

Pharmacists vs Dentists

Shore School Grounds Northbridge

Sunday 22 November 2015



Pharmacy & Dentistry Teams

An overcast and generally cool day greeted the two teams of Health Care Professionals - a somewhat welcomed relief from the horrible conditions of the preceding few days.

At the toss, Dentists skipper Jack Obaid called "heads" correctly and then pondered for a while before deciding to bowl. Pharmacy captain Anthony BouAntoun not too sure if he was upset with losing the toss, appreciating having the decision made for him.

The Pharmacy openers made a steady start, doing well to keep out the probing Dentistry opening bowlers. Michael Kidd and Mark Sheppard kept the scoreboard ticking until the eighth over when Steven Goh was able to slip one through Kidd's defenses. Pharmacy 1 for 24. In at first drop, debutant Ekjot Kalra facing a grand total of 2 balls; also bowled by S Goh for a duck.

Next in, fellow debutant and 2nd Year Pharmacy Student Matthew Perry. Perry and Sheppard combined excellently, able to turn over the strike and find the boundary rope regularly. Despite the odd aerial chance, the partnership blossomed with both batsmen retiring at the obligatory 50 runs - Mark Sheppard 50 not out and Matthew Perry 55 not out.

This put Pharmacy in a great position with wickets in hand towards the end of the innings. Danny Huynh (28) was well supported by the middle and lower order as Pharmacy set about increasing the scoring rate. A clutter of lusty blows of both bat on ball and ball on wickets meant that Pharmacy reached 7 for 199 from their 40 overs - with 6 of the batsmen out bowled!

Miles Somers was the pick of the Dentistry bowlers with 4 for 39. He was aptly supported by S Goh who picked up 2 for 31.

Chasing 200 to win was always going to take a great effort by the Dentistry batsmen, but that's exactly how the openers started. Jack Obaid and Angelo Gialussi got off to a fantastic start with both batsmen keeping the fancied Pharmacy opening bowlers at bay. Dentistry captain Jack Obaid eventually falling in the seventh over for 8 runs.

Wayne Mitchell, in at first drop, combined well with Gialussi with boundaries coming thick and fast. The partnership quickly passed 20 runs with Pharmacy virtually powerless in stopping the flow of boundaries. Pharmacy Captain BouAntoun sensed the urgency of the situation and called for a lift in the field. And that's exactly what the team delivered, with Sylvester Sein swooping on a push to extra cover and delivering what can only be described as a wild fling to the keeper's end.

Gialussi must have considered himself in no danger, seeing the ball sail high and wide over the stumps. But somehow, the keeper, BouAntoun, was able to leap into the air and complete a backhanded flick at the stumps - all in the one motion - to have Gialussi stranded well short of the crease. Dentistry reduced to 2 for 47.

From that point on, wickets fell at regular intervals. Sylvester Sein (4 for 19) and David "The Sheak of Tweak" Sidgreaves doing the damage (3 for 22) for Pharmacy. For the Tooth Doctors, only Steven Goh (35) showed any real resistance dispatching Sidgreaves to all parts of the boundary, taking 17 off one over! Goh eventually fell LBW to a great spell of bowling by Peter Mikhail (1 for 27).

Dentists all out for 117 runs in the 26th over. A great win to the drug dealers!

All in all, it was a game played in great spirit with all enjoying a wonderful day's play. The two umpires decided that Man of the Match honours should go to Steven Goh with some great bowling and lusty lower order hitting.