Namibia series to test form and depth

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Uganda Tour to Namibia
Fixtures
(T20)
18th v Namibia A
19th v Namibia A
One day
21st v Namibia
23rd v Namibia
25th v Namibia A

The Cricket Cranes are a bit of an unknown quantity at the moment. Has the level dropped from the heights of 2023? Are they about to pick it up again?

Enter the tour to Namibia, an expedition that will provide a real examination of where Riazat Shah and his men stand.

Uganda will take on Namibia in a five-game series (two T20s and three one-day matches) that, beyond the question of wins and losses, will offer various clues about the state of the Cricket Cranes.

Uganda have named a youthful side for the expedition, which means exposure and development will be just as important as winning. For Namibia, putting behind a painful World Cup experience may be top of the agenda, and obviously, the home side will be expected to comfortably win the serics.

As Ogwang explained, Uganda's objectives are much broader and, in the case of the new call-ups, laudable.

"We thought we could give them a chance," said the coach about the three young batsmen, notably named to the team.

"They put up their hands in the league, and there's no better way to see how strong they are internationally than taking them to a series like this. They give us more options in the batting department."

Charles Musemeza, Anas Baig and Gerald Olipa may have taken different paths to the national side, but each of them will understand that only one thing can preserve their place in the side henceforth—runs.