

## Kelawar Vs SAS Klang- SSCC- T20 Tournament at STC- 28/3/2009

It was a lovely day for cricket, hot and sunny. But storm clouds were gathering in horizon, indicating that Mother Nature had other ideas.

Kelwin, Kelawar's skipper of the day, won the toss and decided to bat (*bowl – Ed*)! In hindsight it turned out to be a brilliant decision, as there was no other way to make it a competitive game for the opposition, bunch of school boys from Klang. Kelawar on the other hand, had a very balance side, both with age and skills!

Kelvin started balling for Kelawar from the score board end (I was told balling in to the wind!) With his usual short run-up to a school boy, and the sight of it was freighting enough for even an experienced player. But the length was little too short, for batmen to play a shot and little too quick for them to leave it.

Muffaddal was given the honour of sharing the new ball with Kelvin, but it was not his day. He found it difficult to direct ball at the stumps, instead mostly it ended up in fine leg or third man, and all what batmen had to do was to, gaze at the ball. (But still, it was much better than writer's balling at Kelawar's batting star Johnny in Single wicket competition). Take it easy Muffaddal; it is all in the game.

Kelvin continued to ball well but Darwin, to writer's surprise, decided to keep just beside the wicket, probably indicating his faith in Kelvin's accuracy (*and complete disregard for his own safety – Ed*). Darwin did a commendable job behind wicket behind and also took a sharp catch, off inside edge off Arvin's balling.

Chris speed balled well replacing, Muffadal but it was Kelvin who managed to find a breakthrough with a well pitched up delivery to disturb the stumps (*the stumps are still in therapy – Ed*). Rohit too balled very well restricting the run flow and batmen found it difficult read his right arm leg spin and occasional faster ball.

However it was Arvin and Thrishan that rescued Kelawar from further misery by sharing 5 wickets between them. Thrishan balling left arm leg spin did exceptionally well with the ball. He tossed the ball up without fear and often batmen got stranded having no clue how to play the ball.

From the batting side, Praveen played a gem of an inning, 50 from 40 balls with the help of few free hits. His driving in front of the wicket was solid and placement was also good.

When the SAS innings was stopped due to a light shower, they were 129 in 17.2 overs. Out of this, there were 34 extras (wides, no balls etc). Effectively Kelawar had balled about about 20 overs or more. It was a poor performance from experienced Kelawar ballers. But the fielding was good and youngsters did very well in the field.

Since Kelawar has taken more than their allotted time for 20 overs (due to wides and no bales etc), target given to Kelawar was to get 130 in 15 overs (approx 9 runs per over). This was a tough ask and with the risk of rain in 10 overs or less, it was even tougher.

Rohit and Chris opened the batting for Kelawar and both got off to a flying start. Chris got out for 18 but not before hitting 2 good looking 4's off the back foot, through the point region.

Rohit batted with both aggression and elegance to score 49 not out off 39 balls. And when the match was called-off due to rain after 8.4 overs, Kelawar was 83 for 1 wicket (Darvin not out 7 in 5 balls). I was told that this score was good enough for the victory; however there was nobody who could confirm by what margin we have won the match. It is in the light of these circumstances that we have to appreciate the brilliance of Kelvin and his ability to calculate the uncertainty and balance the game.

Many thanks to organisers, and those who came and supported young players of Kelawar at STC. It was indeed an interesting match, well played Kelawar.

**“A dreamer is a one who can only find his way by moon light, and his punishment is that that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world- Oscar wild”**

I could understand this if it is “moonshine”, instead of moon light. Perhaps our editor could enlighten the true meaning of this, for the benefit of all of us (*hmmm...nope, sorry – Ed*).