

A slightly belated review of last Sunday's 2nd round game in the Chimu Adventures All Peru 20/20 Cricket Championship, and a look forward to the crunch 3rd round this Sunday.

On Sunday, Miles Buesst won the toss against last year's winners, Eidgenossen, whose captain (and surprise opening batsman), John Bell, was wearing a large plastercast on his left hand having broken his finger the Sunday before, and Kiteflyers decided to bat first. The Kiteflyers were in trouble after 11 overs with 4 wickets down and less than 50 on the board. Enter Paul Barnes, whose uncompromising innings of 87 not out swung the game firmly back in our direction and included some lusty blows over the boundary. He was ably assisted by Chris Mahoney who scored 34, before fatigue set in.

Kiteflyers finished up scoring a very healthy 175ish; and some tight bowling and good fielding meant we were firmly on top for the first 12 overs, when it was our turn to bowl. The wheels came off somewhat after that, so that Eidgenossen needed 24 off the last over to record an unlikely win. Fortunately, Harry Hildebrand kept his nerve when bowling the last over and they fell about 15 runs short of the total.

So, a good win in the end, although rather more bum-squeaking than desirable! Paul Barnes deservedly won the Man of the Match award for his game-changing innings along with 4 good overs and a couple of wickets. I would also like to congratulate everyone for a great fielding performance, that was probably the difference between winning and losing in the end: particular mention must go to Jon Howarth, Gareth, Will, Harry and Gavin behind the stumps who stayed alert and positive throughout, even when the bowling was being put to the sword.

Anyway, moving on to this Sunday, we have a winner-takes-all battle against the entire continent of Asia, starting at 1330. As far as I am aware, all XI who played last Sunday are available, plus Blake is back from his conjugal bed.

And obviously we would love to have as much support as possible, for the last Kiteflyer cricket game of the season, so please feel free to come down, with family, rentboys etc, to the Cricket Club. There will be a Carnival atmosphere.