal

academy and Mancosa have decided to invest in our U/19 Boys and Girls teams.

We also welcomed eight new team owners on board for the DPL, which was sponsored by Aucor and all our suites and advertising space were sold out for the internationals.

From a hosting perspective we hosted one of the best test matches ever played in South Africa, and also two ODI's with very good support from the local public.

We achieved most our goals in terms of uplifting our business to a sound foundation from which we can launch towards excellence in the next season. We still have a long way to go but the foundation is now ready for us to create the culture that will match the incredible potential that lies within our beautiful province.

As we close out this season, we are grateful for another year added to the history of KZN Cricket, we are grateful

for all the support and input and we want to invite all of you to continue being a part of this journey, a journey of not only cricket but a journey of making a positive difference wherever we can.

Let's use our time wisely...

**Thank you,**

**Heinrich Strydom**

# COACHING MANAGER



The 2018/19 season has been a hive of activity on the coaching front. KZN has managed to set new standards and take the game of cricket out to various areas of the KZN Province. Understanding that the core base to our growth in the province starts at grass roots level and that the coaches that often work with our youth are volunteers, we have taken various coach education programmes to the outlying areas. We have conducted level 1 courses in port Shepstone and Richards Bay. We have taken coaching forums to Umzinto, Phoenix, Chatsworth, Reservoir Hills and Port Shepstone.

In house forums with UK based Julian Wood on Power Hitting was a highlight to the information that we have shared with our coaching data base. His knowledge and experience were embraced by the KZN coaching fraternity and his seminar proved very successful.

We capped off an extremely successful coach education year with a conference again for our fellow coaches in KZN. The main topic for the conference was Youth Upliftment. We targeted this topic as again we aligned it to the coaches who work at the various age group levels and help grow our pipeline.

Our speakers Etienne Fynn (Sharks Academy Head Coach), Sebastian Crawford (SA Paralympian Gold Medallist) and Pieter Terblanche (Conditioning Coach) all aligned their presentation to the upliftment and growth of young players. The conference was extremely well received by the coaches with many coaches extending their gratitude to us for the learning experience of the day.

Our coaching framework programmes ran extremely well, and we were able to touch many young lives and allow them the best possible opportunity to compete and express them selves on the field. All age group teams performed admirably at the national weeks at the end of 2018.

We as a Union have really worked hard to ensure that this year was a successful one and will continually strive to make the new year a better one so that our coaches and players can reap the rewards of their hard work. We look forward an even better 2019/20 season and continue to Set Standards rather than Follow.

**Desigan Reddy**



# KZN SENIOR PROVINCIAL TEAM 2019



# SENIOR PROVINCIAL TEAM LOGS



## CSA Provincial Three-Day Cup 2018/19

POOL B	P	W	L	T	D	BAT	BOWL	PENALTY	PTS
Northerns	10	3	1	0	6	43,84	37	0	164,84
Western Province	10	3	3	0	4	31,52	38	0	141,52
South Western Districts	10	2	2	0	6	33,04	27	4	124,04
KwaZulu-Natal	10	2	2	0	6	21,04	34	0	123,04
North West	9	3	5	0	1	13,10	34	0	101,10
Border	10	1	4	0	5	19,86	34	5	94,86
Northern Cape	9	1	5	0	3	21,92	25	3	83,92

During the current season the following players from Academy and Schools pipeline made their Senior Provincial debut.

- Bradley Porteous
- Yves Kamanzi
- Matthew Montgomery
- Nikhil Prem
- Andile Mokagane
- Thamsanqa Khumalo
- Khewzi Gumede

## CSA Provincial One-Day Challenge

POOL B	P	W	L	T	NR	BONUS	PENALTY	PTS	NET RR
Northerns	10	9	1	0	0	2	0	38	0,89
South Western Districts	10	6	3	0	1	2	0	28	0,48
North West	10	5	3	0	2	1	0	25	0,36
Western Province	10	4	6	0	0	3	0	19	0,02
Northern Cape	9	3	5	0	2	1	0	17	-1,14
KwaZulu-Natal	10	3	7	0	0	1	0	13	-0,16
Border	9	0	8	0	2	0	0	4	-1,58



# WOMEN'S PROVINCIAL CRICKET



Well done to Jade de Figuerido, Nondomiso Shangase and Dinesha Devanarain (Assistant Coach) on being selected to 2019 Powerade Woman's National Academy. The academy period is from 2 June to 2 August 2019.



