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Inas Tri-Nations One Day International tough mountain to climb for SA Team

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2017 Inas Cricket Tri-Nations, Cheshire England

09 – 21 July 2017

South-Africa played their third match on 13 July 2017 against England at Bramhall Cricket Club and the final group match against Australia at Oxtou Cricket Club on 16 July 2017.

The 2017 edition of the Tri-Nations proved to be challenging for the South African outfit. The match reports of the last two games for the SA Team attest to how cricket have grown since the inception of the competition in 2005. (<http://www.inas.org/sports/sports/cricket>)

Match Report 3: 13 July 2017 (South Africa & England)

A fantastic batting performance from England opening batsmen sees England scoring a mammoth total of 317 runs for the loss of 3 wickets. Our bowlers struggled to find their rhythm and injuries soon became a worrying factor. Winston Johnson (Eastern Cape) our strike bowler had to leave the field after just 2 overs. But one has to compliment the England batsmen on a perfect batting performance on an average pitch which provided average support to the bowlers. The South African Team had a disastrous start to their batting innings. Phaphama Mthana (Eastern Cape) lost his wicket with the second ball and Puseletso Modimola (Gauteng) was run out just when it looked like his partnership with Eldridge George (Eastern Cape) could build a sustainable partnership.



One needs to compliment Eldridge's performance as a batsman. He was cool and calm playing each ball on merit as wickets was tumbling around him. He had a fantastic knock of 38 runs before his bails were removed by the English captain, Edwards. We manage to score 98 all out. We will take the learnings from this match and prepare for a must win match against Australia on 16 July.

Match Report 4: 16 July 2017 (South Africa & Australia)

The start of the semi-final match against Australia had the prospects of a runaway win for the SA team with the Eastern Cape bowling duo, Ayanda Kolisi and Winston Johnson cutting through the opening batsman of the Australian team with bowling figures of 3/8 and 3/11 respectively. The Australian team were quickly bowled out for 46 runs, leaving our team to score 47 runs to proceed to the final against hosts, England on Monday.

It was not meant to be as our top 4 batsmen had no answer to the fierce Australian bowling attack. Disappointment is surely an understatement but, that is the nature of the sport. The players would have learnt some valuable lessons out of this match-up, of which to remain focussed throughout the competition is probably one of the biggest. We lost the match with 6 runs short of a win.

The focus now shifts to the T20 competition which starts on Tuesday, 18 July 2017. England and Australia will contest the One Day International final with England the overwhelming favourite later today.

T20 International Fixtures:

Tues 18th July:

- T20 - England v Australia 12.30pm
- T20 – Australia v South Africa Toft Cricket Club 5.00pm

Wed 19th July:

- T20 – South Africa v England 11.00am
- T20 – England v Australia Chester Boughton Hall CC 3.00pm

Thurs 20th July:

- T20 – England v South Africa 2.00pm
- T20 – South Africa v Australia Oxton Cricket Club 6.00pm

Fri 21st July T20 - Final Nantwich Cricket Club 5.00pm



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