

The final day of the Apertura – Sun, 26th Feb, 2012 – brought together the two undefeated titans of Chak De and LCFC. On a sunny day and full of the joys of a Lima summer, LCFC elected to bat after winning the toss. Chris Hodgson arrived late so Hans de Wit (15) and Louis Grandjean were sent out to deal with the Predator-like bowling that Chak De had up its sleeve in abundance. After scratching about like two Ethiopian chickens, the openers had accumulated just 45 runs in 10 overs. It was realized that had left the side with some catching up to be done. After they departed, the following action was very short, but tumultuous with Clint Donkin knocking the leather off the ball for a couple of overs before the majority of the LCFC batting line-up made like a posse of cowboys at cheap hookers night at the OK Corral saloon, such was the coming and going. 6 batsmen out for just 7 runs scored. Kashyap Nansi being the main instigator of the collapse (4 wickets for 8 runs off 2 overs). Although Clint (24) and Louis (31) were the main participants in the run-scoring, there was the LCFC member triumvirate of Tony Sanford, massive six, Jorge Pancorvo and Peter Biesse adding 29 runs between them, making up for a sprinting, if not quite mammoth total of a just below par score of 125.

In reply, skippers' words had been to stand firm and to stand chin to chin with the enemy. The target was defendable. At 10 overs the fielders were beginning to get twitchy as Kashyap Nansi (again!) and "trousers" Anish Kheradi had compiled 72 between them in a fairly uncomplicated manner, but still LCFC held firm, "one wicket is all we need" was everyone's mantra. And so it was as Nick Myers (2-18) made a double breakthrough with Louis catching Anish Kheradi (44) at Cover and then getting Kamlesh LBW for 0 with a dead straight ball that kept low. With some fine fielding and two run outs in the following overs, Chak De began to run out of steam and with 3 overs to go 26 runs were needed to overturn LCFC's piddling score. Tony "the Finger" Sanford came on and bowled his cobra like offspin (17 for 1 off 4 overs), with debutant Simon Tyrrell (29 for 1 off 4 overs) bowling the death overs at the other end. Coming down to the final over, 15 runs were needed, with Hiro (15*) and Sonu endeavouring to take them over the winning line. After Hiro had begun to worry LCFC with a massive six to cow corner, Sonu was stunningly run out for 2, as Simon

was forced to rip one of the stumps out as the bails had already been dislodged.
Winning margin 7 runs.

2012 Apertura trophy in the bag for LCFC.