# WOMEN'S PROVINCIAL CRICKET



## KZN Coastal 2018/19 season

POOL B		P	W	L	T	N/R	BONUS	PENALTY	PTS	NET RR
50 OVERS	KwaZulu-Natal	4	4	0	0	0	4	0	20	4,51
	Mpumalanga	4	3	1	0	0	3	0	15	1,79
	Limpopo	4	2	2	0	0	2	0	10	-1,02
	KwaZulu-Natal Inland	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	5	-1,17
	Easterns	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	-1,89
T20	KwaZulu-Natal	4	4	0	0	0	3	0	19	3,11
	Mpumalanga	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	14	1,00
	Easterns	4	2	2	0	0	2	0	10	0,46
	Limpopo	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	5	-1,80
	KwaZulu-Natal Inland	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	-3,00



# CSA RURAL CRICKET WEEK 2019

21 -25 FEBRUARY 2019



21/02/2019

## KZN Coastal Rural vs Border Village Rural

50 Overs

- KZN Coastal Rural won by 64 runs
- KZN Coastal Rural 140 all out (Melvyn Jackson 35 ,Garth Bishop 29)
- Border Village 65/8 ( Ruan van Rensburg 5/18 ,Neill Jordan 4/34)

22/02/2019

## KZN Coastal Rural vs Border Country Rural

50 Overs

- KZN Coastal Rural won by 178 runs
- KZN Coastal Rural 280/7 (Gareth Bishop 61,Ashley Lombard 39)
- Border Village 102 all out (Neill Jordan 5/39)

23/02/2019

## KZN Coastal Rural vs Boland Rural

50 Overs

- KZN Coastal Rural won by 7 wickets
- Boland 186/9 (Neill Jordan 3/36, J.Redinger 3/32)
- KZN Coastal Rural 189/3 (Ruan van Rensburg 77\*, J.Redinger 74)

24/02/2019

## KZN Coastal Rural vs EP Grahamstown Rural

50 Overs

- KZN Coastal Rural won by 8 wickets
- EP G Rural 218/9 (Neill Jordan 4/47)
- KZN Coastal Rural 221/2 (J.Redinger 111\*, Gareth Bishop 44)

25/02/2019

## KZN Coastal Rural vs Border Country Rural

20 Overs

- KZN Coastal Rural won by 95 runs
- KZN Coastal Rural 161/6 (Melvyn Jackson 57)
- Border Country Rural 66 all out (Gareth Bishop 4/17)

## KZN Coastal Rural vs EP Midlands

20 Overs

- KZN Coastal Rural won by 8 wickets
- EP Midlands 111/8 (Gareth Bishop 2/17, Neill Jordan 2/19)
- KZN Coastal Rural 112/6 (Melvyn Jackson 74)

## KZN Coastal Rural

## finished 2nd on net run rate

Congratulations to NEILL JORDAN, JASON REDINGER AND GARETH BISHOP on being selected to the SA Rural team and they will compete in the Future Cup in Kimberley in April.

# CSA RURAL CRICKET WEEK 2019

21 -25 FEBRUARY 2019



# PLAYER PROFILE



## NEILL JORDAN

<b>Nick name</b>	Neilla
<b>Date of Birth</b>	06 February 1991
<b>Birth place</b>	Bloemfontein
<b>School</b>	Heuwelland Primary School and Empangeni High School
<b>Hobbies</b>	Cricket, Fishing, golf and spending time with the family
<b>Fav Holiday Destination</b>	Seychelles
<b>Favourite Meal</b>	Braai
<b>Type of cricketer</b>	Positive and aggressive player
<b>Preferred bat pos.</b>	6 or 7
<b>Preferred field pos.</b>	Anywhere in the V
<b>Type of bowler</b>	Medium fast right arm bowler

### Who introduced you to cricket & how old were you at the time?

I was introduced to cricket by my father as well as at my preschool. I was under 6

### Who would you say is your mentor and why?

My grandfather as he is a true gentleman and a great example of what a man should be. He worked hard to achieve what he did. He always helps people where he can. He is also the one that has always believed in me as a cricketer, and he is always proud of my achievements.

### Who is the person/people that have played an influential role in your cricketing career?

Desmond Millin my coach in primary school. Warren Bruce Kirsten and Roger Telemachus, when I was playing for Maties cricket. Fuzzy and Eugene Zwart as I Play for KCCD cricket.

