

## Match Report PCC v Bangkok Strikers CC

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January saw PCC up against Bangkok Strikers CC at the picturesque Thai Polo Ground. The home team were hoping to make it four wins out of four this season.

Bangkok won the toss and decided to bat first. It seemed to backfire, as they struggled for runs against a disciplined bowling attack. Wickets were falling regularly and half the team were out for only 45 runs. At the 15 over drinks break, they had crawled to 52 for 5 and PCC were well on top. Only Balaji Manoharan offered much resistance with a 43 ball 40 not out. After 25 overs the Strikers had only 112 for 9 to show and the PCC players were delighted with that. Sam Nethery with 3 for 30 and debutant Manik Tripathi with 2 for 30 were the main wicket takers.

In reply, PCC started slowly, but were ahead of the run rate, mainly due to some wayward bowling from the Strikers, who had conceded 27 wides by the end of the innings. None of the PCC top order got into double figures and it was left to Andy Emery, Paul Hack and David Scott to try to get PCC over the line. Alas, it was not to be and PCC were all out for 109, to lose by 3 runs. A devastating over from Abishek Gaur, where four wickets fell, deservedly won him the man of the match award. He finished with 5 for 14 and 40 not out. A match winning effort.

PCC would like to thank their main sponsors, the Pattaya Sports Club and "Shenanigans by the lake" for their support. It is much appreciated.

Our next league game is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February versus Superboys-Amphawa CC at 11.00 am.