

CRICKET SOUTH AMERICA – U13 CHAMPIONSHIP – Day Three – Sun, 11th April 2010

Another AMAZING day of Cricket on Sunday at the *Lima Cricket & Football Club* to end the tournament.

The morning saw four teams battle it out in the *Cricket Veloz* tournament. Games were played between teams of seven players (One keeper and six bowlers) who bowled six overs per innings. The third-placed team in the Twenty20 tournament (Peru) entered two teams of 7 players: one team called the Alpacas, captained by Tulio Silgado; and the other, the Vicuñas, captained by Sjoerd De Wit.

The Alpacas played the first game against Argentina (who split their squad in two, one for game one and the other for game two – the first team was led by Nacho Pizzo). The Argentineans batted first and raced away to a big score of 59 with Matias Lado playing some interesting, IPL-inspired shots on his way to 33. Joaquin Salazar was a star in his first outing behind the stumps with a stumping and a run out.

The Alpacas reply never really got going, with the previous day's star, Ernesto Arrate leaving for a first ball duck. Sebastian Navarra top scored with 8 as the Alpacas struggled to 3 for 33 from their six overs.

The second game saw a Gayfer and Kapur-less Chile take on the Peruvian Vicuñas. Chile won the toss and batted and raced away to a score of 43 for 2 after their 6 overs. The Peruvian reply started badly with the effervescent Santiago Chavez going first ball, but this brought Ignacio Villa out to join Captain Sjoerd De Wit and they managed to pass the Chilean score in the final over.

The loser's final between Chile and the Alpacas was a real turn around for the Alpacas. Captain Tulio Silgado won the toss and decided to bat. He opened the batting and this time Ernesto Arrate was on song and they produced the partnership of the Veloz tournament racing to 1 for 57 after the allotted 6 overs.

In reply the Chilean team struggled to score against some tight bowling and ended on 2 for 25 after their 6 overs. The Alpacas had won third place.

The final between Argentina and the Peruvian Vicuñas was difficult to predict with the Argentineans playing seven completely new cricketers led by national vice-captain Felipe Nogues and boasting the services of the previous day's match winner, Gonzalo 'Goncy' Husain.

Argentina batted first and lost important wickets immediately with Martin Peralta playing on and Diego Juarez run-out backing up too far. They stabilized somewhat after that but finished their 6 overs with just 37 runs on the board.

In reply the Vicuñas got away to a flyer with Emilio Vila swatting the Argentinean bowlers around in the brief time he was at the crease. After that Ignacio Villa and Captain Sjoerd De Wit kept their heads and gradually overhauled the total. De Wit scored the winning runs from the first ball of the last over with a four and the Vicuñas celebrated their victory.

Later at the presentation De Wit was awarded the 'Player of the *Cricket Veloz* tournament' as well as the *Cricket Veloz* trophy.

The *Cricket Veloz* tournament was a huge success as it allowed all of the members of the squads from each country to participate and enjoy a quicker form of cricket ... AND it was great to watch!

After enjoying a wonderful three-course *Lima Cricket & Football Club* lunch, Argentina and Chile played off in the much awaited Twenty20 final. Argentina had won the most games in the tournament (3 to Chile's 2) but they had each enjoyed one victory head to head.

Raimundo Eyzaguirre won the toss and decided to bat. Tim Gayfer opened the batting with Jose Ulloa and they got off to a flyer. The opening bowlers for Argentina were attacked from the outset and anything over-pitched or short was dispatched. The score after 4 overs was 0 for 50 and it was almost 'game over' after that. Ulloa was dismissed by an excellent ball from Nacho Pizzo but that just brought Pratyush Kapur to the crease and he continued the aggressive hitting that had given Chile such a good start. Meanwhile Tim Gayfer was accumulating runs at the other end. Defending solidly when needed, looking for singles and clinically dispatching the occasional loose ball. He finally departed, run out by an excellent bit of fielding from Martin Peralta, for 60 very well-compiled runs, practically putting the game out of Argentina's reach. Chile ended their 20 overs on 149 for 8. Matias Lado bowled well and the three run outs highlighted the excellent fielding they had maintained throughout the tournament.

In reply Argentina found the total too daunting. They had the batsmen like Gonzalo Husain and Pedro Bisio who could whittle down a score, but chasing 160 they needed to hit out. Martin Peralta gave them some hope when he arrived and his enormous strike for the only six of the tournament was well received by the crowd. However he fell to a good catch at deep square leg by Sean Paton and the Chilean victory was all but assured. Argentina finished on exactly 100 after 18.3 overs and the Chileans celebrated wildly: they had played an excellent final, peaking at exactly the right time. Their bowlers held their nerve to keep the pressure on and they also made a couple of excellent run outs.

After the final the players and supporters adjourned to the BBQ area for the presentations. Thank yous were delivered to the *Lima Cricket & Football Club* and we heard a few words of appreciation from the Club President and he and the ground staff were presented with *Cricket Peru* Caps. Juliet Solomon the scorer and Tony Sandford the Umpire were also thanked for their efforts throughout the tournament.

The recipients of the awards were as follows:

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| • Player of the tournament | Tim Gayfer (Chile) |
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| • Bowler of the tournament
(Argentina) | Ignacio Pizzo and Jimmy MacGaw |
| • Fielder of the tournament | Felipe Nogues (Argentina) |

- Spirit of cricket award Santiago Chavez (Peru)
- 'Player of the match'
 1. Peru vs. Argentina Friday 9 April - Jimmy MacGaw (Argentina)
 2. Chile vs. Argentina Friday 9 April - Tim Gayfer (Chile)
 3. Chile vs. Peru Friday 9 April - Pratyush Kapur (Chile)
 4. Chile vs. Argentina Saturday 10 April - Gonzalo Husain (Argentina)
 5. Chile vs. Peru Saturday 10 April
- Ernesto Arrate, Ignacio Villa & James Lewis (Peru)
 6. Peru vs. Argentina Saturday 10 April - Ignacio Pizzo (Argentina)
 7. Final - Chile vs. Argentina Sunday 11 April - Tim Gayfer (Chile)
- Winners Trophy for 'Cricket Veloz' Tournament Peruvian Vicuñas
- 'Cricket Veloz' Player of the tournament Syoerd De Wit (Peru)

Finally the Trophy was presented to the Chilean team and medallions to each of the players.

A fantastic finale to a truly wonderful tournament.