

KEI CRICKET

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BUILDING THE GAME. DEVELOPING THE FUTURE.

A MESSAGE FROM KEI CRICKET

August is a month that reminds us of the importance of recognising, celebrating and creating opportunities for women.

At Kei Cricket, we believe that the growth of cricket depends on creating an environment where women and girls can participate, lead, develop and thrive at every level of the game.

WOMEN WHO GROW THE GAME

This month, we shine a light on some of the incredible women contributing to cricket in our region—from players and volunteers to those working behind the scenes to grow the game.

As we continue building towards a stronger 2026/27 season, we remain committed to developing people, strengthening programmes and creating meaningful opportunities through cricket.

■ WOMEN'S MONTH FEATURE

Ntombikayise Xongo

Born in Ngqamakhwe and currently working at Old Banting Junior Secondary School, Ntombikayise Xongo is one of the women contributing to the development of cricket within our communities. Her journey represents the important role that women continue to play in creating opportunities for young people and strengthening the foundations of the sport.

Women who grow the game deserve to be celebrated.



■ WOMEN'S CRICKET

9-August 2026 • NOMANDI 1 CLUB WOMEN vs TABASE CRICKET CLUB WOMEN
NOMANDI 1 CLUB WOMEN won by **123 runs**. **Player of the Match: Kwanele Kratsha.**

The continued participation of women's clubs demonstrates the growing opportunities available for women and girls to compete, develop their skills and build their cricket careers.



■ THE COUNTDOWN TO SEMINAR 26 IS ON!

KeiCricket is proud to host the **KFC Mini Cricket Seminar26**, bringing together passionate minds committed to strengthening Mini Cricket and creating meaningful opportunities for the next generation. The seminar forms part of our continued commitment to developing Mini Cricket and ensuring that young players are introduced to the game through strong programmes and passionate people.

■ CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to **ThabaniJoseph Ngqasa**, KeiCricket's **KFC Mini Cricket Coordinator of the Year 2026**. This recognition highlights the dedication and commitment of individuals working tirelessly to develop Mini Cricket and create opportunities for young cricketers.

■ COACH & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Development remains at the heart of Kei Cricket. During the month, programmes continued to support the development of coaches and players through practical sessions, camps and structured cricket activities.

Hub Practicals	Hub Camps	National Week Coaches Sessions
Player Development	Women's & Girls' Cricket	Coach Development

■ THE GAME CONTINUES

Kei Cricket continues to prepare for and coordinate fixtures across our various programmes. As we move through August and towards the remainder of the 2026/27 season, teams, players, coaches and officials remain focused on competition, development and creating positive cricketing experiences.

One of the upcoming fixtures involving **Mthatha International** has been moved to **5 September 2026**, while other scheduled cricket activities continue.

■ ALIGNING FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

KeiCricket staff recently participated in the **2026/27 Preseason Staff Alignment Meeting**. The session provided an opportunity for staff to align on priorities, programmes and the work required for the season ahead.

■ KEI CRICKET ONLINE

Our digital platforms continue to help us tell the Kei Cricket story. We are proud to share the achievements of our players, coaches, volunteers, clubs and programmes with a growing audience.

One recent highlight was **Cricket South Africa** resharing our **Catcher of the Week** content, helping showcase the work being done across Kei Cricket to an even wider audience.



■ GROWING TOGETHER

KeiCricket is more than matches. It is about creating pathways, developing coaches, giving young players opportunities, supporting women and girls, and recognising the volunteers and staff who keep the game moving.

■ LOOKING AHEAD

As we move towards the final part of the year, Kei Cricket remains focused on developing Mini Cricket, strengthening Hub and Club Cricket, growing Women's Cricket, developing Under-19 Girls' Cricket, supporting coaches and officials, creating opportunities for young cricketers and strengthening our cricketing community.

THANK YOU

To every player, coach, volunteer, official, parent, school, club, staff member and supporter who continues to contribute to Kei Cricket: **Thank you.**

Your dedication helps build the future of cricket in our region.

■ **KEI CRICKET — BUILDING THE GAME. DEVELOPING THE FUTURE.**

■ Happy Women's Month from Kei Cricket!

■ Follow our page for the latest news, fixtures, results, features and announcements.