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CCC teams in season openers

Corinthians and Casuals began the 2007 season with mixed results during April..

Corinthians v San Diego 2 – Lost by 6 wickets

This was a very windy cold start to the season. A strong side wind and a steep slope made bowling difficult. San Diego won the toss and elected to field. The Corinthian top order batting was steady but failed to capitalize with none of the top five batsmen making over 15 runs. Batting at six Masud Zaidi (36) played some great looking strokes and kept the scoreboard ticking along under he fell to a short ball from Afroz which climbed sharply on him and he played onto his stumps. He was supported by Richard Blackledge (18) and there was a late order flurry from wicket keeper Paul Severn (18) but all in all a very average batting performance finishing on 161 for 9. The San Diego bowlers did a good job, especially Afroz (1 for 11 from 9) and Hafeez (5 for 34 from 9).

Richard Blackledge took the wicket of opener Kumar of the very first ball of the San Diego innings but after that Rahil (43) and Abdul Ahmed (49) batted very sensibly and all but had the game won by the first drinks break. The conditions and the left hand right hand combination of Rahil and Abdul made it difficult for the Corinthian bowlers to find their line and length but even given these factors they did not do a good job. Leg spin bowler Masud Zaidi was the pick of the bowlers for the Corinthians picking up 3 wickets for 31 runs from 6 overs. All in all not a good start for the Corinthians but some encouraging signs from individuals at times.

Corinthians v SCCA Youth – Lost by 58 runs

A better performance by the Corinthians this week with a still understrength team. A good debut from Andy Price and again some promising signs from the Corinthian players. A couple of notable performances from the youth team batting helped them push the score to over 270 on a very good batting strip. Looking back the Corinthian bowlers could and should have kept the total down to about 240 which would have been very getable. The Corinthian batting showed strength in depth with good knocks from Gokul, Faran and Andy Price. Looking to cement that elusive first win next week with a close to full strength team

Corinthians v Friends – Won by 6 wickets

This was a very welcome and emphatic victory for the Corinthians team. Playing for the first time today were Deep Singh and Amit Paunikar who added strength in depth to both the batting and bowling attack. The day got off to a good start when captain Kelly Dunagan won the toss and elected to field. The wicket and the pitch were, to say the least, substandard.

The outfield grass was six inches deep and the wicket was horribly under-prepared and sported a sprinkler head somewhere close to a length from one end. (*"..and your point is..?" The editor.*) Corinthians opening attack of Richard Blackledge and Gokul Swamy got the team off to a great start with Blackledge taking a wicket in the first over of the game and Gokul taking wickets in his second, third, fifth and sixth overs. The Friends batting looked at best timid, but with the occasional ball lifting sharply off a length or hitting the pitch and rolling through to the wicket keeper, who could blame them. This is not to take anything away from the Corinthian bowling which was right on the spot. Blackledge took 1 for 8, and Gokul, who was the pick of the bowlers with his pace and swing ended with figures of 4 for 11. Faran Taher bowled a great line and length to turn in figures of 2 for 13 and Deep Singh, playing in his first game needed only four balls to see off the last two Friends batsmen without conceding a run. To give the Friends bowlers their due, they stuck to their task, but when you are trying to defend a total of just 32 there really isn't much hope. The Corinthian batsmen did what they had to do and brought the game home in the 20th over.

Casuals vs Victoria – Won by 31 runs

The first match of the season for Casuals went very well from the start. Some sensible batting from Aryn and Sean plus a quick score from Noman (all scoring 30's) set a good platform and Imran and Harris were able really hit at the tail. Although 196 was not a huge score the batsmen had played sensibly for the full 40 overs which was encouraging.

Victoria started well and found the gaps before Asif made the breakthrough. A sharp runout from Saquib stalled the Victoria innings and Mark and Noman bowled tightly while Victoria chipped away at the runs. With wickets in hand Victoria made a charge for the total but the reintroduction of Asif made the difference as 2 quick wickets saw him on a hat-trick and the match all but over. A good start for to season as Victoria were all out for for 165.

Casuals vs SouthBay – Won by 109 runs

A very overcast day and Casuals were sent in to bat. Another brilliant performance from the top order saw a massive 289 amassed. 50's from Rameez, Asif, Adnan (68 not out) and Noman (63 in 20 balls) completely savaged the SouthBay attack. The excellent batting was followed up by great bowling. Openers Asif and Punit each picked up early wickets - Punit finished with 3-26 off 8 straight overs while Asif saw himself on his 2nd hat-trick in 2 matches.

