



*Pattaya Cricket
Club*

Pattaya Cricket Club have a Golden time at the Triangular Tournament in Chiang Mai

Pattaya CC embarked on their 2nd ever tour - for a Triangular T20 Tournament in Chiang Mai. The games involved Chiang Mai, Pattaya and a select XI from Patong. Pattaya had a 12 strong army of men, arriving fully prepared for a social tour of cricket and fun!

Chiang Mai and Pattaya kicked off the first game with Chiang Mai electing to bat. The hosts made a flying start on their beautiful Gymkhana ground. The ball was dispatched to the boundary at regular intervals and there was a fair bit of calamity showed by the fielding Pattaya side. That was not helped with their star allrounder Slinky having broken a rib in very suspicious circumstances. Only G.I Joe could take any credit from his all action ground fielding. The club's famous motto given by the legendary Slasher Roberts "It's only a dropped catch if it touches the hand" was taken a bit too literally as players seemed to be running the opposite direction of the ball. This resulted in a huge total of 237 in 20 overs.

In reply Pattaya made a desperate start when Dan was out for a duck. However, that brought the lethal combination of Jonny G and Captain Phillbrook. Johnnie G was like a whirlwind, smashing some devilish shots all over the park, whereas Simon was much more sensible in his approach. The pair were on target with only 6 overs to go, only for Chiang Mai to bring on Glamorgan Under 19 player Liam to finally take

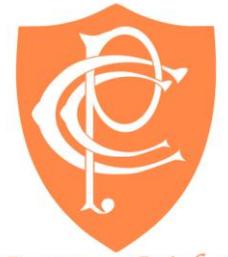


*Pattaya Cricket
Club*

the wicket of Simon (38) who went scarlet in his frustration of letting his wicket fall. Eventually the run chase ended at a very respectable 184, with Johnnie G top scoring on 74.

The following day saw Pattaya play a Patong select XI, who appeared to select very well, bringing in several Premier League players from the Southerners and Parrots. Pattaya won the toss and batted. Dan blazed his way at the top of the innings with form reminiscent of his youth. He dictated to the bowlers from the start and was ruthless to anything that didn't seem worthy. With useful contributions from several players lower down, Dan's 85 helped Pattaya to a healthy total of 169.

Pattaya saw an opportunity and opened with Bobby, who managed to sniff out a wicket with the 2nd ball of the game. This was backed up by Holty who managed to pick up a wicket with his mysteron ball and thanks to the agility shown by wicketkeeper Johnnie G. This pressure increased when Andy was galloping into bowl and it looked like Pattaya might canter to victory. However, Chris had other ideas and started to smash the bowlers all around the ground. With the game about to reach its climax, Simon had no other thought than to bring back Bobby, who is famed for his blocking of all finishing strokes. However, his slow poison was not enough this time to stop Patong winning with 5 balls to spare.



*Pattaya Cricket
Club*

Both games were fantastic performances and Pattaya showed brave hearts and courage whilst playing against younger and fitter opposition. It was a great weekend of sport and we will look forward to our next jolly boys outings - wherever that maybe. A special thanks to Danielle for scoring and Rabbi for umpiring - you both did a wonderful job. There were a few alarming moments when the team's mascot Patsy was thought to be abducted, but luckily she was found safe and sound after an "allnighter"

If anyone is interested in playing cricket in Pattaya, we cater for players in the ranges of good, the bad and the ugly - so get in touch with our chairman Simon at Chairman@pattayacricketclub.com and visit our superb new ground at Thai Polo Club