

KTN Rajan Trophy Match

Teams : Kelawar Cricket Club vs RSC

Date : Saturday June 13, 2009

Venue : Royal Selangor Club, Bukit Kiara

Kelawar Squad

Mike Speed (Skip), Tim Vallis, Graham Witt, Malcolm Norquoy (w/k), Padma, Matt Ford, Vignesh Raja, Phil Render, Drummond, Ranjith Rangarajan, Rohit Gunavanthe

Match Officials:

Mr. Bhupinder Singh

Mr. Rama

Toss: Won by Kelawar and elected to bat

A cloudy and gloomy Saturday afternoon welcomed us at RSC. The usual KL downpour had just ended and the covers were still on resulting in a 30 min delay in kick-off.

Speedy won the toss and elected to bat first. Tim and Matt went in to start the proceedings for the visiting side. The initial overs were hard to get away with, given the slow low RSC wicket. Matt was the 1st to get out bowled for 9. In came Rohit 'runmaker' Gunavanthe, who does make it a habit to score runs. Rohit was soon joined by Padma after Tim virtually 'ran' out of steam and they pushed the score along nicely. A couple of meaty blows from Rohit (*one of which looked like a 6 over long off to everyone except to the umpire*) ensured that we got to the 100 run mark within the 20th over. Rohit top scored with 41 and was ably aided by the 26 from Padma's willow. Quick runs from Vignesh, Drummond and yours truly took the score to 147 in the designated 25 overs, which did seem very defensible.

Ten min change-over saw us take the field with the new ball being shared by Drummond and yours truly (*Trivia...the last time I bowled the 1st over of an innings was in 2007...proof is on the bowling card*). However, it did feel great to get an in-swinging yoker right to get the 1st wicket. Some edges, good shots and mistimed blows, did see the hosts race to 37 in the first 4 overs. Phil and Rohit did try to dry up the runs, but the odd boundary in each over kept the required rate well under control for the hosts. Rohit was unlucky not to get a wicket (thanks to 'NOs' from the umpire). Even a neat catch from Malcom of Phil and a 'pluck by Speedy off Graham failed to stop the hosts from cruising home in 19 overs.

The good : Rohit's 41, Murali's 40 (*did I hear his age correctly!?*)

The Bad : Please verify rules for no-balls!!

The ugly : Drops by Rohit, Padma and yours truly

Result: RSC win by 7 wickets

Batting Card

Tim Vallis	: 12 (all run!)...it continued on the field too!
Matt Ford	: 9
Rohit Gunavanthe	: 41
Padma	: 26
Vignesh Raja	: 15
Ranjith Rangarajan	: 16*
Drummond	: 6 (I sweet shot into the side screen)
Graham Witt	: 1*
Mike Speed	: DNB
Malcolm Norquoy	: DNB
Matt Ford	: DNB
Phil Render	: DNB

Bowling Card

Rohit	: 0 for 17 of 5
Phil	: 1 for 38 of 5
Ranjith	: 1 for 44 of 4
Graham	: 1 for 16 of 2