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Bowling Machine Arrives

Cricket coaching has taken an exciting step forward here in Chiang Mai with the arrival of a new Bola bowling machine from the UK. Special thanks to an Australian, Professor Bruce D. Car, B.V.Sc., Ph.D., Dip. ACVP, DABT, from Bristol-Myer Squibb, in America for his generous donation to cricket development in Chiang Mai.



The boys love the challenge of facing balls from the machine and there is a buzz of excitement at practice in the nets at the Gymkhana Club. We expect a vast improvement in their batting skills as they can now have more intense practice sessions with more emphasis on correct stroke play than before. The sessions are longer as well, because the coaches do not become exhausted from continual bowling. This extra practice is important as the older boys are all eligible for selection for the Thailand team which will compete in the ACC U-15 International Tournament to be held in Thailand in December of this year.



Local cricketer and coach Basharat Wani was a great help in getting the machine delivered from the UK to Chiang Mai and then through Customs without the usual delays and hassles associated with items manufactured outside Thailand. Although we are a non profit organization dedicated to helping Thai children we were not able to get any relief from the Customs regarding duty and paid the normal commercial rate. So if anyone out there would like to help us with a donation towards the cost of that duty (21,000 baht) we would be most grateful. We will also need more balls for the machine as the year progresses so if anyone is coming to Chiang Mai from the UK or Australia or any other cricketing country please feel free to bring extra Bola bowling machine balls with you they will not be wasted !!

On 13 and 14th May a three team tournament was played at the Pola Club and Pratana School, in Bangkok. Chiang Mai and Khon Kean sent a combined team. Bank, Gan, Chai, Tong, Non, Ben, Dan, Fluk from Chiang Mai played and they can hold their heads up high after some very creditable performances. In the last game Tong top scored with 35, Bank and Gan also did well and making the majority of the teams score. The boys are certainly benefiting from the Sunday morning session with the adults at the Gymkhana Club

International Cricket is Coming to Chiang Mai

For the first time ever Thailand will be hosting a Major International Cricket tournament. Under the auspices of the ACC 10 countries from the non-Test playing countries of Asia will

be represented by their Under 15 cricketers. One of the highlights will be the first appearance of a team from China on the International cricket scene. This should create further interest in cricket in Thailand.

Matches will be played at 4 different venues, 2 in Bangkok and 2 in Chiang Mai. The Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club and Prem Center will each host a series of games over nine days leading up to the finals. The fact that there will be turf wickets available for cricket to be played on is a huge step forward for cricket in this region.

There will be considerable interest in which of the Chiang Mai boys will be representing Thailand. There is a possibility of up to six local boys being selected for the team. Their selection will depend on their own dedication to training and attitude in developing their own personal cricket skills. Four of the boys performed very well in Bangkok during the Under-15 tournament in May and have clearly signalled that they are ready for bigger challenges.

In preparation a three team tournament will be played in Chiang Mai in November to sharpen up the eligible Thai players and give the selectors a good chance to see them under full match conditions. Thailand is keen to show that its recent improvement has not been a one off and wants to continue its winning way.

In preparation for this event, work is well under way for the resurrection of 3 turf wickets at the Gymkhana Club cricket ground along side the artificial wicket. The ACC has supplied a 2-ton motorised roller that will greatly assist in getting the pitch into top condition. The pitches are required for the International Under 15 Asia Cricket Council Tournament that will be co-hosted in Chiang Mai and Bangkok in December.



Donations and Sponsorship

As always, we need more money to be able to keep developing cricketers and introduce new players.

If you feel able to help, our bank account details are:

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