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***Malawi's jaw dropping victory against their associate counterpart –  
Botswana!  
Ghana; Nigeria & Tanzania win their morning matches***

#### **Morning Matches**

In the morning match of the 4<sup>th</sup> Days playoff at Sahara Park Willowmoore at the Pepsi ICC-Africa T20 WCL Division 2 Tournament in Johannesburg, South Africa all the matches went according to plan.

Rwanda were beaten by Nigeria; Ghana stunned Malawi and Tanzania beat a gamely Swaziland!

In the Malawi /Ghana match, Ghana were inserted to bat on a very friendly wicket on the will main field and they scored a very impressive 166 runs in their 20 overs for the loss of 7 wickets. Meaningful performance came from A Kofi (38); O Harvey (33) and SK Awiah (34) allowing the Ghana batting to set an acceptable target.

Major fielding errors in the field contributed to the lack of penetration by the Malawi bowlers. In attempting to chase down their total, Malawi were never allowed to gain any momentum by the very precise Ghanaian bowling. The only notable player with the bat was Naeem Chaudry who got 32\* of 24 balls

Peter Ananya and Obed Harvey both performed well with the ball and picked up a pair of wickets each. Ghana won this tame meeting by 52 runs!

The newly promoted Rwandans saw themselves faced with the Nigerian team.

Nigeria still a bit angry about their loss at yesterday afternoons session, came out with real aggression and dedication. They stunned the Rwandan batting with aggression and directed bowling and they were eventually all out for 65 runs.

O Awolowo returned figures of 4 for 11 in his 4 overs. He accounted for the middle order for Rwanda. Leg spinner Sean Phillips came in to clean up the tail and he ended up with 3 wickets for 11 runs.

Sean Phillips and opener O. Bejide made their intention very clear from ball 1 and they were soon on 40 runs in the 5<sup>th</sup> over.

Phillips continued to bat and ended up with 45 runs on 35 balls carrying his bat the entire innings. Nigeria won by 9 wickets!

In a tricky fixture for the Tanzanian team after their shock defeat from the Sierra Leoneans yesterday, they were faced with the national team of the Swazi kingdom.

Swaziland won the toss and elected to bowl and some may have thought that this tactic was going to work as they soon found themselves with Enjo Seti being clean bowled by Eastian Sauerma.

Fortunately for Tanzania a 25 run, 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket partnership allowed for a certain degree of stability in the batting innings. Kasim Nassoro again weighed in with 37 of 27 balls and supported by Essa Kikasi who scored 25 of 11 balls, they set a target of 144 for the Swazilanders.

Unfortunately for the Swaziland batting they were unable to start off with a steady platform and at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> over they stood at 2 for 5 runs. The regular fall of wickets never allowed a stable platform to be created.

Naeem Gull scored 36 of 44 balls and A Patel 35 of 19 balls. However this was not enough as Swaziland was bowled out 43 runs short of the target. Tanzania won by 43 runs!

### **Afternoon Matches**

The afternoon session at the Pepsi ICC-Africa T20 WCL Division 2 Tournament in Johannesburg, South Africa produced the second major surprise of the Tournament.

Bottom of the table Malawi managed to beat the associate member Botswana in an exciting match on the 'B' Field at Sahara Park Willowmoore.

Botswana elected to bat and did themselves no favors of only setting a 120 run target. Mehul Patel was the hero of the bowling session and took 4 wickets for 14 runs.

The only highlight of the Botswana batting was FR Rashid who scored 40 runs in 31 balls. Unfortunately for Botswana W Tajbhay and S Sathasivam both managed to get starts but failed to continue them

In pursuit of the total, Malawi managed to get a small partnership going but lost wickets at regular intervals. Opener Zaeem Akbanie got 38 of 48 balls and Naeem Chaudhry 29\* of 36

This allowed Malawi their first major victory against an Associate at an ICC event. Malawi won by 2 wickets.

Next match was the other vital match of the day played on Sahara Park Willowmoore Main Field. This was another West Africa derby.

Sierra Leone faced old rivals Ghana.

Sierra Leone won the toss and elected to bat and managed to post a modest total of 116 for 5 wickets.

A Kamara in the runs again with 24 of 36. L. Lamin 30 runs of 21 balls. A. Gbla 25 of 23 allowed Sierra Leone to set this target.

Vincent Ateak managed to take 2 wickets for 15 runs

In reply, Ghana got off to a flying start and lost their first wicket for 43 runs. J. Vifah scored 33 of 37 balls however, it was Obed Harvey who stole the show. He scored a blistering 53 runs of 31 balls. This innings took the wind out of the Sierra Leone sails and their target was passed in the 17<sup>th</sup> over. Ghana won by 8 wickets

The hapless Mozambican team faced Nigeria. They managed to set Nigeria a total of 105 to chase.

SR Pania scored 24 of 40 balls and SKR Shah 28 of 29 balls. This modest total could have proved to be another stumbling block to the Nigerians batting as they lost their first wicket with 5 runs on the board.

