

# Cricket blossoms as kasi boys excel in bowl and bat!

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THE KZN Cricket Union, the provincial department of sport and recreation, and organisers of the Sunfoil Township Schools Tournament came together to celebrate 10 years of successful cricket development.

A tournament was held at Hilton College, near Pietermaritzburg between Friday and Wednesday.

Motivated young cricketers showed their skills as 24 teams, made up of 12 players each, did their best to come out on top.

They were divided into two groups: Under-15 and Under-19, and played matches lasting 50 overs each. The teams represented Gauteng, the Northern Cape, Border and the Western Cape.

Faez Jaffar, the president of the KZN Cricket Union, said cricket is doing very well in KZN.

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The KZN Development Team took part in the tournament held at Hilton, north of Pietermaritzburg, last week.

“This tournament is getting bigger every year.

“Earlier this year we invited township teams to play at Weston Agricultural College near Mooi

River and at the Pietermaritzburg Oval.”

Township development manager Sanelisiwe Khuzwayo said the competition is growing and cricket

is becoming even more popular ekasi.

“We’re celebrating the 10th anniversary of this tournament and are happy that the teams are playing quality cricket.

“This year the best team of the tournament played against top cricketers from the Inland Academy in Pietermaritzburg.

“KZN has also grown the number of teams they field at the tournament from two to an impressive six, which is encouraging.

“The Under-15 winners were the KZN Development Team,” she said.

Former township player S’mangaliso Nhlebele (22) now has a semi-professional contract with the KZN Dolphins and said he has improved his skills a lot.

“This tournament opened doors for me.” he said.