

## **Match report by BCC captain Somnath**

First match of the session was a tale of 5 for 29, an unbeaten 50, 7 dropped catches and 4 great catches.

There can't be an appropriate summary of the match where BCC played ECC at Entrecasteaux. BCC travelled with 12 players and had 2 more probable future club members (one lend to ECC in the end).

BCC skipper agreed with Cliffy (ECC skipper) to play 12 players a side and 40 over game. Both Colin and Ravi opened the bowling in a slightly nervous manner. But soon they were creating chances but were being repeatedly dropped. BCC was clearly showing lack of fielding practise.

Even before the first 10 overs were bowled BCC has dropped 5 catches and to qualify it, all of them were easy catches. It was simply the lack of confidence. Finally Ravi caught one of Ubhaynath who was the pick of the bowler (mind it 9 BCC players bowled in the match and all of them did a decent job). BCC kept making inroads into ECC innings and never let them dominate after the first breakthrough.

Credit must be given to two fielders i.e. Ashok and Colin. Ashok took two brilliant catches (one of Chaminda and a very difficult one at it) and Colin three (two were real gems). Overall a brilliant display of controlled bowling by BCC, led by Ubhaynath, but failed by lacklustre fielding (both catching and ground fielding).

Our electronic scoreboard shows a total of 164 all out but for some reason the paper scorecard was showing 171 all out. We had to go by the paper scorecard as that was considered official.

BCC opened with Kalith and Yoges and both of them played gem of an innings. Both of them showed great patience and maturity. Leaving the bowls they don't need to play at and playing shots when they were confident and had their eye in.

Opposition threw everything at them but nothing worked. Finally Kalith fell to Chaminda for 21 with total reading 68 of 17 overs. Going nicely at 4 an over (required 4.25). Just the start BCC needed. Number three Baldev had a scratchy start but grew in confidence quickly and with sheer will power took BCC across the crossing line. First 50 of the session. Kudos for a timely 50 to take us home. Well done Baldev.

Rest of the guys played around Baldev and made sure we reached 175 with minimal drama. Although Somnath could have done better than playing for the glory. He tried hitting a six when just 2 runs were needed for victory.

BCC needs some fielding practise urgently. If only we held onto catches (simple ones) ECC would have been bundled out for less than 100!