

Sun, April 10th, 2011 - LCFC v Chak De

Sunday, April 10th was the last game of the Clausura season, and saw LCFC having to win the game outright against Chak De to be sure of winning the Delica T20 Trophy: Kites had defeated Eidgenossen by a massive margin the day before, to boost their net run rate, so a LCFC defeat may have handed the trophy to Ed Baxter's Kites team.

The game coincided with the date of the first round of voting in the Peruvian Presidential Elections, so LCFC Skipper Walter sent an email out to all and sundry to make sure they voted early and be at the game on time (The skipper himself was nearly ordered to remain at the voting booth to assist but was able to run away crying "I have a cricket match to Captain!". Surprisingly this fell on deaf ears here in Lima.).

With a full squad, and welcoming Mike Soulsby back from his beach sojourn on the Lima Riviera (also known as Asia), and also Jorge Pancorvo, our redoubtable keeper who had been at a wedding in the States, LCFC were looking up for the fight. On losing the toss, LCFC were put into the field and were up against it fairly quickly with a steady six an over being hit by the confident Chak De, with Kashyap Nansi (50) putting up the greatest fight. But Louis Grandjean (25 for 2) and Tony Sanford (17 for 3) quickly put a stop to that and the wickets began to tumble. Julian Walter (35 for 2) came on and bowled his miasmic nonsense and during his spell four wickets fell, which allowed the LCFC to feel confident about chasing the target of a gettable 124.

Chris Hodgson (4) and Mike Soulsby (67*) went out to sort. Hodgson was soon gone, holing out to Kashyap Nansi at long-off, and Louis Grandjean (11) was LBW to Vishal Vaidya (16 for 1). But the resolute Soulsby steadied the ship with Nick Myers (26) until the latter was bowled by Suresh (22 for 1). With 30 runs left to win, Walter joined Soulsby at the crease and they saw the team home with 4 balls and 6 wickets to spare, to win the game and the trophy.