

## Match report by Somnath (BCC Captain)

ECC won the toss and elected to field on a bright sunshine day. The openers did a great job of putting on 80 runs in 12 overs before a moment of greatness filled with 10 cans of beers from beloved Ubhaynath saw Burrell short of ground with stumps uprooted (just one stump visible to Ubhaynath) while taking a cheeky single.

In comes Chaminda and after a few dropped catches and 10 overs later in the 22nd over finally a great delivery from Baldev accounted for Chaminda's middle and off stump but only after he punished us for those dropped catches by scoring a free flowing 62 and ECC at 175 for 3. While all focus was on containing Chaminda, Andy at the other end kept the scoreboard ticking before getting out for well complied 36.

That was that as far as the ECC innings was concerned. From 175 for 2 in 22 overs, ECC was bundled out for 237 all out in 33rd over. Yoges, Trevor, Charles and Baldev had decent bowling figures.

BCC opened with Baldev and Roshan. Baldev after couple of crisp hits off Roshan managed to scoop the ball in the air to get out for 9 with scores at 25 in 5 overs. Yoges and Roshan kept rotating the strike before Yoges got out for 13 in the 12th over with score at 53.

Round about that time Roshan changed his bat and probably that did the trick. Suddenly he was middling the ball and sending it the boundary rope with ease (his usual cross batted swipes) and run rate started to pick up. Ubhaynath at the other end was doing a great job of rotating the strike and punishing bad balls before falling for 13 with score at 102 in 19 overs.

With run rate over 5 BCC was always in the hunt to chase down the mammoth score. Kalitha gave able support to Roshan and finally Roshan fell for a well complied 60 (bit fortunate as well - but as they say fortune favours brave). BCC total read 143 for 4 in 25 overs.

So 95 needed of last 10. Gettable with a set batsmen and some decent batting to follow i.e. Somnath, Pardeep, Ravi etc. But then BCC wasn't ready for "Burrell" factor. This guy came on to bowl and was getting the better of the batsmen. He was bowling short and quick. With clouds darkening, this was getting even more effective.

After adding 32 runs for 5th wicket in 4 overs, both Kalitha and Somnath fell in consecutive bowls in the 30th over with score reading 175. That was the game. BCC found it hard going and got bowled out for 177 in 32 overs. So another collapse from 175 for 4 to 177 all out.