

Sat, 21st April, 2012 - Lima Llamas v Cricketers Club of NSW - Lima Cricket Club

As a fitting finale to a splendid 2012 Summer Season, *Cricket Peru* was delighted to welcome the *Cricketers Club of New South Wales* to Lima, as part of their South America tour. This was the cricketing climax to [their 27th tour – dating back to 1989](#) – having already played games in Buenos Aires and Santiago.

The Australians could not have asked for better weather, as the sun shone throughout their stay; but the Lima cricketers were in less benevolent mood. When *Llama* captain, Miles Buesst, won the toss, he had no hesitation in deciding to bat in the opening T20, knowing that he had a strong batting line-up and that the slow Lima pitch was not what the Aussie bowlers would be used to.

Opener Chris Hodgson (0) was soon back in the hutch, having mistimed a back-foot drive, but the *Llama* middle order of Louis Grandjean (32*), Nick Jones (24), Nick Barsby (33*) and Garth Lawrence (31*) tucked into the NSW bowling, reaching the 100 mark in the 12th over. The captains had agreed before the game that batsmen would retire on 30, but this did not stop the *Llama* momentum, as some aggressive running and occasional boundary by their lower order saw them reach a healthy total of 182 for 3 from their 20 overs.

The game was effectively over as a contest by the 3rd over of the NSW reply, as they found themselves 3 down, with only 4 on the board. Nick Barsby (7 for 2 off 2 overs) struck twice in his first over; while off-spinner Tony Sanford (10 for 1 off 3 overs) struck once. With the batting restrictions meaning that several NSW players would need to score 30 in order to reach the *Llama* total, the six bowlers used were able to stifle the scoring, as the run rate gradually increased. Gary Sargent epitomized this with a spell of 4 overs for just 9 runs, with 2 wickets.

Only Justin Bradley (31*) and Michael Thomson (16) reached double figures, as the NSW innings finished on 89 for 7, 93 runs short. Both teams then repaired to the Cricketers Arms for a barbecue.