

LESOTHO HOSTS 25TH INTER-CENTRAL BANK GAMES

The Inter-Central Bank games were held in Lesotho from the 25th to 27th March 2005. As expected nine (9) countries including Lesotho participated in these games. The other eight countries were Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. Lesotho confirmed the Sesotho saying that “noha ha e qaloe mokoting” as evidenced by the results. Lesotho reached the semi-finals in almost all the disciplines and it must be said: Lesotho did well in these games. Another country that performed extremely well and emerged the overall winner was Zimbabwe. The Zimbabweans did not participate in the games last year, was it because they were working on improving their teams? Zimbabwe featured in top three positions in all the seven disciplines: marvellous performance especially away from home.

In darts, Lesotho won gold and we usually do well in darts. We won gold in Zimbabwe in 2003 and we were second in Mozambique in 2004. Zimbabwe occupied the second position and won silver. Lesotho also outclassed the other teams in volleyball and Zimbabwe was the second best team. The third position went to Malawi who was second in the previous games. The Lesotho football team has been greatly strengthened by the bank’s decision to have its own internal security and this team won silver after the mighty Zimbabweans who won gold, whereas Swaziland was third. The weather exacerbated the football pitches conditions and maybe the best football was not played as the pitches were so damp. In lawn tennis it was gold for Lesotho, silver for Zimbabwe and bronze for Swaziland. Zimbabweans were flying high in Netball, Swaziland was second and Lesotho won bronze. The only discipline where Lesotho did not win a medal was table tennis which was won by South Africa. Zimbabwe featured second here and Malawi was third. The newly introduced sport, pool, was won by Zimbabwe again and South Africa beat Lesotho to the second position. In general it was mainly Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Swaziland who won most of the medals. Fortunately no casualties were reported and there were no disputes and this fulfilled the motive of the games which is to socialise and to network. The only disappointing fact is that it is not clear who will be hosting the games next, but hopefully the games will be there next year.

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DETAILED RESULTS

DARTS	LAWN TENNIS	NETBALL	SNOOKER /POOL	SOCCER	TABLE TENNIS	VOLLEY BALL
1. LESOTHO	1. LESOTHO	1. ZIMBABWE	1. SWAZILAND	1. ZIMBABWE	1. SOUTH AFRICA	1. LESOTHO
2. ZIMBABWE	2. ZIMBABWE	2. SWAZILAND	2. SOUTH AFRICA	2. LESOTHO	2. ZIMBABWE	2. ZIMBABWE
3. SWAZILAND	3. SWAZILAND	3. LESOTHO	3. LESOTHO	3. SWAZILAND	3. MALAWI	3. MALAWI

GOLD CARRIES 5 PTS; SILVER 3 PTS AND BRONZE 1 PT

COUNTRY	SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL	SNOOKER	NETBALL	LAWN TENNIS	DARTS	TABLE TENNIS	MEDALS	PTS
ANGOLA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
BOTSWANA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
LESOTHO	16	12	6	12	6	6	0	58	18
MALAWI	-	12	-	-	-	-	6	18	2
MOZAMBIQUE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
NAMIBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
SOUTH AFRICA	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	12	8
SWAZILAND	16	-	6	12	-	6	-	40	12
ZIMBABWE	16	12	-	12	6	6	6	58	22

**FOR 2005 THE OVERALL WINNER IS ZIMBABWE
CONGRADULATIONS ZIMBABWE !!!!!!!!!**

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