

Thursday, April 9th, 2009 – Peru vs Argentina A

On a damp morning at the Sao Paulo Athletic Club, Peru won the toss and elected to bat against the tournament favorites Argentina A. The Argentine bowling attack was sharp but not as sharp at the catches taken in the slips. Grant Dugmore took the first catch in the third over to claim the Peruvian captain with the score on 5. Lucas Paterlini took the second catch in fourth over with the score on 6. Dugmore and Paterlini finished the match with three catches each. Everything hit in the air seemed to go to hand, as Peruvian opener Chris Abbott (28*) watched helplessly as each of his teammates headed back to the pavilion. After 30.2 overs the last Peruvian batsman was run out with only 69 runs on the board.

At lunch the Argentines were 35 for 1 and halfway home with 30 overs and nine wickets in hand. The Peruvians rotated their bowlers and managed to take one more wicket but they bowled too many wides and just didn't have enough runs on the board to make much of a fight of it. David Mauro (14*) knocked off the winning run in the 18th over putting the Argentines on the top of the table. Grant Dugmore was awarded Man of the Match for his three catches, undefeated 11 and bowling figures of 4-1-3-1.

Peru 69 (30.2ov.) (C Abbott 28*, N Awsari 18; S Ciaburi 3-18, L Paterlini 2-6, A Casime 2-13) lost to Argentina A 70-2 (17.4ov.) (D Mauri 14*, G Dugmore 11)