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Above : Jean Du Plessis from the SWD Provincial Academy was selected along with 2 other Cobras Academy players to

THREE COBRAS ACADEMY PLAYERS SELECTED TO SA FRANCHISE ACADEMY SQUAD

Jean Du Plessis (SWD), Neo Mlumbi (WP) and Michael Cohen (WP) have been selected to represent the SA U23 XI taking part in the Future Cup in Kimberly this April. The final team was announced at a function following the completion of another very successful Franchise Academy 50 Over Week, hosted by North West in Potchefstroom.

The week was superbly managed with top class facilities after a very busy season on their fields. Practice facilities were superb, as well as the hosting facilities at the Sports Village were the players

stayed at. Congratulations to Heinrich Strydom and his organizing committee for the hosting of such a quality tournament where the standards were high and there was plenty of top quality talent to go around. When looking at the squad that was selected and the players who missed out, the game has a bright future ahead.

All three players impressed at the tournament although the Cobras team had a tough time, winning only one of their fixtures.

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| 1. Mitch Van Buuren | (C) | Titans |
| 2. Lutho Sipamla | (v/c) | Warriors |
| 3. Neo Mlumbi | | Cobras |
| 4. Muhamed Mayet | | Lions |
| 5. Ruan Haasbroek | | Lions |
| 6. Sithembile Langa | | Warriors |
| 7. Mathew Breetzke | | Warriors |
| 8. Kabelo Sekhukune | | Warriors |
| 9. Michael Cohen | | Cobras |
| 10. Thabang Rakhatla | | Knights |
| 11. Ruan De Swardt | | Titans |
| 12. Jean Du Plessis | | Cobras |
| 13. Bongolethu Makeleni | | Warriors |
| Coach | : | Wandile Gwavu |
| Asst. Coach | : | Quinton Friend |

COACH EDUCATION NEWS



COACHING DEVELOPMENT

Following the last edition of the Nightwatchman, the Knysna forum hosted a session on spin bowling, with Mafinki Serame, the current SWD and Cobras player sharing his knowledge and experience with the coaches who attended.

COACHING COURSES

All four courses run this year have been completed. Disappointingly though was the final turnout at courses with many coaches pulling out during the actual courses. This made planning very difficult for the courses and also comes at a high cost to SWD Cricket as these courses are offered for free but there are a number of costs involved that must be carried and we appeal to schools, clubs and coaches themselves who apply for the coaching courses, to take this commitment they make to complete a course seriously. The roadshow conducted last year by SWD Cricket showed that only 45% of educators in the region who were actively coaching cricket, are accredited to do so and we appeal to schools and clubs to encourage their educators and coaches to get onto a course in the near future in order to up-skill themselves and give their cricketers the best coaching they can give available.

On the other hand though, the turnout at the Level II Refresher held at the ETA Campus in George, was very encouraging with coaches from Hubs, RPC, Premier and Promotion Clubs and a number of Primary and High School coaches turning up for the Refresher Course.

Discussions revolved around effective training sessions, introduction to video analysis techniques and a number of skill specific presentations. Coaches are encouraged to keep themselves “up-to-date” by attending the various forums and refresher courses on offer to coaches in the SWD.



Left: Some of the coaches who attended the Level II Refresher in George on the 8th of March

RPC AND HUB PROGRAMME FOCUS



BACKGROUND

For many years, cricket was regarded as the game of the privileged, but great strides have been made to make cricket a truly national sport of winners. The work done by Affiliates and Associates (Members) in this space needs to be acknowledged as it has contributed enormously to the CSA vision. The development programme in the previously disadvantaged communities started long before South Africa held its first democratic elections in 1994. The programme continues to emphasize the following principles: Make the game accessible to all, ongoing skills development through comprehensive training programmes for players, coaches, managers, match officials, ground staff, volunteers and employees. Ensure results driven and measurable programmes are in place and retain players at all levels of amateur cricket with an emphasis on club cricket. To create centers of excellence (currently referred to as HUBS and Regional Performance Centers - RPC's) to link with schools and club cricket providing a clear path from grassroots to Proteas through a uniform development programme throughout the country whilst ensuring capacity building takes place creating windows of opportunity.



