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Corinthians 5-4

Corinthians hold on to top spot in Division 2...

Corinthians v CSUF – Won by 6 wickets

A welcome victory and another great performance from the Corinthians. Winning the toss and electing to field first the Corinthians opened with Navjit and Gokul. Making his debut Navjit bowled a fiery opening spell of 6 overs for just 20 runs, claiming one wicket. Gokul again bowled well and returned figures of 2 for 35 from his 7 overs. At the first drinks break Corinthians were in a strong position with the score at 60 for 3. Coming on first change Richard and Raj bowled a steady, tight line restricting the CSUF batsmen. The pick of the Corinthian bowlers was Andy Price, taking a great catch and bowled in his first over and going on to bemuse the CSUF batsmen to return figures of 4 for 11 from 4.4 overs. Faran supported Andy taking 2 wickets for 3 runs and the CSUF innings came to an end with the score at just 123. Wicket keeper Paul Severn had his best game of the season so far claiming two victims with another two or three decisions that could easily have gone his way. A couple of catching chances went down but Mick Durant took a great catch in the deep from Andy and there were slip catches for Raj and Richard. Gokul and Mick got the Corinthian innings off to a good start. All credit to the CSUF openers Rishi and Ravi who bowled a good tight line with swing and seam movement but the opening batsmen played a patient game and put the bad balls away. Mick was the first to go with the score on 51 shortly followed by number 3 Conan. This gave CSUF some hope. Batting at number 4 Raj came to the crease and played a great partnership with Gokul moving the score along to 116 before Gokul was finally dismissed. Playing in his debut match Abbass had no luck when he was given out LBW from his first ball but the outcome was never in any doubt at this stage. Raj hit two 4's in the 26th over of the innings to win the match for the Corinthians. He finished with a commendable 42 not out. Looking forward to meeting CSUF in the return match next week.

Corinthians v CSUF – Won by 5 wickets

This was the second match up in consecutive weeks between Corinthians and CSUF and a virtually identical result. Skipper Kelly Dunagan won the toss and elected to field first. All credit to Donny for preparing a great cricket wicket at Smith Murphy Park. Richard was back from injury to open the bowling with Gokul. The pairing once again proved to be a successful one, both bowling with pace and movement, and had the CSUF batsmen in trouble from the first ball. Richard ended with an economical 2 for 10 from his 9 overs, Gokul 2 for 43. After the first 10 overs CSUF were looking shakey at 29 for 3. Raj came on first change and got a lot of movement from the pitch and had the CSUF batsmen looking very uncomfortable. He was partnered by Faran who bowled a fantastic 9 over spell that

saw him return figures of 2 for 29. For the second week in a row Andy Price came on to confuse and perplex the CSUF batsmen with his leg spin. With Andy and Faran bowling in tandem CSUF went from 101 for 4 to 104 for 8, which included an excellent run out mastered by the effervescent Conan Fulton. Andy finished with commendable figures of 3 for 18. Credit to all the Corinthian fielders but especially to wicket keeper Paul who took one catch and grabbed himself a lightning fast stumping to close out the CSUF innings at 129. Corinthians opened the batting with Gokul and Phil Lynch. The CSUF opening bowlers, Ravi and Rishi, once again bowled a good tight line but Gokul and Phil played an excellent controlled partnership. With the outfield at Smith Murphy being longer than a specialty cricket pitch runs were harder to come by but the pair put on a well worked 56 runs before Phil eventually fell for 19. This brought Masud to the wicket. Returning from injury he showed his prowess with the bat. Gokul was trapped LBW for 24 in the 22nd over and Raj, batting at number 4 could not duplicate his fine innings of 48 from last week. Faran once again showed his ability as a stroke maker, hitting 28 from just 33 balls. His partnership of 52 with Masud all but brought the game home for the Corinthians. Masud fell with the score at 118 which brought Andy to the wicket. With his mum, dad and wife Patty watching on Andy nudged a couple of singles before hammering a six to bring the game home for the Corinthians.

