

Peru make comeback of Lazarus proportions to beat Chile on Day 2

First international victory for Peru's U15 side is hard-earned

On the second day of the ICC Americas Southern Division U15 Championship, Peru faced Chile after receiving an old-fashion thrashing at the hands of Argentina yesterday. Chile won the toss and batted and were soon in trouble at 6 for 63 after 11 overs. A superb partnership of 67 runs between Hans Cerpa (35) and Jhoel Riveros (42) put Chile back in the game. Peru did not help their cause by bowling too many wide deliveries but were extremely well served by James King with 3-31 from 6 overs and Mariano Bottger with 4-34 from 4.5 overs.

Peru's reply was looking similar to the day before after they lost their first 2 wickets cheaply. However, this brought James King to the crease and he put on a 45 run partnership with Juan Jose Mariategui for the 3rd wicket and then a 6th wicket partnership of 78 with Luis Paredes to bring Peru within striking distance. Chile bowled superbly with both Cerpa (3-48) and Riveros (2-33) collecting regular wickets although the Peruvians were stealing plenty of byes and some extra runs from wides. It was a nail-biting finish and it all came down to whether James King could score the runs before running out of partners. He eventually hit the winning runs to bring up his hundred - with Peru 7 wickets down - and justifiably took out the man of the match award.

It was an amazing turnaround by Peru and has blown the tournament wide open.

The final game of the 40-over competition between Chile and Argentina will take place on Monday. Tomorrow sees the start of the T20 competition with Chile playing Argentina in the morning and Peru v Argentina in the afternoon.

Brief scores:

Peru U15 Vs Chile U15

1-Innings Match Played At Markhan College, 27-Aug-2011, Under 15

Peru U15 Win by 3 wkts

Chile U15 1st Innings 175/10 All Out (Overs 25.5)

Riveros,J 42 King,J 3/21 Bottger,M 4/34

Peru U15 1st Innings 176/7 Closed (Overs 22.4)

King,J 100* Cerpa,H 3/48

ICC Americas U15 Southern Division Championship table (as of 26-August, 2011)

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tie	Points	NRR
Argentina	1	1	0	0	2	11.225
Peru	2	1	1	0	2	-4.853
Chile	1	0	0	0	0	-3.390

Tomorrow's fixtures: T20 Chile v Argentina 9.00am → 12.30pm

T20 Peru v Argentina 1.30pm → 5.00pm