Above: Players at the Rosemoore e Hub in George after a training session with their coaches

The centers of excellence concept has been reengineered to enhance and further develop the game of cricket amongst Black communities by supporting effective HUBS and RPC's to contribute positively towards the CSA Pipeline of Players, Coaches, Administrators, Umpires, Scorers and Ground-staff. This concept provides schools feeding a HUB or RPC access to facilities whilst broadening the game of cricket among the Black communities. It also aims to develop quality Black cricketers who will contribute positively towards the CSA pipeline plan, therefore supporting the CSA Transformation Agenda. The current feeder structure to high performance squads is through Model C/Private schools that produces over 80% of our national players. For every 20 white players there is an average of 3 Black African players which is a major imbalance and needs to be addressed. Feeder structure around HUBS/RPC should have a minimum of 4 Primary and 4 High Schools in close proximity to a HUB or RPC structure and the HUBS act as a feeder into the RPC.

CRICKET HUBS STRUCTURE

Cricket HUBS are Effective Cricketing Centers servicing a community within an area of jurisdiction of a CSA Affiliate or Associate. Their objective is to develop and maintain effective cricketing structures from grassroots right through to senior cricket with a minimum criteria for operating as a HUB structure including: a



Level II qualified Head Coach and Level I Assistant Coaches, adequate facilities for practices and matches, a minimum of 4 primary and 4 high schools feeding a hub, a coaching programme that caters for all ages and gender as per CSA age group pipeline with affiliated teams to play in the various leagues. They must operate as a feeder to RPC and Provincial Youth Teams and have a reporting mechanism in place to both CSA and the Affiliate or Associate.

Left: Hubs and RPC's cater for both boys and girls cricket

RPC AND HUB PROGRAMME FOCUS



The desired outcomes of a HUB programme are to increase and sustain participation with improved performances through playing more quality matches. To develop and identify talent whilst advancing the knowledge and skills of coaches, administrators, scorers and umpires. There should real community engagement and bursary opportunities created at school and Tertiary Institutions.



Above: A training session at the Bridgton RPC in Oudtshoorn

REGIONAL PERFORMANCE CENTRES STRUCTURE

Regional Performance Centers are places where the highest standards are maintained. Their objective is to nurture the talent (it can be club based or multiple hubs elite player programme) with the aim of preparing them to excel in their cricketing disciplines and play more (increased participation) and more quality (increased excellence) matches at the highest level possible.

The desired outcomes of a RPC programme are to produce proficient cricketers that can perform at representative level. Identify Players whilst uplifting the performance of HUB programme teams in the various leagues. The upliftment of coaching skills and programmes at HUB level is important to create a winning culture in a team environment and to enable bursary opportunities at school and tertiary institutions.

The HUB and RPC programme has been running in SWD now for 3 seasons and already the programme has seen massive strides in promoting the game in the communities with HUBs now producing SWD Provincial Youth Team players as well as winning trophies.

One RPC operates in Bridgton, Oudtshoorn run by Head Coach, Elridge Booyesen and Assistant Coaches Merlin Masimela and Justin Jordaan. Three HUBs, one based at the Rosemoore Stadium, George which is run by Head Coach Angus Roelfse and Assistant Coaches Shaun Pretorius and Bianca Figeland, one at Imezamoyethu Secondary, Thembalethu in George, run by Head Coach Lastword Tapfumenayi and Assistant Coaches Joseph Sonti and Lukhanyo Makhula, and one at the D'Almeida Stadium, Mossel Bay run by Head Coach Ranwill Claassen and Assistant Coaches Devan Muller and Godwin Plaaityjes. Schools in the area can contact these HUBS and the RPC via the details listed at the bottom of this article.

