

Match report by BCC captain Somnath

BCC chased down another small but tricky target of 132 against a good bowling attack.

Butterloards CC started batting under overcast condition in a 30 over game. Ravi and Tyron opened the bowling for BCC and kept excellent line and length. One of the batting opener was left handed and one could see anxiety on Ravi's face when asked to bowl at him. One can't blame him after the incident of 12 wide in an over to another left hander in a previous match.

But Ravi showed remarkable improvement and got his line correct to both the right hander and the left hander. Butterloard's started off cautiously but forgot to accelerate (even till the 30th over). For a while BCC was confused if we were playing the first session of the first day of a test match.

The left handed opener D James must have made Mr Gavaskar (of 36 n.o. fame in 60 over's) proud. He was unbelievably 'patient' to put it mildly and made sure the ball never got off beyond the 30 yard circle in the infield but was always on the lookout for either getting run out or get his partner run out. We did get two of those as well.

So it was a very unexciting/unchallenging kind of a batting performance from Butterloards. If BCC has not dropped another 5 odd catches/stumping chances probably they would have find it hard to put a three digit total on board.

Roshan and Yoges opened the innings for BCC and soon realized that Butterloards are a much better bowling/fielding unit then how they throw bat at leather. Before we knew both the openers were back in the hutch. The opening bowler Grob was real quick but erratic (gave lots of wides). When he gets it right he is quite handful.

A decent partnership between Baldev and Kalith steadied the innings but fall of Kalith to a brilliant throw from the deep by Grob (there is a reason why experts say never chance a fast bowlers arm), Chalana mistimed pull and Somnath surprised by an awkward height full toss meant BCC is staring at all familiar collapse.

In comes Chaminda and hit 45 off 20 balls (4 maximums and same number of boundaries) meant BCC went from 51-5 to 109-6 in less than 5 over's. That was some great hitting by Chaminda. All these while Baldev (38 n.o) has been batting extremely well to keep one end intact. This was his third unbeaten innings of the session and has been in the form of his life.

In the end it was too easy. We got there were 10 over's to spare.