

Pattaya CC retain the Durnford-Philbrook Trophy with a 7 wicket win over The British Club.

A cloudy and humid Saturday 27th at Horseshoe Point saw the 16th annual struggle for the right to add the team name to the Trophy. The teams were somewhat depleted this year due to playing on a Saturday and so various forms of assistance had to be drafted in.

This was to be Pramodh's last match as the Captain of the British Club. As Captain for the last 3 years he has been a stalwart of the team and ambassador to the game of cricket. He has led the BCCC from the front to earn a deserved place in the A Division of the BCL.

Pramodh won the toss against Jainish who was Captaining the PCC today and decided to bat first, with Raul and Ben Eastwell opening against Andre and Thomas. The new ball had a little swing in the muggy afternoon and the first ball just reached the line of leg stump to trap Rahul LBW for a Golden Duck. This brought Avneesh to the crease. Andy bowled with good pace, line and length for fine figures of 3 overs 12 for 1. Thomas was somewhat expensive but did get Nitin runout for 8. Ben and Avneesh had a great partnership of 78 until Ben was caught at extra cover by Deepak off Andy for 21, 78 for 2 in the 10th over and good strike rate. Milke Flowers took over and kept the batting together once Aneesh departed just 2 short of his 50, caught by Roshan on the boundary, 90 for 3 of f 12 overs. PCC bowled well at this point and kept BCCC under control at 4.5 runs an over. Drinks were taken at 15 overs with the score on a respectable 110 for 4. Wickets fell quickly after drinks as Nitin was run out and Chandan was caught behind by Roshan who had taken the gloves. Ravi took the crease and batted well whilst Mike survived a close LBW call and Ravi was dropped by Prashant on the long on boundary. Mike retired on a well batted 50 and Pramodh came out for the last over or so. Ravi ran himself out for 36 on the last ball and BCCC finished on 187 for 6.

Roshan and Dimple opened the batting for PCC against Dilip and Talal. Dilip bowled well, but wicketless for his 20 runs from 3 overs as Dimple found him and Talal easy to smash to the boundary. run rate rattled along at 8-10 per over as Pramod and Rahul were given disrespectful treatment by the batsmen until Roahan retired on 50. Deepak to the crease. Dimple was lucky to reach 48 as he was dropped twice, but eventually he was stumped by Mike as he danced down the wicket to Manish, 106 for 1. Salman only lasted 2 balls as one lifted from Sunish and he gloved a ball to Mike. 107 for 2. Deepak went on the rampage. assisted by Jainish who was dropped before being stumped for 8 off Manish, 121 for 3 just before drinks. All of the remaining bowlers, Chandan, Manish, Sunish and Ravi were battered by Deepak and Andre until Deepak retired on 50 from just 28 balls. Andre continued the assault with huge boundaries to the leg side. Animal made a cameo appearance for 1 not out whilst Andre hit a 6 off the last ball for his 30 not out from 17 balls to secure a win by 7 wickets and 5 overs to spare.

A convincing victory with some valuable innings from Avneesh, Mike, Roshan. Deepak and Andre, although Pramodh might rue the 5 dropped catches.

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