Some of the recent achievements of this fantastic, uplifting programme in the SWD are:

Mthobeli Bangindawo – debuted for the SWD Provincial team during the Africa T20 Cup and has since played for the team during the CSA 3 day and 50 over competitions

D'Almeida HUB U15 Promotion League Champions – 2016/17 Season

Bridgton RPC players selected to SWD Youth Teams

Jandre Van Wyk, Jean Bruiners, Tyrece Karelse, Keenan Arries, Leyton Avontuur, Joviano Tock.

Thembalethu HUB players selected to SWD Youth Teams

Ayabonga Kitshini, Athenkosi Mapona, Mhlahli Gcanga, Mthobeli Bangindawo, Shalton Ngonyama (all attended or attending SWD Provincial Academy), Morgan Gege, Unathi Mbathane, Siyabonga Mbathane,



Above: Mthobeli Bangindawo in action for SWD during the Africa T20 Cup

RPC AND HUB PROGRAMME FOCUS



D'Almeida HUB players selected to SWD youth Teams:

Jedhli Van Briesies (bursary to Langenhoven Gymnasium), Jesse Roussouw, Raven-Lee Kemmies

The following coaches from the programme have been appointed in recent times as:

Elridge Booysen – Bridgton RPC Head Coach: as SWD Girls U19 Assistant and Head Coach

Merlin Masimela – Bridgton RPC Assistant Coach: as Assistant SWD U19 Coach

Ranwill Claassen – D'Almeida HUB Head Coach: as SWD U15 Assistant Coach

Joseph Sonti – Thembaletu HUB Assistant Coach: as SWD U15 Manager



Above: SWD u17 WICKET KEEPER BATSMEN Jedhli Van Briesies who began his cricket at the D'Almeida Hub in Mossel Bay now attends Langenhoven Gymnasium after being awarded a bursary

There always challenges to any programme and some of the challenges these HUBS and the RPC face are transport logistics, well maintained AND prepared municipal facilities for the players to play on, schools cancelling games at short notice to go along with the socio-economic challenges the individual players face ranging from coming to practice hungry, without the right clothing or shoes, to the safety of the children and coaches walking to and from training. The appeal to the communities is to embrace these uplifting programmes, support and protect them whilst getting involved on whatever basis you are able to.

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Left: Young bowlers from the Thembaletu Hub in George during a bowling specialist session at the Hub

OAKDALE RULES SWD SCHOOLS CRICKET



Oakdale Agricultural High School from Riversdale won both the U/19 and U/15 titles in the SWD Cricket Super League schools competition at the completion of the SWD Schools Leagues for the 2016 2017 season. In both finals, their opponents were Glenwood House from George. Oakdale's B-team also recently won the SWD u/19 Promotion league.

This is quite a feat considering the small number of learners at the school based in the picturesque town of Riversdale. The success of the schools cricket comes from a very committed staff who go the extra mile for the learners and the building of the schools state of the art , multi purpose indoor center has added great value to all of the schools sporting codes

In the U/19 final Oakdale posted 218/7 and thereafter dismissed Glenwood for 155 for a 63 runs victory.



Left: The Oakdale 1st XI—SWD U18 Super League Champions 2017. Back Row: Malan du Plessis (Coach), Jan-Hendrik van Wyk, Jay-Cee Nel, Robert Bosch, Johan Potgieter, Jan Daniel Strydom, Pierre Joubert, Hannes Gous, Franco Blignaut, Mr Jacques Budricks (Cricket Academy Coach) Front Row: Mr Andre Latsky (Headmaster), Kevin de Kock, Luke Hertz, Pietie Uys, Stefan Marais and Hendrik Victor

In the U/15 final Oakdale (73/3) recorded a comfortable 7 wickets victory after dismissing Glenwood for 69.



