

RAM CC EDGE PATTAYA CRICKET CLUB THOROUGHBREDS IN FRIENDLY

Pattaya Cricket Club, affiliated with Pattaya Sports Club, hosted RAM CC from Sussex, England in a friendly 25over game at the magnificent Thai Polo Ground on Saturday.

Batting first RAM CC's opening batsmen Rakesh (53 retired) and Taz (43) took advantage of a weakened PCC Thoroughbred XI bowling attack as they hit the ball to all parts of the ground in a stand of 103. Kartin (56) lived up to his name with some extravagant shots and Danny (39no) continued the onslaught as finally RAM CC finished with a daunting 221/4. 19 wides from the inexperienced PCC bowlers did not help the home side's cause despite a two wicket burst from Simon Bradwell in the final over who recorded figures of 2/3 from his one and only over. Where was he earlier when the captain John Spiers needed him?

Dan Nicholson (9) and Venky (30) got PCC Thoroughbreds off to a rousing start, scoring at nearly 8 an over. Andy Schofield (1) ran in and ran off again, leaving the accomplished John 'Anchor' Spiers and Dave Callick to maintain the momentum. Runs continued to flow, particularly from Dave's bat and the target just seemed achievable. But the return of the RAM CC opening bowlers Nikesh (1/26) and Kartin (1/26) stemmed the run rate as John (56no) and Dave (80no) failed to find the necessary boundaries and PCC ended 25 runs short at 196/3.

PCC would like to express their thanks to the support of Pattaya Sports Club and the club's next fixture is on Sunday March $23^{\rm rd}$ against Siam CC in the Bangkok Cricket League at home.

Anyone wishing to join the club, particularly umpires, are asked to visit the website www.pattayacricketclub.com or visit the club Facebook page.