Corinthians v San Diego 2 – Lost by 4 wickets

This was a hard fought game between two very evenly matched teams. San Diego won the toss and elected to field first on a wicket that looked to be a good batting strip and which proved to have a lightening fast outfield. Opening the batting Phil and Gokul made good early progress. After 8 overs they were going along nicely at 4 runs per over. Due in part to some very tight bowling from the San Diego bowlers the next 8 overs to drinks produced only 15 runs. Phil was bowled first ball after the break by Guariv which brought Mark to the wicket. He played a good, positive innings with Gokul, scoring 33 from just 40 balls, pushing the score on to 113 before finally being caught out. Andy came in at number 4 and continued the momentum. Gokul now was well and truly set and started to cut loose with some fine stroke play. He was dismissed by Shyam after hitting an excellent 83. Andy fell for 29 from just 27 balls. Some good running by the Corinthian middle order pushed the score along to 239 for 7 at the close, a modest total on a very good batting strip. Richard and Gokul bowled a fiery opening spell for the Corinthians. Gokul claimed the first wicket in the 4th over and Richard followed with a wicket in the 5th over. Credit to the San Diego batsmen who used the pace of the ball

and the fast outfield to good effect. Be it from the middle of the bat or the edge they regularly found the boundary where the Corinthian batsmen had struggled. Abdul Kari showed great determination and was ably supported by Hufiz. Both took advantage of some inconsistent bowling from the Corinthians who were found to be lacking the ability to bowl a good consistent line and length. At the second drinks break San Diego needed about 6 runs per over with wickets in hand to win the match. Richard and Andy bowling in tandem produced a spell of 5 overs where they claimed 2 wickets for just 10 runs and the momentum had swung back to the bowling team but Hufiz and Ibrahim took the attack to the bowlers putting San Diego back in the driving seat. The match went down to the very last over with just 5 runs needed to win by San Diego. Hufiz hit a 2, then Ibrahim stole a single. With four balls left and just two runs needed the Corinthians brought the field in to protect the single. Hufiz hit a big four over the top of the infield which brought the San Diego total to 241. There then followed an unusual and unfortunate incident where the batting totals and the bowling totals did not match up. The batting total showed the score to be 235 and the bowling total at 241. Umpire Yousef having pulled the stumps and signed the book gave the option to the two skippers to bowl the last three deliveries or let the SCCA adjudicate a decision. Unfortunately some of the San Diego team had already left, including one of the batsmen at the crease. After much deliberation the teams finally went back out and Hufiz hit a 4 and a 2 to win the game for San Diego for the second time.

Casuals 4-3

Casuals pull off some great wins in Division 3...

Casuals vs BnB – Won by 4 wickets

This was a very close game and an excellent contest. BnB elected to bat first on their excellent pitch (kudos to all involved in getting Smith Murphy into such wonderful condition). The Casuals opening bowling was a bit wayward and BnB took full advantage of the fielding restrictions to bring up a quick 50. The middle session was better for Casuals as Phil and Aryn tied the batsmen up with some tight slow bowling and captured several wickets. The reintroduction of Asif into the attack saw him on his 3rd hat-trick of the year until some devastating hitting from Pankaj took BnB from a shaky 9-168 to all out for 211. An excellent knock of 72 from Mayanka who ran very well between wickets. Casuals started very well and although they lost wickets steadily the base had been set by Harris and Rameez. Steady runs from Asif (39) and some more fine hitting from Noman (52) gave the Casuals breathing room in the final overs as Sean steered the team home. A good job from all Casuals batsmen. Thanks to BnB for a fine match on a great ground.

Casuals vs San Diego 3 – Lost by 4 wickets

Casuals were on the back foot from the beginning as very good bowling from San Diego saw Casuals at 4-33 after only 9 overs. A good partnership from Noman (an excellent 52)

and Jason steadied the middle order but after losing more wickets Casuals could only muster 131 despite some good late hitting from Aryn (14). San Diego rode their luck with their batting as edges failed to find the Casuals fielders but did find the boundaries and they moved to 1-80 quickly. Casuals slowed the run-rate with Jason and Noman bowling tightly and with Phil capturing 3 quick wickets the game started to swing towards Casuals. San Diego were too close to their target however and finished the game in style. Another 50 or more runs from Casuals would have made the match more interesting but San Diego bowled too well. A good win for them.

