

## Match report by Somnath (BCC Captain)

BCC played ECC at Riviera ground for the first time. The match was delayed a little and was agreed by the two captains that only 30 overs match to be played.

The very fact that Somnath lost the toss and Cliffy has no doubt in his mind to bat first was the first sign of how things will turn out. Baldev and Ubhaynath opened the bowling for BCC and Ubhaynath struck in the very first over when he trapped Andy lbw.

But that was that. Chalana who joined Chaminda made mockery of BCC bowlers especially Baldev who was hit for plenty sixes (and big ones which were landing on the villa's next to his house in Beausoleil). But in all fairness both Ubhaynath and Baldev were bit unlucky not to have picked both the batsmen because of some shoddy catching/fielding by BCC.

Eventually Chaminda was out (67 for 2 in 10 overs) while playing a loose shot to Sandhu and Chalana was run out by Ravi (a moment of brilliance). That opened the floodgate as Yoges bowled beautifully to wrap up ECC innings for 123. Yoges was ably supported by Pardeep who bowled the ball of the inning to clean bowled ECC skipper Cliffy.

BCC opened with Roshan and Sandhu. A moment of madness from Sandhu (and some bullying to which Roshan acceded) saw Roshan getting run out. We kept losing wickets in regular intervals and scorecard read 58 for 5 in 15 overs.

Somnath and Ubhaynath managed a 39 run partnership in 8 overs and scorecard was reading a not so sorry looking 97 for 5 in 23 overs when Somnath completely got foxed by a slow one from Chalana (hmmm.... same guy, same sort of delivery to get Somnath out in the last two matches). It was all over after that. Cliffy brought himself back for the 24th over and we lost 3 wickets in that over and were all out for 98.

There were some lighter moments (not so proud of them but still got to mention) when BCC batted. Apart from Roshan-Sandhu debacle Somnath-Ubhaynath has similar experiences (more than once). Somnath being a fat b\*\*\*\*\* and probably bit undone by the heat was unable to run two's and Ubhaynath fuelled by 18 cans of beers can't hear "NO" from him, kept running between the wickets and trying hard to get either one run out (incidentally that "NO's" from Somnath were heard even in Monaco).

Then there is Baldev's batting who kept on hitting cross batted swipes but luck won't leave his side that day (dropped catches only some of it) eventually gave a very unusual catching practise to the keeper. There was slip and gully present and Ballu decided to only open the face of the bat (not sure what he might have achieved even if he had played it to slip or gully) to give the thick'est of catches (can't call it an edge) to the keeper.

The claim by Ravi that he got cleaned bowled by a dead ball (golden duck for him) was no mean feat as the bowler himself agreed that Ravi didn't play the right line (something he vehemently denied and till date believes Baldev must have declared it a dead ball as the ball stayed "thalli" - guess meaning kept low). He is missing his centuries by only 100 runs most of the time.

Pardeep claimed he didn't see the bowl (guess Cliffy was overtaken by the soul of Dennis Lillie or Jeff Thompson). Or was it his contacts that he forgot at his girlfriend(s) place needs to be clarified.

And ofcourse, one can't ignore Baldev's frustration of being hit for long six's when he was bowling and took it out on Roshan (after he dropped a catch on Yoges's bowling) and Ravi (who incidently dropped a catch on his bowling). There was a mini 3rd world war right there on the field when Roshan (poor decent fella finally decided enough is enough) and asked Baldev the obvious (yes "shut up").