### How do you celebrate success or victory as an individual and as a team?

As a team we will always after the game have a beer or 2 at fines meeting.  
As an individual I enjoy a braai with my family and friends

### What advice can you give to the young aspiring cricketer who wants to play at the same level as you?

They must keep working hard and stay fit, even when your cricket goes through a rough patch this is when you need to work harder and harder as this is when you will grow as a cricketer and then when you finally get through the rough patch and reach your goals the you have a nice feeling inside yourself as you know you have worked hard for it. The last thing NEVER GIVE UP!



# PLAYER PROFILE



## JASON CLINT REDINGER

Nick name	Jay
Date of Birth	15/08/1995
Birth place	Empangeni
School	Grantleigh
Hobbies	Sports, fishing
Fav Holiday Destination	Mozambique
Favourite Meal	Sushi
Type of cricketer	Batting all-rounder
Preferred bat pos.	1-4
Preferred field pos.	Mid-wicket
Type of bowler	Part time off-spin

### Who introduced you to cricket & how old were you at the time?

My father introduced me to cricket, must have been in diapers at the time.

### Who would you say is your mentor and why?

In terms of cricket, I would probably have to say Adam Gilchrist – incredible player, plus loved his attitude both on and off the field. Awesome cricketer and person.

### Who is the person/people that have played an influential role in your cricketing career?

Other than my father, I've had a few great coaches growing up that have been influential – none more so than my u 11 coach at school who was also my uncle. With that there's been a manager and team mates later on in my career, which have really helped me enjoy my cricket and try improve each game.

### How do you celebrate success or victory as an individual and as a team?

Not much of a show boat myself after personal victory, but a nice cold one always goes down well after success as a team.

### What advice can you give to the young aspiring cricketer who wants to play at the same level as you?

Work hard and enjoy the game. It's true what they say, what you put in with this sport is what you'll get out.

# PLAYER PROFILE



## GARRETH GEORGE ASHLEY BISHOP

Nick name	G.B
Date of Birth	24/02/1992
Birth place	Westville
School	Port Shepstone High School
Hobbies	Hockey, hanging out at the beach and spending time with friends and family.
Fav Holiday Destination	Cape Town
Favourite Meal	Pasta, Curry and dumplings
Type of cricketer	I like to think of myself as a team guy and also a gritty cricketer.
Preferred bat pos.	5
Preferred field pos.	Backward point
Type of bowler	Leg spin bowler

### Who introduced you to cricket & how old were you at the time?

I was introduced into cricket through my Mum. She used to watch cricket games on TV all the time, so I grew up knowing about the game. I must have been about 7 or 8 when I started playing school bakers cricket.

### Who would you say is your mentor and why?

I would say that my Mum was my mentor because she came to lots of my games. In a playing sense, I looked up to Herschelle Gibbs.

### Who is the person/people that have played an influential role in your cricketing career?

There has been a few people in my life, I had a few school coaches that helped me throughout my school career; Jonathan MacIroy, Gareth Oliphant and Ben Malamba. They had the biggest influence on me during my school days.

### How do you celebrate success or victory as an individual and as a team?

I am not one to really show off or boast success. I think knowing that you made a contribution to the win is a satisfying feeling. We have good team spirit, so the boys do celebrate with a few songs after the victory.

### What advice can you give to the young aspiring cricketer who wants to play at the same level as you?

My advice to any young cricketer is to never give up on your dream and always work hard.

# COACHES PROFILE



## HAPPY NDLOVU

<b>Nick Name</b>	Deep gold
<b>Hobbies</b>	Playing golf
<b>Birth Place</b>	Kwambonambi
<b>School Attended</b>	Nomathiya technical high school
<b>Coaching Qual.</b>	Level 2
<b>Fav. Holiday Destination</b>	Mauritius
<b>Favorite meal</b>	Phuthu & mutton carry
<b>Coaching Philosophy</b>	Cool guy
<b>Your playing career</b>	Played club cricket 2000-2001

### How do you describe yourself as a cricket coach?

Firstly I am a caring hard working person.  
I am focus on setting learning goals ,in learning technique  
I am patient guy with big heart  
I am discipline

### Who inspires you as a coach and why?

My Church pastor (Pastor Dlamini)  
He always talk to me most of the times reminding me that  
god have created me for a reason, god trust me on my job  
and also tells that whatever I do I must do it as if it my last  
day. On earth.