Left: The Oakdale U15A XI—SWD U15 Super League Champions 2017 Back Row: Mr Andre Latsky (Headmaster), Matthew Golden, Janco Goosen, Alwiche v.d. Linde, Matthew Stephens, Dewanley van Rensburg, Ryk Smit and Armand Bosch Front Row: Efan Meyer, Christie van Greunen, Jesse Adams (Captain), Kaylim Cordier, Hendré Niemann and Mr Pine Marais (Coach)

SWD CLUB LEAGUE NEWS



The end of the season has finally arrived and the different champions of the SWD Club Leagues have been crowned. Union Stars on Saturday retained the Premier League title as SWD champions when they defeated Pirates United in the final that was played at the Recreation Ground in Oudtshoorn with 4 wickets.

Pirates put up a brave fight after they were requested to bat first and thanks to Brendon Louw (77*) posted 168 runs. Union Stars showed their experience in chasing down the runs and reached the winning target (169/5) with the first ball of the 46th over.

Union Stars, together with the club champs of Boland and Western Province will now on 31 March and 1 & 2 April play in a qualifying round to determine who will represent the Western Cape at the Momentum National club championships.



Left: The Union Stars team that were crowned as 2016/17 SWD Premier League Champions on Saturday 25 March after defeating Pirates United CC by 4 wickets

Pioneers Cricket Club of Plettenberg Bay celebrated their tenth year since affiliation with SWD Cricket in style when they won the Sedgars SWD Promotion League with a comprehensive 5 wicket victory against Mayflower on Saturday.

Mayflower, who batted first, was restricted to 149 thanks to a brilliant fielding display backed by tight bowling by the men from Plettenberg Bay. With the Pioneers total at 92/5 a nail-biting finish was on the cards but an unbroken partnership between Nathan Kamfer (23*) and Garth Bock (33*) paved the way for a Pioneers victory.



Left: The Pioneers CC team that lifted the Promotion League trophy after defeating Mayflower CC

COACHING 'HOT SEAT' WITH SALVIN HANNIE

Hampo: “Hi Salvin. Congrats on what was a very good season for a club that a year or two ago was really struggling!”

Hi Gary! Yes, looking back it certainly was an interesting, yet challenging journey. Creating a culture meant looking at a whole system through a critical lens and gradually phasing in your ideas. My players always tease me about my favorite saying which is, “onwards and upwards”, which loosely translates into this: if you put the right amount of quality work in, the curve in terms of success will sometimes flatten out but almost always rise! I am obviously very proud of how the players have embraced the challenge.”

“What would you put this rise in success down to from a coaching perspective?”

“I knew most of the players beforehand, so talent-wise I knew what we had. Establishing a culture of discipline, hard work and good ethics were immediate challenges. The first objective really was to create a culture. We had a meeting on a code of ethics for the team which involved and came from the players. Once that was established I was fairly ruthless in policing their own set of rules, even if it meant logging heads with some of the long time, established players. I knew that in the end it would be hugely beneficial to the club, because little irritations like players not pitching or arriving late for games very quickly disappeared. Secondly was the mental approach to the game, individuals understanding their own game, and match and situational awareness became huge focal points. Most of my players had played some sort of representative cricket at school, so there was certainly no lack of ability. It really boiled down to them managing their own games. Once you put these measures in place performances will tend to always have an upward curve because of the fact that you have empowered your players. Looking back now, many of my players have made enormous strides in that regard which is especially pleasing.”

“Interesting – as head coach of the team I would imagine you have challenges in Knysna with depth in the club – is this an issue for the club (are there other challenges) and how do you get around these player related challenges?”

“We have tightened up our development program for juniors, and there has been an emphasis on building a culture of youth cricket as part of our feeder system. We have now taken it a little further and developed a comprehensive club development plan which would be focused mainly on the juniors in the northern areas of our town, but also the areas on the fringes of town. We have established an NPO and will use that vehicle to secure the funds to ensure a well-coordinated, sustainable program for junior cricketers in our town.

