

## Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 – Kites v Chak De

Chak De captain, Kamlesh, won the toss and elected to bat.

James King (17 for 1) and Miles Buesst (24 for 0) opened the bowling ... and immediately the captain of the (nearly) all-conquering Peru side was flashed to the boundary by everyone's favourite brown trouser-wearing nemesis, Anish. The first fabulous square cut was followed by another, and the captain of the Kites feared the worst. Memories of Chak De's 248 of the first game of the Apertura came flashing back ... but luckily it was not to be!!

The first wicket was taken by King and gradually all of the Chak De players began to poke at balls outside the off stump and most of their shots seemed to land in Baxter's lap at mid off. 4 catches later, Chak De were all out for 81.

A commendable bowling performance came from ladies' favourite Nick Barsby, who bowling off one pace, took 4 for 7. The crate-avoidance was backed up by superb wicket keeping by the latest recruit from the Harry Hildebrand youth academy, Santiago Chavez who took some great balls down the leg side and brought Dave Sharples (1 for 22) only wicket with a stumping after Mohan turned like a super tanker and got his bat stuck in the turf.

A great bowling performance was followed by a balanced batting display from the Kites who were not to let their advantage slip. Buesst (28) anchored the innings whilst watching Paul King run himself out (again!) for a duck; and Kenny Steen (4) spooning one back to the bowler. Nick Barsby (2) was done for by a fantastic ball from Vishal Vaidya (9 for 1) who bowled a great spell of 4 overs.

That left it to James King (22\*) and Ed Baxter (17\*) to steady the ship and with some great pulls and lofted drives he saw the Kites home with 5 overs and 6 wickets to spare.

Awards:

MOM: Nick Barsby for his 'tight as Dave Sharples' bowling performance.

Newcomer of the Day: Santiago Chavez rolling forward the years as wicket-keeper, to stand up to Nick in only his second game.