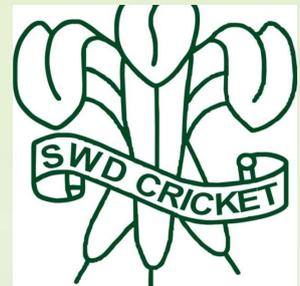


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MESSAGE FROM THE AMATEUR MANAGER: MR JOHAN WEYERS

Please allow me to congratulate the SWD Coaching Department and in particular Garry Hampson, the Coaching Manager, on our first in-house newsletter, THE NIGHTWATCHMAN. Also a warm welcome to Gleneord Keiser, the newly appointed Schools' Coordinator since the 2nd of February 2015.



The 2014/15 season is coming to an end with all Amateur Activities to be concluded at the National Club Championships in Pretoria, 22 – 27 April 2015. The various Schools' League Competitions are also nearing the end, with only the Super League to be completed. Sao Bras Secondary School from Mossel Bay won the Schools Promotion U15 League with Uniondale High the U19 Promotion League winners. The U13 Super League Competition is being contested between 16 teams this year.

Girls Cricket was contested in an U13 and U18 League with a very successful U18 Girls Festival held to conclude the season. A Girls U13 Festival will take place at the Recreation Ground in Oudtshoorn on Saturday the 21st of March 2015.

Mini Cricket Fixtures are played relevantly in the different regions and various regional festivals were held during the first school term in 2015 in Thembalethu and Hessequa.

'It is impossible to have a great life unless it is a meaningful life.' JC

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WHATS COMING—APRIL EDITION

Look for news on all league winners, including super schools leagues and club leagues as well as news on the trophy winners at the SWD Cricket Awards Function.

There will also be news on upcoming coaching courses and forum meetings as well as an introduction to the 2015 SWD Academy Squad. Be sure to look for the new coaching tips section as well, in the April edition of the Nightwatchman!



“Coaches were invited to spend the afternoon in the Presidents Suite watching cricket...”

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COACH EDUCATION

The SWD Coaching Department has been hard at work upskilling coaches during this busy summer. A number of CAP Camps, various forums and coaching courses have taken place.



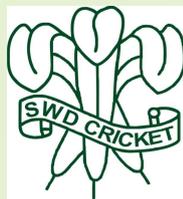
RPC, HUB & BA Coaches Forum

The appointed RPC, HUB and Black African program coaches have attended three forums recently in order to develop these programs and ensure that talented players from the areas are given the correct coaching and guidance. Four coaching courses have also been finalised with coaches completing their practical assessments. These coaches are now out in the schools and clubs coaching and we hope that the courses that will be run in the off season will be well supported. See the April edition for the coaching planner.

A regional coaching forum was hosted during the SWD Semi-pro game against KZN. Coaches were invited to spend the afternoon in the presidents suite watching cricket and through the afternoon a number coaching related items were discussed. We will look to grow this forum as it was a really good exercise to have coaches from the different forums across the region mixing and sharing ideas.



Some of the coaches who attended the Regional Coaching Forum meeting in Oudtshoorn recently



"Success isn't given. Its earned! In the gym, in the nets and out on the field. With blood, sweat and the occasional tear!"

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SCHOOLS CRICKET NEWS:

The various leagues have been running through the season with the popular T20 competition proving to be a close affair, with Langenhoven Gymnasium coming out on top. As the season gets to the back end the pressure builds on the teams looking to qualify for the semi finals and we expect some quality, close games over the next few weeks

T20

The 4th February saw the T20 semi-finals contested between Langenhoven Gymnasium/Point High and Outeniqua High/Sentraal High.

Langenhoven Gymnasium and Outeniqua High emerged victorious respectively which set the stage for the Final on 6 February. This was a closely contested game with Outeniqua High batting first and scoring 108/5 in their 20 overs. Edrich van Rensburg top scoring with 41 runs and Nevada Jacobs taking 2/9. Langenhoven Gymnasium eventually won by 4 wickets. Sheldon Deyssel scoring 29 and Isaiah Davids taking 2/23. They then went on to participate in the Eastern Cape Schools T20 Play – offs, where they unfortunately lost to Dale College on the D/L method.

SUPER LEAGUE

This far in the Super League Boys U15 and U19, the old rivalry between Langenhoven Gymnasium and Outeniqua High continues to be a close affair as there are only 2 points separating both their respective age group teams with only a few games left to play. Mother nature also had her say as there were quite a number of games that got rained out. For U15's Francois Barnard from Langenhoven Gymnasium has batted exceptionally well scoring 288 runs which included a very good 156 and a 94. Jean Bruiners has excelled with the ball pocketing the best bowling figures in a match picking up 5/5 in 5 overs. In the U19 League Ruan Moolman from Glenwood House top scored in a match with 83 runs and Richard Pappenfus also from Glenwood House picked up figures of 8/11 in 6 overs.

U18 Girls T20 Festival

SWD held a very successful U/18 Girls festival in Oudtshoorn. There were 6 participating teams who each played 3 matches over 2 days and a total of 9 matches were played. The aim of the Festival was to spark an interest amongst the players playing the game for the first time and also to strengthen the interest amongst the existing players. Micaela Andrews was the top scorer for the festival with 94 runs and picking up 9 wickets for 26 runs.



