

On a significantly sunnier day than the week before, tensions were high as the Kiteflyers gathered to face the mighty Lima Cricket in what was as a must-win game for both teams. Kiteflyers' captain, Kenny Steen, was determined not to have to go into next week's game against Eidgenossen needing a win to avoid the wooden spoon.

Nick Barsby duly noted that "every team who has batted second has gone on to win the game". With that in mind, Steen was quite pleased when LCFC Captain, Jorge Pancorvo, elected to bat after winning the toss. Clearly no-one had mentioned Nick's valuable statistic to Louis Grandjean before the LCFC innings began.

The Kiteflyers started off in great fashion, with opening bowler Nick Barsby (20 for 1 off 4 overs) dismissing Chris "Hairy Boy" Hodgson LBW for a duck, swiftly followed by Mike Soulsby superbly run out by Garth Lawrence for a mere 4 (which was an edge through 3rd man, incidentally). Garth's day would get significantly worse, however, before our fielding was over.

In stepped Louis Grandjean and Hans de Wit, who Kiteflyers managed to keep fairly quiet until the half way point, limiting them to 61 off the first 10 overs.

Then, disaster struck. Not only did Grandjean start finding his range, sailing a few over the boundaries, he also decided this would be the best time to leather one of Garth's deliveries straight back at him, destroying Garth's hand in the process and sending him to hospital and, as it turns out, giving him the rights to be assigned an "asiento reservado" on Lima's elegant transportation system.

Cue a one man show from Louis, which included no more than 12 sixes, 14 fours, and very few singles which saw him end on a staggering 149 not out, and Lima rack up another 160 runs in 10 overs, to leave them on 231 for 3 after 20. Notable moments of said innings included two near consecutive sixes over the scorehut and into the street, the latter almost hitting Gary Sargent who had gone to retrieve the first one; two other massive sixes over the tennis courts and into the street; and the all too predictable dropped catch from the Kiteflyers' captain, whilst Louis was only around the 100 mark.

The Kiteflyers did manage to dismiss Hans for 26, after he gifted Miles Buesst a catch at long off, off the bowling of Paul King (43 for 1 off 3 overs), but by that time the damage had already been well and truly done.

To say the 'Flyers had a mammoth task when batting was putting it lightly. Miles Buesst and Nick Barsby opened the innings, but after a quick start, Miles called Nick through for a risky quick single and a piece of tidy fielding by Nick Myers resulted in Barsby being run out for 9.

Up stepped young James King, and together with Miles Buesst, they gave a stunning display of attacking cricket to try to reduce the deficit. As if almost being knocked out by Louis wasn't bad enough, Miles decided to rub salt into Gary Sargent's wounds by smashing a six

out of the ground and landing it quite nicely in the passenger seat of Garry's car. A souvenir you might say.

Lima proved once again that one man can make all the difference as Louis caught Miles on the boundary to dismiss him for 79. Until that point, the 'Flyers were not far off the run rate required, however the change of partnership interrupted their flow slightly and they finished on a more than respectable 198 for 2, with James finishing on an excellent 71 not out. Overall, a fantastic effort with a score than on any other day would have won the game. None of the Lima Cricket bowlers escaped punishment, with Clint Donkin (41 for 1 off 4 overs) being the only one to pick up a wicket.

Congratulations to Lim... Louis for his outstanding performance. Quite possibly a record score in the modern era at LCFC.