

Thursday 19 March: Group Game 1: Brazil vs Panama A

Brazil all out for 78 from 19.1 overs

A wicket of variable bounce was made to look unplayable in an innings in which nobody contributed meaningfully other than Caisley (18) and Featherstone (22). Jones's first ball duck left him questioning the quality of Bastick's throw-downs.

The Panama side undoubtedly made the best use of the conditions, bowling a tidy line and length in tricky conditions.

Brazil, criminally, didn't make use of the full 20 overs and were left ruing 2 run outs on a field that should have made fielders struggle.

Panama A 79-1 in 7.1 overs

Panama A seemed to be batting on a different wicket to the Brazil team as the total was quickly chased down by some brutal hitting from their top 3 batsmen. Brunt, Allen and Ballhatchet all went for 10 plus an over for their 2 overs a piece.

Second change bowler, Richard Avery, got the crucial breakthrough, well...crucial enough to make it onto Facebook later that day anyway. Team management was forced to review the squad's Social Media Policy in light of such a humiliating defeat.

VB's TP (Turning Point): arguably we didn't get far enough into the game for there to be a turning point.

Following this defeat the Brazil team set about regrouping as thoughts turned to Thursday's match against Peru and retaining the Amistad Cup.

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