

The first day of the *Cricket South America* Under-13 Championship belonged very much to Chile, as they won both their games, to head the table, after a glorious day of cricket at *Lima Cricket & Football Club*.

The marquee game of the day was undoubtedly the second game between Argentina and Chile, which resulted in a tight nine-run victory for Chile, who batted first and scored 102 for 9 off their 20 overs. Pick of the batsmen was Man of the Match, Tim Gayfer, with 47.

In reply, Argentina were in good shape after 16 overs at 74 for 3 but with the dismissal of Juan Martin Tissera (24), wickets started to fall regularly and the run rate gradually crept up, so that they were left needing 14 runs off the last over. The pick of the Chilean bowlers were Nicolas Hooper, Cristobal Cárcamo and Rafael Rojas with 2 wickets apiece.

Argentina had already won the first game of the day against Peru, racking up 134 for 7, batting first. Top scorer was captain Diego Juarez, 34*, with Lautaro Scarlato chipping in with a good 26.

Peru's reply got off to a disastrous start with Joaquin Salazar falling to the first ball of the innings, and they never really recovered. Emilio Vila hit some lusty blows in an innings of 17, but Peru were bowled out for 48 in the 14th over.

Diego Juarez was awarded the Man of the Match award for his batting and two wickets when bowling at Peru's tail.

The final day of the game saw the euphoric Chileans play the home side, and having won the toss, reached an imposing 165 for 4. The mainstay of their batting was once again Tim Gayfer who scored 56 not out and Captain Nicholas Hooper who scored 64 not out. However, it was not all plain sailing earlier. Thanks to some excellent bowling from Silvio Grijalva (3 for 21) and superb catching from Mateo Velayos and captain Luis Paredes, Chile were teetering dangerously at 19 for 4 after 4 overs.

However, Peru's batting collapsed after the dismissal of Paredes (for a well made 10) and they were all out for 30 after only 10 overs.