### The Hubs & RPC's are currently producing players that represent KZNCU at various levels, your general thoughts on this program?

Yes, it does produce players to represent kzncu  
The hub & RPC program. It's a good cricket program which  
assist lot of cricketers on improving in their game. through  
out games that they play. it also boosts us as a coaches on  
planning for games and a very good platform to test our  
cricket knowledge.

### How do you keep your players motivated throughout the cricket season?

At the beginning of the season I always ask players to give me  
their wish list things that they want to achieve in a season.  
And each and every training we work hard in order to match  
the standard that will lead them to achieve their goals.  
In a match day everyone wants to do good, batters want to  
score more runs and bowlers want to take wickets with that  
competition they always keen to play and also motivated

### What do you like most about coaching?

Coaching it the same as planting the seed to the soil. you  
don't know what is happening under the soil. but when you  
see the seed starts to germinate, you start to be smiley .  
I like when I work with youngsters. in a early age teaching  
them basics, and in a later stage you see them graduate to  
next level , playing hard ball cricket . next phase seeing them  
scoring runs.

### What is your best cricketing memory?

Wow. We started a club in rural areas and I was the captain  
of the club and in 2013/14 season we won a T20 competition  
under KingCetshwayo cricket union



# KWAZULU NATAL CRICKET UNION LOG POSITIONS 2018/2019



## Castle Premier League

TEAMS	P	W	L	T	N/R	NRS	POINTS
Clares	18	16	1	0	1	0	76
Crusaders	18	13	4	0	1	0	66
Berea Rovers	18	12	5	0	1	0	61
KCCD	18	10	6	0	2	0	53
Delta	18	9	7	0	2	0	47
Chatsworth Sporting	18	7	7	0	4	0	39
ACC	18	5	11	0	2	0	28
African Warriors	18	3	12	0	3	0	20
Pinetown	18	2	12	0	3	0	14
UKZN	18	1	12	0	5	0	14

# KWAZULU NATAL CRICKET UNION LOG POSITIONS 2018/2019



## Castle Promotion League Pool 1

TEAMS	P	W	L	T	N/R	NRS	POINTS
ILembe	18	11	3	0	4	0	62
Southern Natal	18	11	4	0	3	0	60
East Coast	18	8	6	0	4	0	48
Umzinto	18	8	6	0	4	0	47
Umlazi	18	8	6	0	4	0	45
Harlequins	18	7	9	0	2	0	36
Topham	18	7	9	0	2	0	36
Verulam	18	5	9	0	4	0	32
DHS Rhythm	18	5	9	0	4	0	31
Simplex RHCSC	18	3	12	0	3	0	19

# KWAZULU NATAL CRICKET UNION LOG POSITIONS 2018/2019



## Castle Promotion League Pool 2

TEAMS	P	W	L	T	N/R	NRS	POINTS
Hillary Malvern	18	13	3	0	2	0	69
Dawnheights	18	9	4	0	5	0	55
Newlands E/K	18	9	3	0	6	0	55
Railways	18	8	7	0	3	0	45
Lindelani	18	7	6	0	5	0	45
Phoenix	18	7	8	0	3	0	39
Tongaat	18	7	8	0	3	0	37
Umkomaas	18	6	9	0	2	0	36
Chatsworth United	18	3	11	0	3	0	22
Silver Saints	18	2	12	0	4	0	17



# KWAZULU NATAL CRICKET UNION LOG POSITIONS 2018/2019



## Castle Women's League

TEAMS	P	W	L	T	N/R	NRS	POINTS
Chatsworth Sporting	13	10	0	0	3	0	46
Lindelani 1	13	10	1	0	2	0	44
Simplex Crimson	13	8	2	0	3	0	38
African Warriors 1	13	7	2	0	4	0	36
Chatsworth United	13	6	4	0	3	0	30
DHS Rhythm	13	6	5	0	2	0	28
ACC	13	5	5	0	3	0	26
Umlazi	13	5	7	0	1	0	22
African Warriors 2	13	3	6	1	3	0	20
Pinetown	13	4	7	1	1	0	20
Lindelani 2	13	3	7	0	3	0	18
INK 4 Ntuzuma	13	1	8	0	4	0	12
Umgababa	13	1	8	0	4	0	12
Chesterville	13	1	8	0	4	0	12

