

PATTAYA CRICKET CLUB MISS OPPORTUNITY TO TOP THE LEAGUE

A game against the Southerners where the top two teams played each other and the winner would top the league with just one fixture remaining was always going to be tight affair. But PCC, weakened by a series of unavailabilities were not quite strong enough to force a winning result.

Having lost the toss and been asked to bat first the Southerners bowlers soon made inroads, reducing PCC to 25/4. The PCC captain Simon Philbrook began to try and repair the damage but wickets continued to fall regularly. Only a late stand of 37 runs between the captain and Bernard Lamprecht (16no) enabled PCC to post a modest 121/7. Simon finished with a deserved half century (52no) from 49 balls. Daniel was the pick of the Southerners bowlers returning figures of 3/22 from his 5 overs.

Southerners batsmen got off to a blistering start as unusually loose bowling from the PCC attack disappeared to all parts of the ground. Andrew Purser in particular was in no mood for a tight finish as he blasted 45 from only 22 balls. A flurry of wickets in the middle of the innings created a few nerves in the away dressing room, but Simon Weatherill remained calm to finish 29no and see the Southerners over the line at 122/7 with 7 overs to spare.

Going into the final game of the season PCC need a victory to ensure the runners spot and with players returning in the coming days and weeks they have every opportunity of achieving that. Just this time they missed this opportunity to take the top spot.

PCC would like to thanks the support of the PSC and the Outback Bar and encourage anyone wanting to participate in the club's activities to contact them via the Facebook page or website www.pattayacricketclub.com.