

Group Game: Panama A v MCC

MCC's second group game at 2pm on Friday was a feisty, but good-natured affair against Panama 'A' on the slightly better Pitch 1.

Panama 'A' won the toss and elected to bat first and from ball one went after the MCC bowling. Aided by some impressive boundary catches, one in particular on the run by skipper Rea-Palmer in front of a raucous set of Peruvian supporters on the deep mid-wicket boundary, the Club managed to restrict Panama 'A' at every turn.

Akhtar (4 for 24) and Smallwood (5 for 23) were the pick of the bowlers, bowling with guile and discipline. Panama 'A' bludgeoned their way up to 116 all out, but it was a top fielding effort by the entire MCC team.

In reply, the crowd got a glimpse of two polar opposite innings. Whilst the Panamanians were intent on trying to smash the ball to all parts of the Panama Pacifico complex, MCC needing a run a ball, set about chasing down the target with a measured run chase. First Blackaby (15), and later on Madurasinghe (14) and Rea-Palmer (30), all played sensible innings to see the MCC home with eight balls to spare ... although in truth it probably could have been finished a little quicker.

MCC ended up the victors by 5 wickets.

by MCC Captain, Jon Rea-Palmer