# YOUTH CRICKET



## Girls cricket

The KZNCU Girls High School League has been in motion since last year in October 2018, there were 14 teams which participated when it started those being

1. KwaSanti Secondary
2. Thandolwesizwe Secondary
3. KwaMashu High Schools
4. UMkhumbane Secondary
5. UMgababa Schools
6. Magabheni High Schools
7. Mbasela high school
8. Chatsworth RPC
9. Durban Girls High School
10. KwaDabeka Schools
11. KwaMakutha Schools
12. Umlazi Hub
13. Ndabomuhle High School
14. Sivananda High School

The U13 Girls League is made up of the Hubs and RPC around Durban and gives a chance for the Primary schools girls to have regular fixtures which they would not have had leading up to selection for the various Weeks in December later in the year. Teams that are participating in the league are;  
This will be a feeder for the U16 girls age groups which will also filter up to the U19 age groups as well.

## Coca Cola Schools T20 Challenge 2018/2019

The KZN Coastal leg of the competition has run from 17 October 2018 when schools commenced for the fourth term and started with nine groups, seven consisting of four schools per group and the two remaining groups consisting of three schools each. There were thirty-four schools participating in the First Group Stage.

From the First Group Stage only the winners and runners up from the groups that consisted of four schools each and only the winners from the two remaining groups would qualify to go through to the second round. In the Second Group Stage there were four pools of four that competed in a round robin format, which then culminated in eight teams going through to the Quarter-Finals hosted at Kearsney College.

The Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals all formed a progression for the KZN Coastal Provincial Finals which ran over two days as per the directive of CSA in partnership with Playmakers and Coca Cola. The eight schools that took part in the KZN Provincial Finals were Clifton College, Durban High School, Kearsney College, Glenwood High School, Kuswag Skool, Northwood School, Thomas More College and Westville Boys High School.

Westville Boys High school proved to be the strongest throughout the two days of the KZN Coastal Provincial Finals winning the KZN Coastal leg over Glenwood High School who managed a tame 117 for 9 after they allotted 20 overs, Westville replied with a convincing 120 for 4 after 18.1 overs winning the Final by 6 wickets.

Westville High School then travelled to Pietermaritzburg Oval to clash with the winners of the KZN Inland Provincial Final St Charles in the all KZN Regional Final that would determine which school would represent the Province in the National Finals. St Charles won the toss and chose to bat posting a challenging 156 for 7 in their 20 overs, Westville could not stand up to the scoreboard pressure as they crumbled to score 118 all out in 19.2 overs handing the win and the bragging right the Saints who will wear the Dolphins colours at the National week starting on the 15-17 March 2019 at the University of Pretoria (TUKS).

## Congrats to Westville Boys for winning the KZN Coastals T20 finals



📍 KEARSNEY COLLEGE

# KFC MINI CRICKET



## TEST MATCH FESTIVAL

KZN Cricket Cricket hosted a Test Match Festival as part of creating more awareness about the program and also increasing Mass Participation. The festival is held at every Test Match, usually on the first day of the test match during the lunch interval. The kids get the opportunity to go on the same field that their heroes play on and spend 20 minutes playing the game of cricket and having fun. The South Africa vs. Sri Lanka Test Match on Wednesday 13th February saw 300 kids mini cricketers gracing the stadium with their presence and vibey spirit. Many thanks to KFC .  
#GettingKidsActive



## PROVINCIAL FESTIVAL

The KFC Min Cricket Provincial Festival was held on the 23rd February 2019 at the Kingsmead Stadium, our event started at 9:30 am and ended at 14:00. Cricket SA, KFC and playmakers graced us with their presence. We had over 800 kids in attendance, the kids were between the ages of 5 to 13 both boys and girls. We had 95 educators.





