



## Message from Bazil Clarke

*General Manager*

### *New era dawns for amateur cricket at North West Cricket*

With the acquisition of the Sport Village accommodation, built for the Spanish football team during the world cup 2010, the Senwes Park cricket stadium can now offer cricket training at a world class level, and has attracted numerous teams from all over South Africa and abroad.

With these facilities in place the amateur division has set new goals and visions for the next three years of “winning on the field”.

All divisions have bought into this, from primary school cricket to the senior Dragons team. Bazil Clarke, Amateur Manager, reports that with our new consultants, Kepler Wessels and Clive Eksteen, on board, we have a new vibe amongst our coaching staff and all are committed to our cricket vision. Training camps for all ages were held in July with the following disciplines being coached:

Batting: Kepler Wessels, Monty Jacobs and Martin Venter.

Wicket keeping: Thando Bula

Fast bowling: Allan Donald and Mornantau Hayward

Spin bowling: Clive Eksteen

Everyone is looking forward to the new season.

### *Senwes Park a multipurpose stadium*

Last year (2009/2010 ) the Senwes stadium staged 52 events which were 27% up on the previous year. This year promises to be even better with a large amount of training camps being added. The events which will be staged at our stadium during the season as follow:



- Aardklop concerts – 5 days
- England women’s tour – 3 ODI’s, 20/20
- Australia tour – 4-day game
- Domestic amateur games
- Domestic Franchise games, 40 overs and 20/20
- Carols by candlelight concert – 1-day
- Stadium golf
- Stadium bowls
- International camp
- England academy U/19 games
- Training camps including countries, franchise, preseason
- U/23 National tournament

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## *Elite Bowling Camp with Allan Donald*

North West Cricket hosted an Elite Bowling Camp at Senwes Park on Thursday 28 July and Friday 29 July 2011. School children participated in coaching sessions on Thursday and Friday afternoon. The North West Dragons players had a coaching session on Friday morning. Allan Donald (Bowling Consultant) lectured the players on what is expected from a bowler. A bowling session and video analysis was done. *“Having Donald here was a huge privilege. The knowledge and experience he brought to the camp will be very beneficial to all who attended the camp”* said Jaco Peens, (Coaching Coordinator, NWC).



In this picture - Back: Gordon Parsons (Highveld Lions Bowling Coach), Allan Donald (Bowling Consultant), Jacques Faul (CEO NWC), Dr. Jaco Peens (Coaching Co-ordinator NWC)

Front : Hendrik de Vos (U/19 NWC Coach), Monty Jacobs (NWC Dragons Coach)

The North West Coaches Forum Conference was held from 21 to 23 July 2011 at Senwes Park in Potchefstroom. 42 coaches from all over the province attended the conference.

North West Cricket would like to thank the North West Academy Sport for their financial contribution towards this conference.



## *North West Academy Tour 2011*

The North West Academy has completed a successful tour to Mpumalanga. The team departed on Monday, 4 July 2011 for White River where they played two matches against a Mpumalanga Invitation Team.

They lost the first match, but were victorious in the second match. Danie van Zyl batted very well with 65 runs in the first match. Jacques Mahne scored 60 runs in the second match. SP van Wyk took four wickets for 10 runs in three overs in the second match, securing the win.

From White River the team went to Skukuza in the Kruger National Park where they played three matches. They won the first match by scoring 224 runs securing them a 40 run victory. Herman Redelinghuys achieved the top score of 62 runs, assisted by Elmar van Wyk with 44 runs. Lenus van Rooyen took four wickets. On Saturday, 9 July they played two 20/20 matches against the Mpumalanga Invitation Team of which one match was won and one lost.

The environment in the Kruger National Park was an out-of-the-ordinary experience for the players and for the first time they shared the outfield with warthogs.

The touring team consisted of: Danie van Zyl (captain), Jacques Mahne, Ernst Janse van Rensburg, Rhoan Gardiner, Herman Redelinghuys, Lenus van Rooyen, Shane Wasserman, Jacques Nel, SP van Wyk, Elmar van Wyk, Juandre le Roux, Stephen Geyser, Josef Viljoen, dr Jaco Peens, Willem Lemmer and Louise Vorster.



