

Match report by Somnath (BCC Captain)

Second match of the season and BCC is living up to its reputation i.e. inconsistent and untidy. BCC started the day with being late by 30 min to reach Entrecasteaux.

BCC won the toss and elected to bat first. BCC fielded eight player and ECC nine. Both team decided to lend couple of players to opposition while they field. BCC never got going with skipper Somnath playing a rash shot in the third over of the match to be caught by Chaminda of Cliffy for a measly 1.

As if it was a cue for the rest of the BCC batsmen to make sure they don't stay at the wicket, all but Pardeep (12 not out) made sure BCC got all out for a grand total of 40. I have reason to believe that's the lowest total ever by BCC. One more statistic that deserves a mention, extras were the highest scorer at 15.

It was decided that ECC will start their chase and lunch break would be after that. Nothing unusual about BCC's bowling performance. Apart from a wicket (Baldev got Andy lbw) BCC's bowling was inconsistent and indifferent. We bowled short and wide. ECC got there in 11 overs.

It was decided that we can play another 15 over match. Yours truly gave an inspirational speech (I try!). There were couple of players "extra" pumped up (it's a good sign!). This time ECC started the innings and got bowled out for 38. Everyone chipped in with a few good overs but one bowler needs a special mention. Debutante Roshan got three wickets in 2 overs and finished any sign of resistance from ECC batting.

Now, I have to mention it. One player said he wants to open so that the match can be finished within 5 overs. And I quote "I will hit out and finish the match within 5 overs". First ball, a massive swing of the bat and all of us including the fielding side looking towards the sea. Surely that's the only place the ball will be found. There was a big contact between the ball and "wood" but with a twist. The only thing the ball made contact with was the stumps.

I urge everyone to look at the scorecard to find out who this "star" is. Anyways, BCC suffered no such casualty after that and both Yoges (24 not out) and Ubheynath (13 not out) made sure that BCC win the match in the 5th over. At least one prediction was correct.

So a day of shared honours. Again a tie result but a lot to think about for the rest of the season.