# INK HUB



**Head coach:** Sandile Caluza  
**Assistant coaches:** Zamane Mfusi, Khulekani Mtshali and Mzwandile Sibiya

## Feeder coaches and schools

### Inanda

#### Nhlanhla Khanyile

Amatikwe Primary, Inanda Day Primary, Uthando Primary, Qinisweni Primary, Khanyanjalo Primary, Vusukukhanya Primary, Sophunga Primary, Sekusile Primary

#### Ntokozo Ngcobo

Sithabile Secondary, Mvaba High, Ohlanga Secondary, Ntshisekelo Secondary, Comprehensive Secondary, Thwelenye Primary

### Ntuzuma

#### Melusi Cebisa

Ukukhanyakokusa Primary, Mzomusha Primary, Phumzuzulu Primary, Siziba Primary, Siyathuthuka High

#### Njabulo Mnqayi

Zamimfundo Primary, Senzesihle Primary, Halalisani Primary, Dalney Primary, Mzomusha Primary

### KwaMashu

#### Linda Nkibane

Zamokuhle Primary, Daluxolo Primary, Phumelela Primary, John Dube High, Gugulethu Primary, Mduduzi Ntuli (KwaMashu)

Isibonelo High, Sivananda High, Thandukwazi Primary, Dukemini Primary, Silimela Primary, Vilakazi Primary, Shayamoya Primary

#### Msizi Khuzwayo (KwaMashu)

Thandimfundo Primary, Tholamandla Primary, Ndabazezwe Primary, Zeph Dlomo High, Ngabakazulu High, Mzuvele High, Khethamahle Primary, Thandokuhle Primary, Sibonise Primary

At the recently-initiated Cricket South Africa (CSA) INK hub, head coach Sandile Caluza and his team of assistant and feeder coaches have their work cut out for them.

The hub has the mammoth task of catering for cricketers from three major townships – Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu – and therefore has two boys' teams each in the under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 18 divisions; as well as a girls' under 13, under 16 and under 19 team.

The hub has a base with four nets at a sports ground in KwaMashu's E Section, where the municipality is in progress of building a cricket stadium. However, transporting so many cricketers to practices poses a challenge so Caluza and his team have opted to play as many matches as possible. In fact since the hub's inception, they have managed to reach their set target.

"We are trying to play as many games

as we can," says Caluza. "We also supervise an inter-schools league. If the children play more games, we can establish who amongst them can fit into the hub."

Not that there's any lack of talent in the INK area. Over the years, more than twenty players have received bursaries at traditional cricket schools, thanks largely to their talent on the pitch. Currently ten boys in total are based at Maritzburg College, Glenwood Preparatory School, Glenwood High School and Durban High School. This year alone, nineteen players across various age divisions represented KZN in the national and regional cricketing weeks.

"It hasn't been easy getting started," says Caluza. "But we are slowly finding our feet."

The majority of the players belonging to the hub hail from historically disadvantaged backgrounds and are excited about the opportunities cricket gives them access to, he adds. The parents of players also love the game because it keeps their children beneficially occupied. "Cricket is the go to sport for most of the kids in INK. They see what it has done for other players, and they want to achieve similar results."

"Our vision moving forward is to meet all the requirements for hubs, and to even surpass these, as well as to get as many players as possible recognised by them making KZN and going

beyond that."

**The following players were selected to represent KZN national and regional weeks:**

**KZN under 11:** Asanda Guma, Bayanda Majola,

**KZN under 13B:** Pride Buthelezi, Nqobani Mokeona, Nkosi Zulu

**KZN under 13 girls:** Lungi Shabane, Noluyolo Mkhaliphi, Enhle Mkhaliphi, Esihle Kawu

**KZN under 16 girls:** Ayanda Hlubi, Nontobeko Yaka, Sne Nduku, Nolwazi Khanyile, Wandile Xulu,

**KZN under 19 girls:** Nosipho Yaka, Nobuhle Busani, Asamkele Kawu, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Nonhlanhla Mngoma

# UMZINTO HUB



**Head coach:** Sphephelo Nhlumayo  
**Assistant coaches:** Ameen Ismail and Gift Khuzwayo

As a child, Gift Khuzwayo of Malangeneni, a township near Umzinto, loved cricket. However when he found that no structure for development of the sport was available in his area, he sought advice from KZNCU Township and Rural Development Programme office and began coaching kids on the side of a road near the N2 off ramp. He started with five children, and soon this number grew to fifteen before eventually progressing to two full teams of passionate cricketers.

The recent restructuring of the township and development programme into a fully-fledged hub programme, has meant that Umzinto has become one of fifteen hubs in the province. Since Malangeneni is one of the townships serviced by the hub, the most talented amongst Khuzwayo's cricketers benefit from top notch facilities at the hub's base at the Umzinto Islamic Cultural Centre.

