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## JR. NATIONAL TEAM HOPEFULS VISIT ISF

This morning, players vying for a spot on Argentina's junior women's national softball team visited the International Softball Federation's world headquarters complex in Plant City, Florida (USA). For more than a week now the group has been in west central Florida training and playing friendly games as part of the continued preparations for the ISF IX Jr. Women's World Championship (19-and-under) in December in South Africa. After they were taken on a tour of the facilities, the team was addressed by ISF President Don Porter and Greg Horwedel, the City Manager for Plant City, and then the group walked through Plant City Stadium. They leave tomorrow to begin their return to Argentina. (Visit [www.facebook.com/ISFsoftball](http://www.facebook.com/ISFsoftball) for more photos from today's visit.)



## 20 COUNTRIES PLAYING IN ITALY

The XVI Women's European Championship is currently playing in the Friuli Region of Italy. The national team from the following are all taking part in the fast pitch event: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Ukraine. The Netherlands is the defending champion. The tournament ends on Saturday. Follow the event online at [www.echw2011.eu](http://www.echw2011.eu).



## ZIMBABWE CONCLUDES HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual (age) 19-and-under girls national high school championships in Zimbabwe reported on in last week's UPDATE came to a successful conclusion this past Saturday. The organizers reported exciting competition that had been preceded by media coverage not only from local newspapers and radio stations but through the national television network's website. A tournament for under (age) 16 boys school teams and provincial schools select teams of under-19 has been set for the end of next month. As mentioned in the July 27 edition of this newsletter, the under-19 inter-provincial tournament for girls will be held two-and-a-half weeks from now.



Action from the high school tournament in Zimbabwe.

## OTHER NEWS IN AFRICA

It was also noted in the UPDATE last week that Zimbabwe is currently in the selection process for their national team that will compete alongside 15 other countries in the ISF IX Jr. Women's World Championship in December in South Africa. This weekend ISF Secretary General Ms. Low Beng Choo and Director of Competition Laurie Gouthro will pay a visit to Cape Town for an update on the preparations for the fast pitch tournament, which begins in 125 days. Find out more on the event website at <http://jwwc2011.co.za/>.

## SOFTBALL LOSES LONGTIME COACH

The president of the Turks and Caicos Softball Federation has informed the ISF of the passing of Mr. Wesley Williams, who was described as "one of the most passionate coaches that had ever entered into the (PSA) League." After having left the Bahamas, Mr. Williams had formed a team in the Turks and Caicos Islands. He had just recently moved back to the Bahamas. The TCSF president called him a "legend" and extended sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Williams, as does the ISF.

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