*Additional fielders at Skukuza Cricket Ground!*



## *Toro Ya Africa Development League Title*



### **Promosa outplays Khuma to clinch their 2<sup>nd</sup> U/16 Toro Ya Africa Development League Title**

The U/16 Toro Ya Africa Development League reached its conclusion on 6 August 2011. The final was contested between Promosa and Khuma. The latter had reached their first final in their first year of participating in the league by winning three out of four matches. They won against Tlhabane, Matlosana, and Itsoseng. They lost against St Conrads in their final Pool B match.

The final was hosted in Orkney at the Vaal Reefs Cricket Ground (Victory Park). Promosa won the toss and elected to bat first. Katlego Leokaoko and Alex Meyer opened the batting for the defending champions. The opening pair could only manage a partnership of 12 runs before Akhona Madiki took Khuma's first wicket by dismissing Katlego Leokaoko for a duck. In came the team captain Johnny Kekana and he was determined to lift the Toro Ya Africa trophy for the second time as he quickly scored runs around the park: 52 runs off 41 balls (scoring 7 fours) before he was dismissed by Andile Makubalo. Johnny Kekana had played a captain's innings with the bat for the boys from Potchefstroom, while in the other camp Lindokuhle Njobe was determined to play his part with the ball as he took five wickets for 44 runs in six overs. Njobe took the skulls of Alex Meyer (28 runs), Tlotlisang Makhele (14 runs), Ollie Nokana (31 runs), Gerald Ngwenyama (11 runs) and Morena Rammula (4 runs). Promosa ended on a total of 242 runs in their 30 overs and in so doing set Khuma a target of 243 runs in their 30 overs.

Khuma needed to score eight runs an over to ensure that they couldn't chase down the set target of 243 runs, but their chase started off on a back foot as their opening pair of Lebogang Radebe and Tshepiso Phalatsi could only manage to put on a partnership of 16 runs. Tshepiso Phalatsi was dismissed for a duck by Ollie Nokana, and in came Tiisetso Tsolo, but he didn't even last long as Alex Meyer dismissed him for a golden duck. Soon after that Khuma's only resistance was Andile Makubalo, who could only manage to score 11 runs, while the remaining seven Khuma batsmen could only manage to score a total of 22 runs amongst them. Alex Meyer was the best pick of the Promosa bowlers as he ended on bowling figures of 3/19 in 5 overs. Promosa won the match by 154 runs and clinched their second U/16 Toro Ya Africa Development League Title.



## *Toro Ya Africa Development League Title*

In the individual awards the following players received awards for:

- Best Batsman for the match: Johnny Kekana (Promosa team captain) scored 52 runs off 41 balls (scoring seven fours)
- Best Bowler for the match: Lindokuhle Njobe (Khuma) who took 5 wickets for 44 runs in six overs.
- Player of the league: Alex Meyer for his performances



*Toro Ya Africa*



In this picture (left to right): Solomon Meki (Youth Cricket - NWC), Kevin Gower (Vice-President, NWC), Johnny Kekana (Team Captain - Promosa), Jacques Faul (CEO, NWC), Bazil Clarke (Amateur Manager, NWC)



## *North West Cricket Announces Contracted Players*

Due to the restructuring of the Cricket South Africa League to a Semi Professional League, each affiliate is entitled to contract seven players. A strong development focus was intended when Cricket South Africa agreed to this step. The contracting regulations are strict to ensure the intentions are met.

The seven players to be contracted for North West Cricket for the 2011/2012 season are:

- Brett Pelser, the team captain who made his debut for the Highveld Lions last season.
- Nantie Hayward, Ex-Protea fast bowler.
- Dieter Klein, North West and Highveld Lions Academy player.
- Jimmy Kgamadi, North West and Highveld Lions player.
- Johannes Diseko, North West Player.
- Kylin Vardhan, North West and Highveld Lions Academy player.
- Yusuf Bulbulia, North West player.

North West Cricket CEO, Jacques Faul, added that Cliffe Deacon, Dale Deeb and Alviro Petersen will also be

available if they are not on duty for the Highveld Lions.

*“We wanted to reward players coming through our schools and Provincial system and balance this with experience, and therefore four of the players played North West School’s cricket, while two of the other players played for our North West Senior team. Only Nantie Hayward was contracted from outside our own structures. We believe he will play a big role in developing young bowlers”* said Archie Pretorius, President of North West Cricket.

The coach of the Dragons, Monty Jacobs, was very positive in saying *“we can defiantly compete with any one”*.

Jacobs is keen to work with Kepler Wessels in conditioning the team.