The restructuring has also meant a career leap for Khuzwayo, who now works as an assistant coach at the Umzinto Hub, as well as for his colleagues, Sphephelo Nhlumayo (previously a township and development coach in Umgababa) who is the head coach of the hub, and Ameen Ismail – previously a session coach for the Umzinto and Districts Cricket Union – who is now also an

assistant coach at the hub.

The hub – which is affiliated to Cricket South Africa (CSA) – boasts a brand new set of cricket nets which talented players drawn from public schools in Umzinto and its feeder townships Folweni, Umgababa and Malangeneni benefit from.

“Previously there was a real passion for cricket here, but no development at high school level,” says Nhlumayo. But the situation is rapidly changing. The hub draws its talent from eight schools in Umzinto, ten schools in Umgababa and 5 schools in Malangeneni who form an under 11, under 13, under 15, under 19, under 13 girls and under 16 girls teams.

Special one on one coaching sessions are held for these cricketers on Mondays, whilst the rest of the week sees the various age divisions making their way to the centre for team practice.

The level of commitment shown by the coaches and their charges has paid off. This year, one under 11 cricketer has made the Kwazulu Natal schools team, whilst three under 17 cricketers will represent the Kwazulu Natal rural school schools team. One cricketer has also made the Kwazulu Natal under 16 girls team.

“Eighty percent of the children who come here are historically disadvantaged,” says Ismail. “We'd like to get to the level where we can

compete against traditional cricketing schools in the province.”

Talented children participating in Park Rynie's KFC Mini Cricket Programme will also filter through to the hub.

As the head coach of the hub, Nhlumayo's goal is to make sure that any child who is passionate about cricket is able to access and play for the Umzinto Hub. “Moving forward, we want to upgrade the level of cricket we play and create an attractive brand of competitive cricket,” he says.



# HOLLYWOODBETS DOLPHINS ACTION PACKED SEASON!



In the quest to build community love for our Hollywoodbets Dolphins team and entrench the brand to be top of mind!

We kicked off where we left off last season, with the young & curious minds of KZN, we visited different schools in many different areas of Durban to promote the beautiful game of cricket.

During our school visits, we were greeted with warm smiles as the school kids got to interact with some of their cricket heroes from the Dolphins franchise & everyone's favourite Dolphi our fantastic mascot.

The schools were also afforded a chance to come to Kingsmead stadium to cheer on the Hollywoodbets Dolphins during the Momentum One Day Cup and further got to experience a few international fixtures at the Kingsmead Stadium for the Pakistan & Sri Lanka Tour.

Some schools knew all about the Hollywoodbets Dolphins and were excited to see Dolphi the mascot, whilst others we had to introduce not only the Hollywoodbets Dolphins and the beautiful game of cricket. Our school visits ensured us that the future of KwaZulu-Natal cricket is beaming with the amount of talented kids we came across and hopefully played a role in fuelling their love and passion for the sport.

The schools we had the pleasure of visiting were:

Tyburn Primary (Chartsworth), Botate Primary (KwaNdengezi), Penzance Primary (Glenwood), Ashton College (Ballito), Cordwalles Prep (Pietermaritzburg), Glenwood Prep, Uthando Primary (Inanda), Bantuvukani Primary (Lamontville), Thamela Primary (Umlazi) & Nonophya Primary (Klaarwater).

# KZNCU LAUNCHES FUTURE KINGS CAMPAIGN



KZN Cricket Union teamed up with the Future Kings Foundation (Founded by Rams Mabote), that mentors young boys from an early age, to create Future Kings Day that took place during The Proteas match vs the Sri Lanka, Prior to the game we visited schools spreading the word of Future Kings and ran a competition with schools.

The best dressed school was to win a TV from Hirsch's worth R10'000 and Botate Primary dressed well enough to win.

With so much going on, like East Coast Radio's Keri Miller skydiving into the stadium at lunch break, it must be said that the highlight of the day was having His Majesty the King Zwelithini Goodwill kaBhekuzulu in attendance and kindly handing over the TV to the coach of Botate.



# MOMENTUM ONE DAY CUP (MODC)



After a thrilling adventure of hosting 5 home games, 2 of which were held in PMB Oval!

We went back to basics to promote the games, we had street activations with our one & only Dolphi handing out flyers at the robots, fishing in the fans for support, we further had a traveling billboard that went to over 30 locations spreading the word about the games just to name a few.

