

Sunday, 19th Feb's game was an interesting one. 'Experimental', according to Eidgenossen captain, Chris Mahoney, who put it down to them being 'more an afternoon team, than a morning one'!

The early bird gets the worm and if that's the case Chak De played like hungry Condors. Hats off to the Chaks: they bowled very well and capitalized on an opportunity.

Mahoney took the decision to reverse the batting order (which had nothing to do with the new rule about the lowest-scoring batsmen, highest up the order, having to clean up the score hut after the game) and before they knew what had happened, Eids were 6 for 10 runs. The Chak's bamboozled the Eids' batting line up, while they were still rubbing the sleet out of our eyes, with Suresh Suryavanshi picking up a remarkable 6 wickets for 12 runs in his 4 overs, including a hat-trick; and it looked like they would all be out for less than 30.

Mark Bowie saved them from embarrassment scoring 23, in quick time. Supported by Will Wicks - the new night watchman - who played an important innings (9 runs in 18 overs), and steadied a ship which was sinking faster than the Costa Concordia. Aided by Mohit Shukkla (13 for 1 off 1 over) who bowled a never-ending over, Eidgenossen managed to scrape to 90 runs. Which is defensible, in theory.

When it came to Chak De's turn to bat, Mark Bowie bowled a tight opening spell (4 overs for 27 runs). Chris Mahoney bowled tripe (2 overs for 19 runs). Gary Sargent took an absolute screamer on the boundary off John 'White Shadow' Bell's bowling (29 for 1 off 4 overs), to dismiss Kashyap Nansi for 39 but, by then, it was too late.

Joel Start put in a great debut performance behind the stumps. Cameron Smith bowled 2 tidy overs (for 13 runs) - and later, sculled 2 tidy Pisco Sours - before the ball was given to Jonathon 'The Black Shadow' Heymann, who got his first wicket on Peruvian soil turning the ball at right angles: Anish Kherada bowled for 20. That ended up being the last over of the match, Chak De winning with 7 overs to spare, for the loss of two wickets.