

MATCH REPORT

SSC VS ICCS - 1ST FEBRUARY 2015

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It was a bright and sunny morning and most of the boys were happy with the 11am start. The guys from halfway down the road to Dalat didn't have to drive dodging Wild Boars and Spotted Deer as they normally do with their 3am ETD for 8am games. The down side was the customary Wild Boar curry was replaced by "free-roaming chicken" curry for brunch! Vice-Captain Bertram "Berty" Mahesh lead the side in the absence of Joel Sabreen. What more can you ask from a Captain first up than to win the toss? He won it and had no hesitation in deciding to bat first.

The fielders loosed their joints, the batsmen got their "eye" in and the bowlers rolled their arms over. After a lengthy game strategy was announced by the Manager and agreed by all, they were ready to roll. We talked about a 170 target and to reach 80 in the first ten overs without losing more than 2 wickets.

A healthy start by openers Hiran (22 off 15 balls) & Berty kept his cool at the other end. The 1st wicket fell at 43 in the 6th over. Priyantha Perera wanted to accelerate but was bowled round his legs by Hari Dharuman. At 53/2 in the 8th over the mid innings target was in doubt but not for our in-form all-rounder Banuka who hit 40 (not out) off 21 balls including four 6s & two 4s.

After 10 overs we had reached our target and were 83/2. After playing a Captains innings, Berty retired on 40 off 35 balls in the 15th over. Sumedha took over from where Banuka left off hitting 36 off 17 balls including four 6s. Dileepa rotated the strike with 21 off 19 balls.

Before the Indians went into bat, a plan was made to restrict them to 120, even though the mark to get a bonus point was 143. A few disappointments with our fielding ...but once again SSC bowlers were on top. Jeewantha - 2 overs , 2 wickets for 16 runs (Thanks to the new shoes).Banuka - 4 overs, 1 wicket for 17 runs. Chandana - 4 overs, 1 wicket for 20 runs. Sumedha - 4 overs (1 maiden), 1 wicket for 25 runs. Padmal - 2 overs, 1 wicket for 12 runs. Only sixteen extras were given away, something we should try to do every match we play!! Dileepa - 2

catches and excellent wicket keeping. Banuka & Hiran - 1 catch for each. Pradeep - 1 run out
ICCS was restricted to 123/7 in their 20 overs.

Well done team...lets keep the momentum going. No matches for the next 5 weeks but we must stay in form and stay focused.

MAN OF THE MATCH - Banuka Aravinda.

Big thanks to our loyal supporters who came to the ground, called & texted us.