On game day the mandate is and always will be to ensure our fans are fully engaged with a full experience, the world class entertaining cricket on the field, exciting entertainment around the banks comprising of jumping castles, in-stadia competitions and Dolphy always being the gracious host by meeting all the fans around the stadium, signing autographs and taking group pics and selfies.

# KZNCU UMPIRES ASSOCIATION INFORMATION



Membership of 63 active umpires.

Monthly Meetings were held every 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Training: Busy preparing a year planner to carry out off season training for year as well as upskilling of current umpires in the Association.

Detail program will be circulated as soon as dates are confirmed.

Training will also be done at RPC/ HUBS and Schools.

## CSA CRICKET WEEKS

Umpires who represent the KZNC Umpires Association on the weeks.

U 15: Yameen Godil.

U 17: Sbonga Shabungu.

Girls Under 19 Week: Lizaan Van Eeden.

CCKM: John Carstens, Muhammed Jooma.

ASSA A: Derek Wright, Muhammed Jooma and Johan Carstens.

USSA B: Was held in Durban and the Umpires Association supply 10 umpires for the week. According to the Management of the Week, it was a huge success. Thanks to our Union and Association on the week. Was EXCELLENT.

Womens Provincial Tournament: Lizaan Van Eeden.



## APPOINTMENTS TO THE DIFFERENT LEAGUES

Castle Premier League: 100%.

Castle Promotion League: 92%.

Castle Women League: 85%.

## LEVEL 3 EXAMS

Seven umpire's wrote the new exams and successfully passed.



# COACHING TIP CRICKET AWARENESS



## Batting Awareness

- Create a sense of calm and confidence when walking to the crease.
- Understand and identify the fact that you will get out.
- Maximise the time you have at the crease by scoring as many runs as you can.
- When you at the crease and starting your inning, look to spend as much time in the beginning at the non-strikers end.
- Early on in your inning know your runs scoring option and look to rotate the strike.
- For the first 15 runs look to get most of them in singles.
- When looking at the field positions, rather concentrate on the gaps instead of where the fielders are stationed.
- Build an inning with good strike rotation instead of looking for boundaries early on.
- Bat in partnership- If you're struggling with a bowler and your partner is playing him well then try and get him on strike.
- Communicate well with your partner during the end of over period.
- **Concentrate on Every Ball as if it's an Event!**
- Lastly, back your ability and play freely within **Your** game plan.

## Bowling Awareness

- Access the conditions of the wicket. (Slow/Quick/Turning)
- Look to identify the **Golden Length**. Every wicket has a certain length that makes scoring runs tough.
- Decide on the line you going to bowl and make sure that your field is set accordingly. **It is your responsibility to make sure your field is according to your game plan.**
- It is your responsibility then to execute you game plan effectively. **(Has a bowler except that this is your role and you need to execute precisely. Set High Standards)**
- Channel your emotions and aggressions in to your bowling and not at batsmen and fielders. This merely wastes energy and achieves **Nothing**.
- Access the batsmen's strengths early and work a line of attack for him early.
- Don't try too many options especially if the option you are using is working.
- Stay patient and **Never Ever get Greedy!**
- Back your ability to use slower balls or cutters. **Make sure you practice these variations often so that you have confidence to execute.**
- Lastly, if your game plan is set and you're confident, then when you at the top of your run up, you run in and give it everything you have for every delivery you bowl.

## Fielding Awareness

- Firstly and most importantly, **Think Like a Captain when You're Fielding.**
- Access the pitch condition and make sure you are standing in the right angles. Slow wickets will allow batsmen to hit the ball in front of square 85% of the time and quick wickets will allow batsmen to hit the ball squarer 85% of the time.
- Always walk in with the bowler.
- When fielding find a unique way to keep you focused on every ball bowled.
- Expect every shot to come to you. Anticipate every ball.
- Always be alert and back up, even if you on the boundary.
- Read the game and watch the batsmen carefully as if to anticipate his next move.
- Make fielding fun, this is the best way to get the best out of you.
- Support the bowler and talk a lot out there. This encourages the bowler and also keeps you awake.
- Always be hungry to field the ball.
- **Always keep an eye on the Captain so that if he needs to call you, you are aware.**
- Lastly, **Fielding is about Presence and Confidence. If you always showing these attributes batsmen become reluctant to take you on.**

Cricket is a Unique Game. It's played in a Team Environment Yet when asked to Execute You're Skill it's all about that Individual. So be the Best you can Be and your Team will Reap the Rewards.