

EARLY SEASON FORM SEES PATTAYA CRICKET CLUB BEAT THE BRITISH CLUB

Pattaya Cricket Club entertained The British Club of Bangkok at the magnificent Thai Polo Ground in a friendly 25 over game on Sunday 29th November.

On a very warm and bright day BC won the toss and elected to bat first. The decision appeared to backfire as Thomas Manoj removed the first three BC batsmen in the first 5 overs to reduce the opposition to 15/3. The BC captain Dale Lamb and Chan had to repair the damage and after a watchful start the run rate increased with the belligerent Dale retiring on 53 and Chan being the last man out for a valiant 47 as the BC posted a very challenging 169 for 7. Thomas (4/19) was the pick of the PCC bowlers but a special mention must go to Arjun who in making his PCC debut at the age of only 12 years bowled 5 overs of beautiful leg spin and picked up his first wicket for the club. Many more will follow I am sure.

In reply PCC needed a solid start and Dan Nicholson and Andy Emery provided the base for the run chase. After Andy (6) played on in the slowest fashion imaginable Avi Singh (10) kept the scoreboard ticking over. The PCC captain Simon Philbrook soon joined Dan and it was Simon who took the initiative with an array of wonderfully timed cover drives. Two straight sixes off successive deliveries signalled the captains retirement at 54 but Dan remained resolute to ensure PCC reached the target as he also retired just before end with a well crafted 50. Paul Hack (24no) hit the winning boundary in the final over to round off a very enjoyable day of cricket.

After the game both teams remained at the ground as the sun descended to discuss the events of the day and administer the fines that had been accrued in the form of cheap alcohol.

PCC welcome anyone wanting to get involved and encourage you to visit the club website www.pattayacricketclub.com or look up the club Facebook page.