Also worth noting though as that our club is probably the most integrated club in the SWD. I’ve played most of my cricket at a so called white club, as they played premier league cricket and knew that uniting cricketers in a town would be mutually beneficial. I actively recruit players from different sides of the tramline, and my currency is always the quality of my practice sessions. I see my players twice a week for 90 minutes at a time. You cannot afford to waste someone’s time at practice. To me integration and development are critical components for a club to be successful. Making your club a place where people are happy and creating that “family” feeling is also vital, which speaks to the ability of the coach to communicate effectively with his players and making them feel part of a common course. One of my players who got taken up into the academy nearly cried upon hearing that he wasn’t eligible to play for the club anymore, while another, who represented SWD, and went away to play for another club this season remarked about how much he missed the club, and all of that is very heartening and reminds us that we are on the right track.

My goal was always to bring a marquee player to the club, which we have done this year through the acquisition of a first class player in the form of Brendon Louw. He really was great value, because many of the aspects we have hammered upon the players through the last few years has been enhanced by his presence on the field, and his insight as a resource tool proved to be invaluable for especially the younger players.

Lastly we have incorporated the social night league, with a playing pool of over 120 players, as part of the club. It is amazing how much talent is found in that league.”



Above: Salvin Hannie—
Head Coach of Pirates United CC

COACHING 'HOT SEAT'

IN CONVERSATION WITH SALVIN HANNIE

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“What advice would you offer other premier league clubs who don't have the big name players in their squads?”

“I am blessed with a very healthy committee who really subscribe to the idea of constantly trying to improve. From that perspective we have been able to address many stumbling blocks, be it financially, administratively or just facility wise. As I've eluded earlier though I've always been very firm on your practises being one of the foundations of a club, and ensuring that players don't waste their time when they come to practises. Skills training are very, very important but to holistically develop your players you need them to take responsibility for their own game, analyzing their own game in match situations and guide them to make good decisions, especially when under pressure, When I joined the club not many players had an opinion about a match situation, or their own strengths and weaknesses. Everything was done for them. We are now arriving at a situation where every player, even juniors who gets exposed to first team cricket, is challenged to make an input about game plans, etc. In short we have created a lot more leaders, people who take responsibility, than we used to have.”

“As a level III coach who has coached the SWD Women's Team, SWD Provincial Youth Teams and now the Pirates United CC 1st XI as well – do you think there is a difference in approach, intensity and commitment between coaching an elite cricketer as to coaching a 'community sport/recreation cricketer”

“One has to differentiate between your player with ambition and your player who want to be part of the social network and cater for both their needs. Every club will have a healthy mix of both sets of players. Your approach to your first team player is really very similar to coaching elite athletes. These players need to be stretched mentally, physically as well as from a skills perspective on a constant basis. Your recreational player, who just plays for the fun of it, can be extremely useful in other parts of the organization and should therefor likewise be encouraged and nurtured.”

Having coached both Provincial Youth Teams and in the Premier League, as well as being a coaching course facilitator and assessor, do you think it is worthwhile for unqualified coaches to attend courses and the various coach development programs that take place throughout the year and why?”

“It is a critical component. For a coach to gain the trust of the players he must be seen to be prepared, to be knowledgeable and to understand the game. I am a firm believer that any team can be improved and exposing coaches to courses and workshops really give coaches not only an advantage in terms of the latest techniques and thinking tanks. Moreover it empowers the coach to empower his players. From a player's perspective nothing is more important than knowing that the stuff you do in practice is designed to improve him/her self and knowing that the coach has an understanding and knowing that you can trust the coach to improve yourself is vital for the player. For a coach to be able to empower his players he/she has to empower themselves first and that is why these courses are so critical.”

“What would you like to see done differently or more of by coaches going forward in the SWD?”

“As I have mentioned before, skills training is critical and has to be practiced relentlessly. An aspect which I still see is lacking though is the ability of players to think on their feet, and work out things for themselves. Many a game is lost between the ears and I often feel that players are not challenged to make smart decisions. I know for a fact that that is one of the most overlooked aspects of coaching. At our club that is probably the area of our game which we put the greatest emphasis on.”

“Thanks for your time again Salvin and well done on your teams achievements this season—I am sure you are looking forward to a few free weekends now.”

“I sure am but we're already planning for next season. Thanks Hampo!”

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