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School Clubs

English translation:

I am a very shy individual. When I get to a new place, it takes me a long time before I get used to people. So when I went to Gokomere, I can say I was someone who...hid behind... schoolwork. Umm, from my previous school, we went to Gokomere together with others from the same school. So the six of us went there. So you start as... hanging out as your group only before you get used to others, make new friends and so on. So when I finally had them [friends] they were also not involved in sports. Umm one of my friends was in the chess club, so that is the one that I joined. Umm I think the link that is there between the chess club and... in these schools the chess club was comprised of people who were known to be intelligent. There existed some sort of separation according to that. So that is where I was comfortable to join [the chess club]. So when it came to field sports, I was not involved that much. There, at Gokomere, like I said it is a school that is big to such an extent that sporting activities can occur while you do not know because there are a lot of things to do, from form one to form six there were a lot of competitions, some that had to do with school that you could participate in like, umm, we used to call them Math Olympiads, or Science [Olympiads] or Physics competitions in, umm, bridge building, so you could do a lot of things as extracurriculars other than sports. So [at the new school] there were many activities that were of interest such that when I went to Gokomere, even supporting sports...I ceased to go to the [sporting] grounds but there were other things that could take the time. Umm at Gokomere there was a greater opportunity to watch the television than at Holy Cross. So after doing this, you go and watch television, study time umm, that occupied all the time.

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