

PCC'S MIDDLE ORDER AND THOMAS HATRICK TOO MUCH FOR SIAM CC

Dave Callick nearly single handedly dismantled a spirited Siam CC to ensure Pattaya Cricket Club, affiliated with Pattaya Sports Club, remained on top of the Bangkok Cricket League and on course for the title.

At an extremely windy Thai Polo Ground PCC were asked to bat first by Siam CC and soon found themselves, for the first time this season, struggling to cope with the swinging ball and accurate opening bowlers. Venky (0) and John G (8) perished early, soon to be followed by John Spiers (1) run out without even getting into the frame when pushing for a second run. Andy Schofield (16) steadied the innings but after he departed with the score at 58/4 from 13 overs it was Dave Callick and the club captain Simon Philbrook who gave the innings a much needed boost. Simon in particular increased the momentum with 41 from 29 balls and Salman's cameo 14 continued the recovery mission. But it was Dave's measured 57no that enabled PCC to complete the fight back and post a competitive 155/6.

Siam CC's response was perfectly timed as at half way 75/3 meant the game was finely balanced. Then Dave Callick changed the game in the space of 3 excellent overs. Changing his pace and angle of attack expertly he removed the middle order in quick succession to finish with figures of 3/31. John Spiers (3/21) continued the pressure as he bowled his wily off spin but it was Thomas (4/27) who brought an abrupt end to the innings with a devastating hatrick and Siam CC closed on 121 all out. PCC win by 34 runs.

PCC's next game is at the Thai Polo Ground on Sunday 30th March from 10am.

Anyone wishing to be involved with the club are encouraged to visit the club website www.pattayacricketclub.com.