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Corinthian Cricket Club

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The only cricket newsletter in the USA whose title is in Romanian and literally translates as "The cow which belongs in the church."

Corinthians 5-5

Boy, it's been hard work this year...

Corinthians v Century – Lost by 6 wickets

There is an old adage in cricket "catches win matches" and although this is true on most occasions, this top of the table clash between Century and Corinthians both proved and disproved it. Century won the toss and elected to field. On a wicket that was a batsman's dream the Century bowlers got off to a good start with Shan claiming a quick early wicket. After seeing off the shine of the new ball, Gokul and Mark set about the task of setting a competitive total. Although this is probably one of the strongest bowling attacks in Div 2 the pair batted superbly, picking the right deliveries to dispatch, capitalizing on dropped catches, and pushing the total along to 94 at the first break. Soon after drinks Mark fell LBW to Malinda having scored a good 36 runs from just 35 balls. This brought together Raj and Gokul who batted well and again capitalized on a number of dropped chances, pushing the score along to 186 before Raj was bowled by Manjula for 32 in the 36th over. Now the run chase was well and truly on with Gokul leading the charge. He and Faran put on 30 runs in 4 overs before Farhan fell for 13, Andy on this occasion didn't trouble the scorers. Masud and Gokul smashed 21 from just 2 overs before Masud went for 13. Gokul partnered with Richard to hit another 16 runs from 2 overs before he finally fell to Manjula becoming the Corinthians first centurion of the season, scoring a fantastic 115. The Corinthian innings came to a close soon after with the score 261 for 7, Manjula claiming 5 for 36 from 6 overs.

The Century openers came out all guns blazing. Ranil was the first to go, caught behind from Richard's bowling for 15. Hari followed soon after for a duck, again caught behind by wicket keeper Paul, this time from Gokul's bowling. Farhan bowling first change quickly picked up Manjula who had scored a quick fire 36. This brought together Malinda and Maduka. In no uncertain terms they put the Corinthian bowling to the sword and rode their luck from dropped catches. Malinda hit a good 55 before finally falling LBW to Corinthian skipper Kelly. Maduka was the pick of the Century batsmen, smashing a fantastic unbeaten 130 and bringing the game home for Century in the 42nd over. This was a hard fought, competitive game played in good spirit. The only blight being the fact that somewhere in the region of 20 catches were put down, more by the winning team than the losing one. All credit to Century for their win but also credit must go to the Corinthians. I doubt anyone at the start of the season would have backed this newly formed Corinthian team to be competing so well against such strong competition. We look forward to the rematch in October.

Casuals 4-4

Casuals vs Cal Bel – Lost by 1 run!

Casuals and Calbel played one of the best games of the season which came down to the wire. Calbel won the toss and elected to bat. James Rhaburn played a wonderful innings of 84 and was well supported by the middle order. Calbel set a target of 234 at the end of the innings. Casuals started their innings with Rameez getting out to a very poor caught behind decision. Asif and Saquib steadied the innings but another poor caught behind decision saw the end of Asif. Noman and Saquib got into the 20s but couldn't get to a big score which was needed to chase the target. Casuals ship was sinking at 129 for 6 in 30 overs. Then comes Farhad who played one of the best innings of his career. Casuals needed over 100 runs in 10 overs. Adnan joined Farhad and both of them had started to smash Calbel's bowlers all over the park. F. Flowers two quick wickets saw Farhad and Aryn back to the shade. It came down to 6 runs needed off the last over. New batsman Mark took a single off the first ball and gave the strike back to Adnan who hit the second ball hard for a couple. A dot ball then two more single and the game was tied. Last ball, one run needed for Casuals to win the game. Adnan was facing, and hit the ball hard in the air and got caught by the tallest fielder in Calbel. It was an unfortunate finish for Casuals who fought hard and came really close but at the end Calbel held their nerve. Good luck to Calbel for the remaining season.

Match reports written by Messrs. Blackledge and Shoaib (thanks, gents.)

