

Kelawar vs. Silver State  
Silver State Twenty20 Competition  
29 March 2009

The Saturday team having heeded Dave Gandy's ~~threat of violence~~ inspirational speech delivered the day before had won and prevented the need for an early arrival at STC. However, it seemed that whilst the promise of lunch was enough to get most of us to the ground before scheduled play, Darshan had decided that both lunch and the first 5 overs of the day were a little over-rated. Fortunately, Druvi had made sufficient offering to the cricket gods and won the toss - electing to bat on fairly typical STC wicket.

It was Dil and Vignesh to open the Kelawar account against a fairly young STC side with a few familiar faces from our Datuk Bandar confrontation a month ago. Both openers gave good account of themselves, in particular Vignesh with some well timed boundaries. This, combined with some very untidy bowling saw both umpires with tired arms and our score at 61 by the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> over. Dil then fell to some nifty bowling from Sathish on 12 and Vignesh returned to the pavilion in the next over after being sharply caught at point for 30.

Dave and Druvi were now at the crease although Druvi didn't get much time to get settled before being trapped leg-before on 1. Enter, Fraser Barton. As he was confidently striding to the crease it was difficult not to notice a slight height difference between him and Dave 'The Man Mountain' Gandy. Dave and Fraser put together a partnership of 19 runs which saw some excellent running between wickets before Fraser was bowled on 2.

We were now 4/96 in the 13<sup>th</sup> over when Anu combined with Dave to put on another 26 runs before Dave, having given most fielders some catching practice, finally holed out in the deep on 28. With only 120 runs on the board and 4 overs remaining it was up to Sam and Anu to steer us toward a defensible score. Sathiah, the Silver State captain clearly had other ideas and Anu departed on 17.

Mike Sharrad, having just retrieved the remainder of his protective gear from Dave, came to the crease and together with Sam put on another 24 runs without loss (but very close to 'assuming the position') to leave Silver State needing 149 off their allotted overs. Both Sam and Mike returned from the unforgiving heat of mid-afternoon sun to the only-slightly-less-hot shade of the pavilion with their averages in good shape on 11\* and 13\* respectively.

After an entirely too short intermission (making Druvi's comment to me of 'stay warm' seem slightly unnecessary) we resumed the field with Anu to open our attack and Mike seeking the comfort of fine leg for a lie down. There was either something in the curry at lunch time or Anu had simply consumed an extra helping of roti for breakfast, because **the heat** was brought and Silver State lost 2 wickets in as many balls and were 2/4 at the end of the first over. Mike toiled away at the other end managing to get danger man Sathia caught out for only 1 with a nice catch from Trishan, but was unlucky not to claim Pasha's wicket early on. More **heat** was brought by Anu and again Silver

State lost 2 wickets in as many balls including a fine catch by Sam Barton at gully leaving them at 5/38 at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> over.

Druvi replaced Mike at the towers end only conceding 4 runs from his two overs and 'Big' Chris Speed proved dangerous at the other end claiming a wicket with a catch by Vignesh. They were now 6/48 in the 10<sup>th</sup> over and we were closing in on a win. Trishan was introduced into the attack from the towers end and produced a solid spell of left-arm orthodox spin claiming two wickets for only 13 runs from two overs. Sam Barton was only required for one over at the other end and finished with a wicket maiden. Silver State ended up all out in the 14<sup>th</sup> over only managing 71 runs, Kelawar were victorious.

Special mention should go to Trishan who was awarded player of the tournament. Photos from the award ceremony below.





