

MATCH REPORT

THE 'SAIGON ASHES' PART 1

ECCS VS SACC - 7 DECEMBER 2014

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There was a lot of anticipation, the tribe was called to meet at 10am - a few made, it a lot did not. Some were battle scarred and wounded. The Captain won the toss and hastily asked to field.

A minutes silence for the fallen...

Then, the Bowlers geared themselves for battle, and the intensity was ferocious. The first 10 overs was arguably the best bowling and fielding that I have witnessed from any ECCS team. Sven and Alex got us of to a super start. Sven 2/21 and Alex 0/26 had the Aussies worried.

Brilliant fielding by Jai "you started 5 minutes early" Garbyal to get Ben Daley out was exceptional. Jai, Jonny T, Jonny H and Adam Z had some good Overs thrown in. A great solo catch 'no help, no hair, no feet, just hands' by Jezza Stein kept the Aussies to a modest total of 159 The batsmen were charged and little bit confident after last weeks bravery; and a good start was made by Sven and Jonny, whose straight 6 was MASSIVE!!!! Only then to be unlucky and to be caught by Reg centimetres inside the boundary rope.

Then came the ECCS collapse with only Alex having a crack at the scoreboard. Wickets were going so quick, Peter G didn't have time to take 2 gloves to the crease. After getting half way to the crease, his skipper reminded him. The 20m walk back to collect the other glove to the soundtrack of the thunderous laughter of the ECCS fan club - some singing Michael Jackson Classics was a highlight of the afternoon session.

Thank you to firstly our sponsors at Rainbow Divers, Magners and Boomarang, but also to Clare for scoring and also Richard Carrington for representing ECCS and umpiring the early game. A mention also has to be given to Peter H, and to Blair, who unlike his brother has chosen the correct team to play for.

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Heads up high - they walked off beaten by a better team - this time batting letting them down. All in all a great game held in high spirit - The Captain has a great team to work with.