Casuals vs British & Dominion – Won by 3 wickets

A very close game that went right down to the wire.. Sent in to bat B&D started well and Derek and Grant played some beautiful shots all around the wicket taking them to 1-120. The slower bowling of Aryn and Phil proved valuable as both Derek (54) and Grant (48) played loose shots and the pendulum swung in the Casuals favor. B&D struggled for a period and some excellent catching from Casuals (especially Sean with 3 grabs) helped Phil capture 5 wickets and the Casuals had really come back with B&D at 7-196. Good quick knocks from Randeep and captain Jimmy brought the total to a solid 240. Casuals had a nightmare start thanks to good quick bowling from Grant and Jimmy and were reeling at 2-8. They stuck at their task but despite Aryn's 21, looked shaky at 4-47. Phil and Noman steadied the ship and put on 80 to move the total to 4-123 before Phil was caught. Noman continued to dominate the short boundaries and played his best innings ever for an unbeaten 106 off just 58 balls. His power and concentration were superb and proved the difference. He was well assisted by Farhad with a quick 38 when it was really needed. Thanks B&D for a great game played in great spirit.

Match reports written by Messrs. Blackledge and Traynor.

****Reminder** Membership Forms 2007**

Your club is now officially registered in California as **“The Corinthian Cricket Club, Inc.”** Because of this, a **new requirement** for **ALL current members** will be to complete and submit a Club Membership form. This acts as confirmation of your ongoing membership, and will ensure our members’ registration into LASCA and SCCA leagues. Download one today from the club’s website, or send an email to the secretary at:
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Occasionals 0-1

So LASCA is under way at last...

Occasionals vs Pickwick – Lost by 5 wickets

(“I demand a recount!” - Occasionals captain)

A fine game on a beautiful day at Woodley saw two evenly-matched teams (largely Corinthians) slug out the season opener. Batting first for the Occasionals, Barry Harwood showed he had lost none of his timing during the winter (no jokes, please) as he peppered the cover boundary during the opening overs. He and Imran Mungrue (39) kept the runs flowing at a steady pace before Mick Durant joined Imran to accelerate the pace even further before Imran retired hurt. Conan Fulton (36) hit the ball to all parts and supported Mick while he completed a fine, undefeated 50. Vice captain Sandy Gage, Harris Siddiqui, Mark Lilico, Ali Mirza and Kelly Dunagan all racked up some useful runs and allowed the Occasionals to close the 30 over innings at 200-5. Mike Flood turned out to be the pick of the bowlers, taking 2-22 off his 5 over spell.

With a reasonable score to defend, Mark Lilico and Kelly Dunagan troubled both Pickwick’s openers in the early overs, but couldn’t quite get the early breakthrough. Guesting for the Pickwick (boo, hiss) Richard Blackledge batted himself into some form and began hitting boundaries at regular intervals, supported by Raj Naik (also guesting.. are we picking up the trend here?) Both began to dominate the attack and it took a clever piece of bowling by Cliff Severn Senior (caught by Kelly Dunagan Senior on the long on boundary) to finally dismiss Richard for 48.

Raj retired after a fine 50, and with two new batsmen at the crease, the Occasionals were suddenly right back in the game. Mick Durant stepped in with two more quick wickets, and Pickwick had it all to do to stay up with the run rate. Number 6 batsman Sid, sensing the crisis, then set about anything loose and walloped six quick boundaries to tilt the game back to the Pickwick – only to lose his off stump to Harris Siddique when attempting a seventh. With twenty five still wanted off the last five overs, Pickwick captain Sean Pollard found runs hard to come by once Mark Lilico was reintroduced, but squeezed out some hard-run twos (and escaped a dropped catch – mentioning no names **Occasionals captain**) to pass the Occasionals total with just one over to spare.

Star Aussie Batsman In Long Walk Drama

Star Aussie batsman Conan Fulton was at the center of a endurance drama last week after unnecessarily walking all the way to and from the wicket during a league game.

“Strewth,” commented Fulton, “I walked bloody miles for nothing. We only needed two runs, and the bugger at the other end knocked them off immediately. I didn’t even get to face a bloody ball.”

Asked whether he would be walking so far in future, Fulton commented “I dunno yet. I’ll see what the missus says.”

Team Captain In Manicure Scandal

Another scandal rocked the Corinthian CC to its core yesterday, when it was revealed that Corinthians captain Kelly Dunagan has been secretly involved in pre-match manicure beauty sessions.

