



PCC STAY TOP WITH CONVINCING LEAGUE WIN OVER SIAM CC

Pattaya Cricket Club, affiliated with PSC, maintained their 100% league record with a convincing 98 run victory over Siam CC on Sunday.

A strong PCC side, full of confidence, had no hesitation in batting first against opponents who had done the double over them in the previous season. Debutant, Neil Decker opened with Venky, but the bowlers applied early pressure and soon the pressure told as Venky (6) and Neil (12) perished trying to force the run rate. When Andy Schofield followed next ball, well caught by a diving Brett Taylor at point, PCC were in trouble at 22/3 off 6 overs. John Spiers and Dave Callick consolidated the innings and at drinks (13 overs) the score had progressed to 68/3 and PCC were well placed for a second half onslaught. John (29) almost immediately had to retire hurt with a pulled hamstring to be replaced by the captain Simon Philbrook. However, after a fluent 24 he also had to retire hurt with a pulled calf muscle. But Dave remained in belligerent form and passed his fifty off 49 balls with a six over mid wicket. Aply supported by Dan Nicholson (9) and a cameo from Andy Emery (8no), Dave continued his aggressive innings and finished 83no as PCC posted an impressive 182/4.

With the captain on the sidelines, John Spiers assumed the on field duties and his bowlers responded magnificently to his game plan with an opening spell that strangled any hopes Siam CC had of winning. Thomas (3/7) and Hamza (2/17) were relentless with their line and length and John himself, Dave C and Andy Emery continued the pressure as wickets fell regularly. Finally, SCC were all out for 84 in the 21st over. Dave C was named the man of the match after a fine all round performance and PCC remained at the top of the league.

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