

PCC+45 v British Club Bangkok+45

Match Report

It was with a change of format in the masters League that saw the picturesque Polo Club oval play host to two games on the same day.

Our PCC boys were scheduled to play in the afternoon game and having lost the toss were then asked to bowl first against the British Club. It would be fair to say that the conditions presented would prove to be the toughest of the four innings played throughout the day.

PCC boys stuck to the task at hand in a very stoic and determined manner. Despite putting down a few catches including one from Jez (dier) Lees that he could have literally swallowed had his hands not gotten in the way our boys did extremely well to dismiss the British Club for 121.

Unfortunately the total included a large number of extras of which wides was to be top score with 25.

More importantly though we're the positives which included two very good catches by Venky, 2/29 off 5 overs by Simon, 2/21 off 5 by Peter and a man of the match performance of 4/9 (5 overs, including a hat trick) plus 12 runs with the bat by the everescent Sal.

Now the same could not be said of our batting. After a disastrous start from our top order left us 5 down for less than 20 it was Manik and Hackie who were left to try and salvage the situation. Both battled sensibly and for a long period and almost put us in a position to try to steal the game.

Manik top scored with a well compiled 29 and Hackie with an extremely patient 21 not out before unfortunately having the need to leave the field so that he could be placed on life support. Even in his dehydrated and delirious state the ever helpful Hackie still had the presence of mind whilst batting to offer support and sound advice to the opposition keeper. Some later order flurry by our strong tail gave us faint hope but sadly the overs were to run out. In the end we fell some 16 runs short of what was really a very gettable target.

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