

Activity Report of a Scholarship Holder

Six months after the IOC Olympic Solidarity course he followed in Rome. Mr. R. Charlie Tchikanda, a Cameroun volleyball trainer, draws up a balance sheet of his activity in his report from which we have taken the following passages.

I. Administration

Drawing up the final report of the Rome course, mapping out a four-year activity programme, training and information constitute the main achievements in the field of administration. Looking more closely at information and training, let us note that:

- articles have been published in the national newspapers on the development of the Olympic movement in the world.
- an information and refresher course has been organised for technical officials in order to familiarise them with the new methods and techniques learned in Italy.

II. Organisation

Several programmes have been undertaken, such as:

A) mass programme

Volleyball-for-all days have been organised, during which matches were played, discussions held with club officials, information campaigns undertaken in the press and on the radio. These volleyball-for-all days took their inspiration from the «Youth Games» organised every year in Italy.

B) youth programme

This is the most important activity and also the one with the most decisive

results. As part of this activity a mini-volleyball operation was launched and volleyball schools have been created in several departments of the west province (my field of activity). During the six months since the Rome course the setting up of these volleyball schools has particularly interested me:

- they are well organised and have viable structures;
- a pedagogical film on initiation to volleyball has been made with young people from the Bafoussam volleyball school. The lessons of cinematography in sport which I attended in Rome greatly inspired me in the making of this film, which is both a valuable pedagogic document and a means of spreading the technique of Italian football.

C) elite programme

1. At provincial level, training sessions are organised every day at Bafoussam, my home. The technical officials of the provincial teams are also taken care of.
2. At national level I have been asked to manage the national military and civil teams at the CISM Games and the preliminaries of zone V (Central Africa) of the African volleyball championships.

III. Balance sheet

1. As far as popularisation is concerned, the organisation of these volleyball-for-all days resulted in the creation of several clubs. The west province, which until now was “underdeveloped” in volleyball, has witnessed the creation of ten clubs in several departments and the organisation of a provincial championship.
2. Although it is too early to draw up the balance sheet of youth activities, let us note however that over 50 players entered the mini-volleyball operation.
3. As for the elite, the national military team came first in a tournament grouping five Central African teams, while the national civil team qualified for the 3rd African championships.

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