

PATTAYA CRICKET CLUB (PCC) ANDY'S XI V BERNIE'S XI – 02 FEBRUARY 2020

This 20 over match was played on a warm sunny day at St Andrew's School and gave the non-indoor cricketers, youngsters (Leo Lamprecht, aged 11), older enthusiasts (Bobby Slow Poison Young and Lord H) and even a Philippino contingent (Clive Rogerson's in-laws) a chance to play.

Umpires for the day were Clive and Jim. Bowlers would bowl from one end for 5 overs and then change ends. Batsmen would retire at 30 runs. Wides and No Balls would be scored as 2 runs and not be re-bowled as we wanted to finish before dark. Drinks after 10 overs

Bernie won the toss and chose to field. Andy's XI opened with Matt Harkness and Venkat who faced Trevor and Bernie. A series of accurate dot balls from Trevor ended with a 4 and a 2 for Matt. Venkat managed similar results in his over against Bernie. Andy's XI were scoring steadily until Venkat was caught by Trevor off Burger for 11 with the score at 36. Luke Stokes came on with a runner as his wobbly knee was not ready for sprinting and found the best way to play was to hit Burger for 6's. Matt had retired on 30 by this point and so Andy Emery joined Luke. Runs came pretty steadily until Luke retired on 33 and Andy was well caught by Dhruv at deep extra cover. Young Leo Lamprecht was playing in his second ever cricket match and was given the chance to bowl. Apart from a series of wides, his straight bowls were a good line and length. Lord H fell into his well laid trap by thinking he was going to smash the next straight one. The willow went woosh, the ball went on, the off stump went wonky and the bails clattered to the mat. The oldest man on the field (except for Bobby) was done-in by the youngest for 1 run. Well done Leo. Andy's Dad, who, despite his fervent wishes, shall not be known as Mike, came to bat. He made a commendable 10 runs not out along with John on 2 not out. Alas they had run out of overs and Andy's XI finished with 142 for 3 off 20 overs.

Extras was the highest scorer with 39 and Trevor was the best bowler with 4 overs 22 for 1

Lunch and much needed fluids (beer) – it was pretty warm out there.

Bernie's XI opened with Trevor and Dhruv who faced Matt and Andy. This was a good contest as Trevor was resolutely protecting his wicket against very tight bowling by Matt but still managing to score. Andy was less economical but took wickets. The first was Dhruv who stepped inside a ball he thought was sliding down leg, but it followed him and clipped the bail on leg stump. Out for 6 and 16 for 1. Andy's second was much later in the match when Dave was stumped by the Wibbly Wobbly Wicket Keeper – Luke. Bernie came in to support Trevor who continued to score well, hitting Andy and Lord H for a few 6's until he retired on 35. Bernie continued the onslaught and he too hit 6's from Venkat and Shaun. He was supported by Burger until he retired on 30, whilst Burger went on to score 16 until there was a yes-no-yes-wait-sorry mix up with Mally. Burger volunteered to leave the field. (For those that read the Indoor Cricket reports, you'll find a pattern beginning to emerge vis-a-vis Burger and run outs.) This was a very sporting decision by Burger, but it may have cost Bernie's XI the game as the scores were very close and a batting collapse followed. Mally went for 2, bowled by Andy's Dad. Then Jason, a Philippino playing his first ever match, skied a ball off the shoulder and was caught by Luke – Andy's Dads' second wicket. Lord H in the last of his 4 very expensive overs tried to seek revenge against Leo but it was not to be. Leo did well by scoring singles and keeping things going with 7 not out. Richard was out for 2 having been caught and bowled by Matt in his final over. Luke, after several attempts, finally managed to get a stumping and Dave was gone for 2. Bobby was not out 2 and Bernie's XI finished on 137 for 6. Andy's XI won by 5 runs. Best batsman was Trevor with 35 and best bowler was Andy's Dad with 3 overs 16 for 2.