

Match report by BCC captain Somnath

Second match of the session was a bad day at work. BCC decided to bat under overcast conditions. The top three who batted BCC to victory in the last match failed to handle the extra bounce in the wicket owing to wet pitch.

It didn't help that two of our batsmen were given out dubiously. Yoges was given caught behind when the ball touched his helmet and Somnath was given lbw to a ball that in all probability going to miss the leg stump. Anyways one shouldn't find excuses for a really horrible display of batting as a whole.

Yoges, Kalith and Baldev were caught behind playing short pitch deliveries cheaply. There was no resistance except Dhammika and Ali (number 5 and 7 bat) who got to 16 (not out) and 18 before getting clean bowled. At 50 odd for 6 down ECC decided to let two kids roll their arm. Roshan did manage to get 19 before getting out bizarrely to Tom (one of the kids) who bowled mostly wide's till then. That meant Dhammika stayed unbeaten.

BCC was defending a meagre total of 90 odd but with overcast conditions and wet pitch we all thought maybe we can make ECC work hard for those runs. It wasn't meant to be. Despite Eddie (ECC opener) caught beautifully at second slip by Roshan of Ravi in the very first over we just couldn't make inroads.

All ECC bowlers except Ubhaynath bowled wrong line and/or length. Chaminda (number 3 bat) kept Ubhaynath at bay and Glen (other opener) was hit and miss. He did give a half chance to Somnath that he couldn't hold on diving to his right.

With the score reading 50 odd Glen was feeling adventurous and was stepping out every now and then. Somnath decided to stand up to him to create chances and the very next ball Baldev beat Glen who stepped out and was stumped. To BCC's dismay the leg umpire decided it's "too close to call".

Another 20 runs added to the table and Glen finally got run out trying a cheeky single to kavi whose direct hit found Glen short by couple of yards.

That was that as Chaminda and Uddika kept on piling runs against wayward bowling. ECC reached target in 16 overs.

Its 1-1 between ECC and BCC this session. We have 4 more to go and hope we aren't going to have a repeat performance of this match again.