Pattaya Cricket Club (PCC) are runners-up in the Chiang Mai 6's tournament. Part two

Each of the three Trophies was played for via two semi-finals and a final. PCC's semi-final was against an arch foe, namely The British Club (BC) with whom PCC compete annually for the Durnford-Philbrook Trophy. Scorecards and Stats can be found at www.gymkhanasixes.com

BC sent in the talented Jacobs and Kumar to open against Wez Masterton. A first ball appeal for LBW was turned down and subsequent byes and boundaries took the score onto 14. Reds bowled the next over and kept things tight despite a final ball boundary 4 through the covers. 24 for 0 from 2. Bernie Lamprecht bowled a jaffa to Jacobs which climbed off a full length to get a top edge to Luke Stokes for a duck. What a scalp. Denzyl Allwright, another formidable batsman, took the crease and was dropped by Luke off his first ball and Bernie was looking dangerous. Kumar hit a ball down to Long-on and tried for a second run, a fatal mistake as Wez has a good arm and he was run out for 20. Just 3 off the over and BC were 27 for 2 after 3 and struggling. Simon Weatherill bowled the penultimate over which cost 12 runs, mainly to Promodh Kamalakannan (14), and so BC recovered a little. Andy Emery took the last over and was doing well until Denzyl (10) smashed a 6. 49 for 2 and a sub-par score.
PCC sent in Wez and Luke to face Promodh. An appeal for caught behind was turned down and Luke kept the score ticking along with 9 off the first over. Wez then faced Nadeem and went on full attack mode. 20 off the over and a good start. Denzyl bowled the 3rd over to Luke who was caught on the boundary by Jacobs for 7 and Simon W took the crease. More boundaries caused Wez to retire on 32. 44 for 1 off 3 and PCC were looking good. Oooops. Jacobs bowled some quite fast leg spin and got Simon W caught after some juggling by Promodh for a duck. Then Reds arrives but only lasted 4 balls before he was caught behind by Kumar for a duck. A double wicket maiden and an excellent over for BC. Bernie L arrived for the 4th over from Ben Eastwell who immediately got smashed for 6 and that was it, 50 for 3 off 4.1 overs. PCC were in the final against Lamphun.

Everybody knew that the final was going to be close. Lamphun opened with Chanchai and Cher against Wez. 4 Dots from Wez and 2 6's from Chanchai kept the contest even. Reds bowled next and took some punishment. 19 added and 31 for 0 after 2 overs. A good start. Bernie got battered and forced Chanchai to retire on 32. 52 for 0 after 3 overs. PCC brought on Simon W who had Cher dropped by Luke, only then to have Wez catch him again off a No Ball. Simon then caught had Champ caught by Wez for a golden duck. The incredible over finished at 62 for 1. It could have been so very different. Andy Emery kept it tight until a 6 brought up 76 for 1 and another good score with Cher finishing on 24 no.
PCC were in a fight. Wez and Luke opened against Choo with Wez on the attack. 20 off the first over. Champ bowled next and got splattered by Wez who retired on 31 n.o. off 9 balls. Simon W added a 4 and 37 for 0 in 2 overs. Game on. Andy bowled some loose stuff and conceded 15 to bring up 52 for 0 off 3. The scores were level at this point. Nail biting stuff. Cher bowled a decent 4th over and only leached 9 runs. 68 for 1 and PCC had a slender advantage of 6 runs going into the last over. 9 needed for a win. Chanchai took the ball and last-over-hero Luke faced. 2 high-speed dots and a ball into Luke's crown jewels, tempted him into a cheeky single. Mistake. The keeper was too quick and he was run out. Disaster. Bernie took the crease with 9 runs still needed off 3 balls. A single, a 2 and 6 needed off the last ball for a tie, again!!!!! A No ball and cheers around the ground. 3 runs needed off the last ball. Chanchai conjured a dot ball and Lamphun won by 2 runs. What a final.
Trophy winners were: Cup, Lamphun; Shield, Rugby School Vipers; Bowl, Bellringers; Wooden Spoon, shared between Rugby School Cobras and Koh Chang. Player of the Tournament was Chanchai.