Occasionals 1-2

Occasionals v Beverly Hills – Lost by 8 runs

Yes, dammit, we had them on the run only to fail in what should have been an easy run chase. Beverly Hills chose to bat first at the Village Green and could scarcely get going against some tight bowling from Ali Mirza and Steffan Langholz, our new 18-year-old Danish import. Steffan, Ali and Cliff Severn each took three wickets backed up by one of the best Occasionals' fielding performances ever seen by reliable witnesses.. Yes, you did read that correctly! What's more, even the skipper managed to cling on to one, thus saving himself a \$5 fine. Only a stubborn partnership at the end of the innings allowed the BHCC to reach 130, which should have been eminently reachable.

Unfortunately, the Occasionals couldn't quite get it together in the middle order after a couple of fine partnerships early on. After Steffan was out, trying to hit a straight one into the

archery range, the ever youthful Mr. Harwood played a fine supporting role to Cliff Severn (12 singles, Barry! No wonder you were knackered!) and took the score to 71 at the half-way point, well ahead of the asking rate. But once Cliff retired at 50, nobody could last for more than a few balls, and it was left to the skipper (oh, dear) and the undefeated Severn Junior to try to hit 23 runs off the last twelve balls. It was a good attempt, but just beyond them. Nevertheless, it was a fine day's cricket.

Occasionals v British & Dominion – Won by 1 wicket

A win, a win, a win – what more can I add? Another superb game, in which 430 runs were scored, came down to the penultimate ball. Having won the toss and inserted the B&D, the Occasionals were a little nonplussed to see a top drawer batting line up (Dave Collicott 50*, Paul Gleeson 50*, Jimmy Pearce 34, Carl McGroggan 33) rack up 213-6 in the 30 overs. Occasionals did nothing wrong in the field, but in the end had to contend with some fine strokeplay. The bowlers all stuck in, with wickets being shared between Steffan, Paul Severn and Raj Naik.

When Barry's wicket fell in the first over, it looked as if the writing was on the wall (saying something rude, probably), but Paul Severn and Steffan Langholz immediately set about the bowling and brought the Occasionals right back into the game. Once Paul was out, Shamsud Doha (welcome back!) and Raj Naik (50*) continued to give Steffan great support, and once he and Raj were both retired undefeated, Kelly, Pramod, Antony and Ali all slogged quick runs to keep up with the run rate. With just 4 overs left and 35 wanted, the skipper played some expert leg byes before being stumped by Billy Armstrong (this is a true story), so it was left to Raj and Steffan to resume their undefeated partnership with just one wicket in hand. With four runs wanted and two balls left, Steffan launched one straight over the fence to leave Occasionals the winners by just one wicket, with Steffan magnificent 75* and Raj's 57* the highlights of a great batting performance.

Learn To Speak Proper English



With Lord Nigel Raving-Loony, Beverly Hills CC

I say, you fellows - being, as you are, an English-only club, learning to tackle these thoroughly proper English phrases will stand you all in jolly good stead. Do learn them, there's good chaps. What what?

Phrase	Meaning
"I say."	"I'm talking now, and I am British and much more important than you."
"Old chap."	"I consider myself younger and better looking than you."
"Jolly good."	"Quite superb, even by my own very superior British standards."
"Pip pip and cheerio"	"You must now bow before me and say 'Goodbye, my lord.'"
"Don't you know, what?"	"I have just said something quite profound which you, not being British, will struggle to comprehend."
"Care for a spot of tea?"	"Run off and pick me a good drop of proper British tea, there's a good chap."
"Beastly foreigners."	Anyone who is not English – especially the Welsh, the French, the Germans, the Belgians, the Australians and the Americans.
"Bloody colonial types."	See "Beastly Foreigners"
"Tiffin, anyone?"	"I demand to be served a proper English tea, and bring me a spoon for the jam."
"Gentlemen, the Queen!"	"You must now stand up and repeat after me, 'God Bless Her.'"
"Splendid! Top Hole!"	"I am right, because I am British and you are not."
"Damn sticky wicket."	"That bowler was obviously cheating, and besides, he's not British."
"It's just not cricket."	"The sort of under-handed hugger mugger that only those beastly colonial types could come up with."



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