



BOOBY YOUNG NEVER TOO OLD TO TAKE THE REIGN'S OF THOROUGHBREDS AS PCC BEAT BRITISH CLUB

Pattaya Cricket Club Thoroughbreds XI (over 45's), affiliated with PSC, entertained the British Club of Bangkok at the Thai Polo Ground on Saturday in a 25 over game on Saturday.

With the club captain Simon Philbrook standing down it was Booby Young who marshalled the Thoroughbred XI of over 45's against an equally ageing BC side. Booby lost the toss and PCC were asked to bat first on a somewhat overcast morning.

The Right Honourable Richard Harvey and Daniel Coogan opened the innings and after two imperious boundaries RH chipped a catch to mid wicket for a glorious 8. Dan Nicholson (24) struggled for fluency early on whilst Dan C slowly found his form as the score lurched to 41 before Dan C (20) was caught in the deep. Raj added some much needed impetuous to the run rate with a well crafted 30 retired, but it was Simon (33no) and Andy Emery (32no) who changed the innings momentum completely with a dazzling unbeaten 63 partnership off only 28 balls to post an imposing 179/4.

Booby (2/23) craftily opted to open the bowling himself and his wily left arm spin was too much for Nick White as he was caught at cover attempting to cut the 'floater'. RH, who had been bowling all week at no one in his personal net at home, showed that practice makes perfect as he beat Kumar all ends up with his very first delivery that clipped the top of middle stump. After this remarkable opening delivery it was pointed out by his teammates that his personal net might be 25 yards long as he proceeded to serve up a series of delicious full tosses. Raj (2/24) swung the ball in both directions and nipped out a couple of mid order wickets. He was well supported by John 'Anchor' Spiers (3/17) but Dale Lamb made Booby call on all his 60 plus years of experience as he hit a breezy (30no). When the ninth wicket fell with the score on 121 Dale returned to the crease to crash a further 17 runs and Booby was seen to suddenly age an extra 10 years (in over 45's cricket that's serious). Richard 'Calamity' Grunwell ensured standards remained high in the field by displaying a series of unique fielding techniques that at times reduced his own side to what can most accurately be described as jaw dropping stunned silence. But Raj halted Booby's rapid ageing as he wrapped up the innings by trapping Dale lbw for an entertaining 47 and BC were finally 144 all out.

A 35 run victory capped what was an enjoyable and memorable day. The 1st XI players looked forward to the more serious game the following day in the league against Siam CC whilst the golden oldies nursed their creaking bodies, drank ice cold beers and recalled cricketing stories from yesteryear.