



Hamilton belongs to the top level

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The Champions League may have captured the attention of the cricketing world in the absence of any other Test and one-day international games anywhere else in the world but two countries who are trying to show that they are also good enough to be in top company have been playing against each other. Kenya who have one-day international status and Zimbabwe who have both Test and one-day international status but have been out of cricket for a long time are keen to get back in the top league. They have some good players who can get better with more international exposure but its not going to come about unless they can show in the matches that they play in the lower league that they are a notch above the other teams. Kenya, remember made it to the semi-finals of the 2003 World Cup in South Africa but seem to have regressed thereafter with little or no international exposure. This was really sad because they were at that crucial juncture when the game could have taken deep root but with the exploits in that world cup becoming a fading memory its an uphill battle now to capture the imagination of the people at home. In Zimbabwe too there was big void with no international cricket being played and when the players feel that there is no future for the sport then they tend to gravitate to another career or another sport.

That's why it was good to see these two countries do battle against each other and compete fiercely. With no cricket elsewhere it is mainly their players who are the contenders for this week's CEAT International Cricketer award.

Hamilton Maskadaza has been impressive in the short time he has been seen in top company and so it was no surprise to see him dominate the matches and score a double century followed by another good effort. He is therefore this week's CEAT International Cricketer of the week.