

Back to their winning ways

Pattaya Cricket Club got back in their winning ways when they totally out played their opponents Indorama, in what was PCC's fourth league fixture on Sunday. Their debut match at the beautiful new venue & home ground (Thai Polo Club) turned out to be the shot of adrenaline needed for the Pattaya boys. Since the wicket had just been laid a few days ago & on earlier inspection, was billed to be pacy with some good bounce, Salman the Pattaya Skipper put the opposition in to bat after winning the toss. It proved to be quite the right decision when after 8 overs, Indorama were 20 odd for 4 wickets. The bowlers were rotated quickly, the field placing was generally good and the fielders backed the bowlers by taking some good catches and diving stops. Run making was made difficult for the batsman who finally succumbed and could just put up 69 with the entire side out. Salman bagged the openers and the number 3 batsman for Indorama, with figures of 3 overs, one wicket maiden and 3 wickets for 6 runs. Jerome & Mithu bowled nicely picking up 2 wickets a piece. Andy, Bobby & Richard Holt maintained the pressure and they all got a wicket as reward.

The regular opener Johnny was told to put his feet up & relax and John Spiers started the innings for Pattaya with Dan the "left hand sensible man". John was his usual aggressive self picking up the singles regularly and smashing the bad balls for four. Dan was getting to his comfort zone when Dheeraj bowled a sharp & short one which took Dan by surprise and he pulled it straight up in the air for the keeper to swallow. Hamza was given a huge promotion up the order and he played exceedingly well regularly picking up the singles & doubles and even hitting the odd boundary. John played a great knock of 37 not out with Hamza 20 not out and they brought PCC home within 15 overs. A victory for PCC by 9 wickets. Salman was awarded the man of the match for his 3 wickets and 2 catches.