

## **CRICKET SOUTH AMERICA – U13 CHAMPIONSHIP – Day One – 9th April 2010**

What a FANTASTIC first day of Cricket we had in the Under-13 Championship, at the splendid *Lima Cricket and Football Club*.

Play started at 9.00am when Peru took on the might of Argentina. Peru captain, Sjoerd De Wit, won the toss and decided to bat and it wasn't long before his team was in trouble when Juan Maximo Schmidt took a very good catch to dismiss Peruvian opener James Lewis. The captain came in and played a steady knock, but many of the team fell around him - and after 13.3 overs the Peruvian Llamitas were dismissed for only 24 runs. Young upstart, Emilio Vila played an impressive hand before accidentally stepping on his wickets to end the innings. The eventual player of the match, Jimmy MacGaw, took an impressive 4 for 3 from three overs.

Argentina started slowly against a good opening spell from De Wit and Ernest Arrate but they reached the target after only 7.2 overs, only losing the wicket of their Vice-captain Felipe Noguez after some excellent fielding from the diminutive, but dangerous Joaquin Salazar.

Game 2 saw Chile take on Argentina. The Chilean captain, Raimundo Eyzaguirre won the toss and decided to bat. He opened with Tim Gayfer and although he fell early, Gayfer (27) and later the eventual player of the match, Pratyush Kapur (35) and Mitchell Olive (19) were able to take the score to a respectable 99 for 6 after 20 overs. Argentinean captain Ignacio 'Nacho' Pizzo was the best of the bowlers with 2 for 13 from his four overs.

Argentina started their innings very well with good contributions from Pedro Bisio (20) and Gonzalo Husain (18) but they fell away further down the order and were dismissed eventually for 78 runs, 21 short of the target after an excellent spell from Chilean Vice-captain José Antonio Ulloa who took 4 for 11 from his four overs.

In the final game of the day, Chile vs Peru, Chile won the toss and batted. Thanks to an excellent 55 from 'Player of the Match' Tim Gayfer, they were all out for 113 from 19.2 overs. Peruvian vice-captain, Tulio Silgado was the best of the bowlers with 2 for 15 from two overs, while Peruvian wicketkeeper, Santiago Chavez continued his excellent form behind the stumps with three catches and a stumping.

Peru in reply seemed in danger of repeating their low score from earlier in the day when they lost their fourth wicket for 22 runs. However, this brought Silgado and Ernesto Arrate together for what became a team lifting 40 run-partnership. Silgado provided solid support for Arrate who attacked the Chilean bowlers with controlled aggression and caused great celebration from Chile when he finally parted for an impressive 31. However, after 20 overs, Peru were stranded still 30 runs short of the Chilean total.

The boys sat down to a fantastic meal of Fish and Chips, wrapped in a genuine British newspaper, before heading back to rest up in preparation for Saturday's games.