

Chile continue to dominate.

Still no win, but marked improvement from Peru.

The second day of the *Cricket South America* Under-13 Championship saw international cricket being played on the new ICC-funded artificial wicket at *Markham College* for the first time ever; and, once again, the day was blessed with both glorious weather and some great cricket.

As on Day 1, the plaudits must go to the Chile team, who won both their games and are strong favourites for the final on Sunday.

The first game saw Chile and Argentina pitted against each other and the game proved as tight as the previous encounter. Having been put into bat, Chile were in real trouble at 6 for 3, with danger man, Tim Gayfer, back in the hutch. Up stepped Captain Nicholas Hooper, to rescue the innings with an aggressive 40, ably supported by Mitchell Olive with 28. Thanks to this pair, the Chileans managed to post a respectable 104 for 6 from their 20 overs.

Juan Martin Tissera bowled really well at the top of the innings to finish with 12 for 2; while Alexis Goana picked up 2 wickets from the last two balls of the innings to finish with 2 for 2!

Once again, the Argentinean batsmen made a good fist of their reply, with Juan Martin Tissera (40) getting the score in sight of the finishing line. However, good bowling from the Chilean line-up, especially Mitchell Olive (14 for 4) and Caleb Olive (19 for 3), ensured that wickets fell regularly, and once Tissera was 8th man out to a great catch by Tim Gayfer on the boundary, the Argentinean innings stumbled to 88 all out.

For his excellent contribution with both bat and ball, Mitchell Olive was awarded the Man of the Match.

The second game of the day featured a much-improved Peru, taking on the all-conquering Chile. Batting first, Peru posted a decent 81 for 8 off their 20 overs, with the pick of the batsmen being Emilio Vila (14) and Luis Paredes (26). The wickets were shared amongst 6 Chilean bowlers!

In reply, Peru did well to restrict Chile initially to take 4 of the Chilean top-order wickets, but the experienced pair of Nicholas Hooper (19*) and Mitchell Olive (9*) were on hand to steady any nerves and saw Chile home with just under 2 overs to spare.

Despite being on the losing side, the Man of the Match award was presented to 10-year-old Peruvian captain, Luis Paredes, for his first innings batting and good bowling figures of 12 for 1 from his 4 overs.

Peru were immediately back out in the field again, to face Argentina's batting, and again started well, pegging Argentina back to 27 for 3 after ?? overs. However, good batting by Juan Martin Tissera (19), Man of the Match Enrique Roulet (35*) and Pedro Martin Betti (7*) along with some tired bowling from the Peruvian bowlers, who conceded 52 extras, allowed the Argentineans to reach an imposing 133 for 5 from their 20 overs.

In reply, the Peruvian batsmen were never in the hunt, but did well to last until the 18th over, finishing on 50 all out, as the sun was setting over *Markham College*.