Dusky 18-year-old Sangeeta “Starlips” Patel, a part-time topless model and junior sales assistant at Patel’s Discount Gas Outlet in Riverside, commented “I think it’s a little sad. Perhaps he should get married.”

Hollywood Reporter columnist Polly Snapper, who has followed celebrity gossip for years and thinks this is how it always starts, has asked for photographs.



Dunagan

Sangeeta

Star Opening Batsman In Hindi Scandal

Another Corinthians language scandal has emerged following allegations that the team’s opening batsman was overheard speaking in Hindi, *The Cow* has learned.

“I must say, the use of native vernacular was most singular,” commented Mr. Gokul Swamy, the Oxford-born professor of linguistics, who was also batting at the time. “I observed most distinctly an apparent attempt at colloquial fraternization, although being from Oxford, it was not easily discernable.”

“Strewth,” said another witness, “he was rabbiting on nineteen to the dozen. Something about ‘Shabash Swamiji’ and ‘Haramseh.’ Sounded like funny foreign stuff to me. But I’m from Australia, so I didn’t really understand it.”

Club president Mr. Max Zaidi said “We are taking these allegations very seriously, being as we are an English-only club. But the perpetrator is well known for drawing attention to himself, and we feel this may be a cry for help.”

“Indubitably,” continued Swamy. “Especially in his grammar.”

Coming Soon... CCC Quiz Night

Lalit and Katy Sharma’s house will be the venue for our fundraising **Quiz Night on Saturday July 7th**.

Here’s your chance to pit your wits and capacity for trivial knowledge against the finest minds in the club.

Great prizes to be won! Food and drinks will be provided.

Play Cricketers' Rhyming Slang



"It's easy!" says Star Aussie Batsman

Here's a fun game to while away those long hours waiting while Raj Naik has the sight screen moved. See how many you can work into everyday conversation!

David Gower = Shower (As in: "I'm just going to jump into the David Gower.")

Glenn McGrath = Bath (As in: "I'm going to relax in a nice hot Glenn McGrath.")

Monty Panesar = Car (As in: "Bugger – I think I left my cell phone in the Monty.")

Andrew Strauss = House (As in: "Hello, darling – fancy coming back to my Andrew?")

Jack Russell = Muscle (As in: "Bloody hell - If I have to do any more of those warm ups, I going to end up pulling a Jack.")

Sanath Jayasuriya = Beer (As in: "Strewth, I don't half fancy a nice cold Jayasuriya.")

Brett Lee = Bathroom break (As in: Bloody hell, all that Jayasuriya has made me need a Brett Lee.")

Deryck Murray = Curry (As in: "Cor – let's go to the Bollywood, I don't half fancy a Deryck.")

Shivnarine Chanderpauls = Sensitive personal area (As in: "Strewth, I went to play the shot and my box fell out – I got hit right in the Shiv Chanderpauls.")

Merve Hughes = Shoes (As in: "Did you see my nice new Merves?")

Franklyn Rose = Clothes (As in: "I go to Marshall's. Nice cheap Franklyns.")

Stephen Waugh = Floor (As in: "Bloody hell – all I had was a few Jayasuriyas and I woke up on the Stephen Waugh.")

Graeme Hick = Sick (As in: "Blimey – I don't half feel a bit Graeme Hick after all those Jayasuriyas last night..")

Justin Langer = Hanger (As in: "You lazy bugger! Don't throw all your dirty Franklyns all over the Stephen! Put them on a Justin.")

Desmond Haynes = Stains (As in: "Oh no – The missus forgot to wash my whites! They've still got loads of Desmonds from last week.")

Tony Greig = Leg (As in: "Strewth – check out that barmaid! Nice Tonys!")

Chaminder Vaas = Bottom (As in: "Right mate! Nice Chaminder, too!")

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Lynch's batting thrills the crowd.

Wedding Fever..

Wedding fever seems to have bitten several members of the club in the last month. **Amit Paunikar** and **Adnan Shoab** have both set sail on the great ship of matrimony (separately, that is) and **Kelly Dunagan** and **Kelly Broedlow** finally confirmed what Gossip columnist Polly Snapper had long predicted.

Hearty congratulations to all!!



Team Captain Caught Getting Married To Woman Of Opposite Sex Scandal