A second wicket partnership of 41 runs allowed Phillips and Onikoyi to consolidate and both managed to get into the 20's. A mini collapse with 2 wickets falling on 53 runs saw Nigeria falter however Adejola and Bejide both managed to bat out and scored 20 and 23 respectively

Nigeria continuing their winning streak with a victory by 5 wickets!

### **Brief scores:**

#### **MALAWI VS GHANA**

Malawi won the toss and elected to bowl

Ghana scored 166 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in 20 overs

Best Batting Figures Ghana: AM Kofi 38 of 35; O Harvey 33 of 33; SK Awiah 34 of 27

Best Bowling Figures Malawi: T. Tarmahomed 2 for 36

Malawi scored 114 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in 20 overs

Best Batting Figures Malawi: N. Chaudry 32 of 24; A. Bhana 24 of 16

Best Bowling Figures Ghana: P Ananya 2 for 14; O Harvey 2 for 22

#### **GHANA WON BY 52 RUNS**

#### **RWANDA VS NIGERIA**

Rwanda won the toss and elected to bat

Rwanda scored 65 runs for the loss of 10 wickets in 19 overs

Best Batting Figures Rwanda: A Byiringiro 16 of 28

Best Bowling Figures Nigeria: O Awolowo 4 for 11; Sean Phillips 3 for 11

Nigeria scored 67 runs for the loss of 1 wicket in 9 overs

Best Batting Figures Nigeria: Sean Phillips 45\*

#### **NIGERIA WON BY 9 WICKETS**

### **TANZANIA VS SWAZILAND**

Swaziland won the toss and elected to bowl

Tanzania scored 143 runs for the loss of 5 wickets in 20 overs

Best Batting Figures Tanzania: B Mwita 25 of 30; K Nassoro 37 of 27; I Kikasi 25 of 11

Best Bowling Figures Swaziland: E. Sauerma 2 for 27

Swaziland scored 100 runs for the loss of 10 wickets in 20 overs

Best Batting Figures Swaziland: N Gull 36 of 44; A Patel 35 of 19

Best Bowling Figures Tanzania: R Kiseto 3 for 19; A Mpeka 2 for 21

### **TANZANIA WON BY 43 RUNS**

### **SIERRA LEONE VS GHANA**

Sierra Leone won the toss and elected to bat

Sierra Leone scored 116 runs for the loss of 5 wickets in 20 overs

Best Batting Figures Sierra Leone: L. Lamin 30 of 21; A Gbla 25 of 23; A. Kamara 24 of 36

Best Bowling Figures Ghana: V. Ateak 2 for 15

Ghana scored 117 runs for the loss of 2 wickets in 17 overs

Best Batting Figures Ghana: O. Harvey 53 of 31; J. Vifah 33 of 37

Best Bowling Figures Sierra Leone: D Williams 1 for 34; E. Marah 1 for 13

### **GHANA WON BY 8 WICKETS**

### **MOZAMBIQUE VS NIGERIA**

Mozambique won the toss and elected to bat

Mozambique scored 105 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in 20 overs

Best Batting Figures Mozambique: SKR Shah 28 of 29; SR Pania 24 of 40

Best Bowling Figures Nigeria: O Oluseye 2 for 18; O Femi 2 for 18

Nigeria scored 109 runs for the loss of 5 wickets in 17 overs

Best Batting Figures Nigeria: O. Bejide 23 of 24; A. Onikoyi 21 of 18; A. Adegbola 20 of 30; S. Phillips 20 of 15

Best Bowling Figures Mozambique: SKR Shah 2 for 12

### **NIGERIA WON BY 5 WICKETS**

### **MALAWI VS BOTSWANA**

Botswana won the toss and elected to bat

Botswana scored 120 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in 20 overs

Best Batting Figures Botswana: FR Rasheed 40 of 31

Best Bowling Figures Malawi: P. Mehul 4 for 14

Malawi scored 121 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in 20 overs

Best Batting Figures Malawi: Z. Akbanie 38 of 48; N. Chaudhry 29\* of 36

Best Bowling Figures Botswana: R. Segolame 2 for 16

### **MALAWI WON BY 2 WICKETS**

**ICC Africa T20 Division 2, Benoni, South Africa (as of 17 May 2011)**

Tomorrow's fixtures:

**DAY 5: 18 MAY 2011**

Morning Matches(AM) - 09:00 to 12:00

*If requires extra time up to 12:30(30 min extra time)*

Malawi VS Rwanda

Swaziland VS Nigeria

Sierra Leone VS Botswana

Afternoon Matches (PM) - 13:15 to 16:15

*If required extra time up to 16:45(30 min extra time)*

Tanzania VS Ghana

Swaziland VS Malawi

Sierra Leone VS Mozambique

**For more information including full scorecards from all matches in this tournament please go to:**

[http://icc-cricket.yahoo.net/the-icc/icc\\_members/africa/div3/2011/fixtures.php](http://icc-cricket.yahoo.net/the-icc/icc_members/africa/div3/2011/fixtures.php)

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*Above: Close run out for Malawi*



*Above: Eastian Sauerma delivers his wicket taking ball at Tanzania*



*Above: Ghana hit out vs. Swaziland*