Some of the girls and coaches at the U18 Girls Festival



“160 kids and 25 Coaches and Educators attended the festival.”

KFC MINI CRICKET

All the regions are currently busy with their League fixtures for the 1st school term. A recent visit was made to Franken Primary School for a KFC Mini Cricket Coaching session. The Thembalethu Hub held a Black African KFC Mini Cricket Festival on a very misty day on the 7th of March 2015. 160 Kids and 25 Coaches & Educators attended the festival. Some exciting talent was spotted on the day and a lot of fun was had by all who took part!

KFC SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2015

- 14 March 2015 (Hessequa Regional KFC Mini Cricket Festival- Riversdale)
- 21 March 2015 (KFC Mini Cricket Girls U/13 Festival- Recreation Ground)
- 28 March 2015 (Central Karoo Regional KFC Mini Cricket Festival: Beaufort)



Some of the participants in action during a misty festival





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Youth Teams—National Weeks 2014

Our overall performances were not what we expected after a really good preparation and training through the year. Throughout the age groups individual players performed well but the teams did not click. Batting remains a challenge as scores posted were quite low and the bowlers often got the teams out of tricky situations. A focus on improving batsmen’s game plans and execution of these in the middle is key to success in 2015. A stand out point from discussions with the batsmen is that they do not spend quality time developing their skills at school practices but instead they are generally just having net practices. This is an area that needs to be looked at from a coaching point of view at individual schools.

From an individual point of view, Jean Heunis performed well for the U19’s and was selected for the SA Colt XI. For the U17’s Jean Du Plessis and Grant Esau showed good promise while Josh Kleu bowled very economically. JC Nel put batsmen under real pressure for the U15’s with his raw pace.

The talent identification process has been under way this term with a number of new players raising their hands through performances and this will make for an interesting selection process for the squads for 2015.



*Age Group coach
Pieter Stuurman
intently watching
a junior age group
training session*



“Ottniel Baartman and Hanno Kotze from SWDC were selected to represent the Warriors Colts”

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Warriors Franchise Colts/ SA Colts

Ottniel Baartman and Hanno Kotze from SWDC were selected to represent the Warriors Colts at the Franchise Colts Week. Both of these young cricketers have shown a lot of potential and have represented the SWD semi-pro team this past season.

Ottniel is an exciting fast bowling prospect who has learnt his trade playing for Union Stars Cricket Club as a young cricketer and has since attended the SWD Cricket Academy where his game went to the next level under Head Coach Andre Du Plessis. Hanno has been plying his trade for NMMU and was a key player in NMMU being crowned Premier League champions last season. A keeper batsmen with the ability to take attacks apart at will, he has a bright future ahead of him and we are looking forward to watching these two young cricketers develop in the years to come.

CSA Cubs Week

Jean Heunis and Chris Marrow were selected for the Warriors Cubs side which took part in the Cubs Week in Stellenbosch over 5- 9 January 2015. Both of these players had superb seasons for their schools - Langenhoven Gymnasium and Oakhill respectively and are two exciting prospects with the bat.



*Warriors Cubs
Coach Andre Du
Plessis with Chris
Marrow (left)
from Oakhill and
Jean Heunis
(right) from
Langenhoven
Gymnasium at
the National Cubs
Week*



"It never gets easier. You just get better!"

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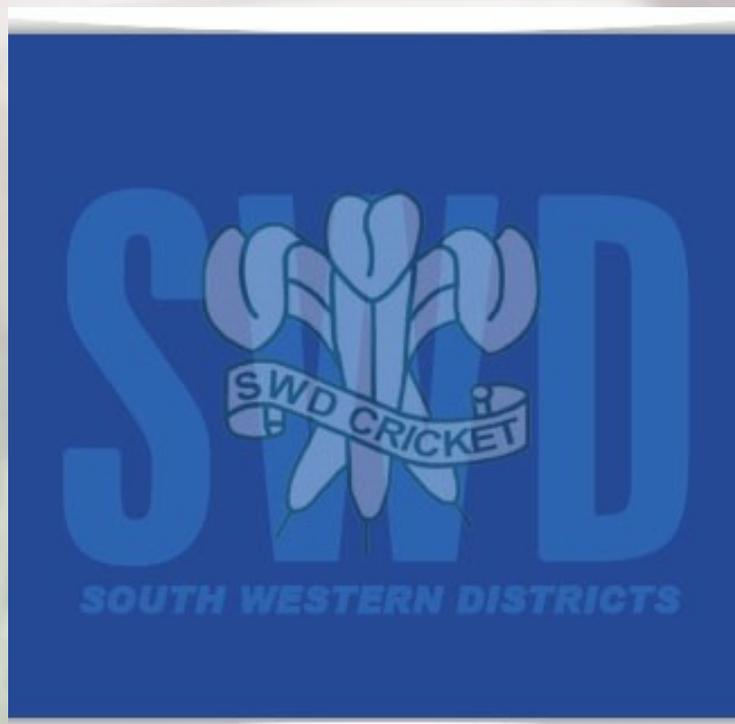
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