With SouthBay 5-44 the only doubt about the result was from the showering rain. Hurrying through the middle overs to secure a result the Casuals loosened their grip and a fine 50 from Amit pushed SouthBay to 180. The match was a really good display from Casuals key players.

Casuals vs SouthBay – Lost by 123 runs

Casuals were hopeful to stave off their nemesis from last season but after a long drive to the ground they started sluggishly. IE were hitting and finding the gaps and this combined with the wayward bowling saw them reach 50 in a hurry. Despite losing a few wickets the Casuals bowlers never really threatened the batsmen and over 50 extras were given away in the total of 213. Some nice spin bowling from Amyn was the highlight for Casuals as well solid performances from Asif, Noman and Jason.

After lunch the pitch played like a minefield - completely different to the morning session. Casuals batsmen struggled with the unpredictable pace and bounce and many were caught trying to play a rising ball. Asif made a very good 26 but was the only Casual to make double figures as the rest of the team crumbled to be all out for 80. IE definitely had the home field advantage but the return match at Woodley should prove interesting.

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



Star Aussie Batsman In Fixed Trousers Scandal

Team captain in secret dinner with woman scandal

Just weeks after The Cow's exclusive 'woman' scandal, Corinthians captain Kelly Dunagan was again caught in compromising circumstances with a woman of the opposite sex, The Cow has learned.

A plain-clothed Dunagan was seen relaxing at a Beverly Hills restaurant, and engaging in blatant conversational exchanges with a Mediterranean honey-bronzed beauty. "It's disgusting," said *Hollywood Reporter* columnist Polly Snapper for the second time. "I've followed celebrity gossip for years, and this is always how it starts."

"Of course I was talking to her," said a guilty-looking Dunagan when cornered by our reporter yesterday. "She was a waitress and I wanted the Meat Loaf."

The secret beauty herself was unavailable for comment, although restaurant bus boy Pedro Lopez revealed that she was none other than former movie starlet Mia Madre. 'Si,' he continued, 'mia madre.'

Watch for more shocking developments in the next edition...

Australian in 'no story' controversy

Star Aussie batsman Conan Fulton was at the center of a 'no story' controversy this week. "Strewth," commented Fulton, nibbling playfully on a plate of lamb chops, "all I do is announce I'm unavailable one week, and the next thing you know I get dropped from the newsletter. Probably because they don't want to pay me royalties."

"What's a man got to do to be newsworthy these days," he fumed. "Even Phil Lynch's getting a duck can't get a mention." When asked if he intended to push for more extensive coverage in the June "Holy Cow," Fulton went on to explain "I dunno yet. I'll see what the missus says."

****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.

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New Club Bus Unveiled

By our technology correspondent, Jim Read

At Woodley Park this afternoon, the Corinthian Cricket Club, one of California's oldest cricket clubs, unveiled their new team bus.

Designated driver, Mr. Krish Sharma, said the bus had been built to a special order by the Bangalore Bus and Coachworks for an unnamed customer who subsequently cancelled. "It has a rather unique paint scheme" said Sharma, a grizzled accountant from Thousand Oaks "and we felt it would be impossible to lose it in the car park." Sharma, 73 this year, has never driven a bus before, other than his BMW X5, but has recently attended the factory school in Bangalore for instruction and a type rating on this state-of-the-art sporting vehicle.

Mr. Sharma confided that he had been nervous about taking the position as designated driver, but had been persuaded by his proven ability to handle "slammers," which, he explained, were the cricket equivalent of breaking sliders in baseball. "Once you've faced up to a few slammers," he said in cricketing parlance, "you feel you can cope with whatever the road throws at you, or indeed not, as the case may be." Moving past the eye-catching exterior, we boarded the bus by the electro-pneumatic door, behind which a row of silver bells tinkled merrily. There is a full bar, vegetarian restaurant and unisex toilet at the rear of the vehicle and Sharma explained that there was another restroom for gentlemen players against the right-hand rear wheel. Equipped with a full Mahir Bose sound system and striped flock wallpaper, the bus has a magnetic full-length practice net installed in the roof which can be dropped to allow the team to hone their skills en-route. "The run-up is a bit cramped", said Mr. Sharma, "but you can't have everything these days. Anyway", he added at length, "the club is trying to encourage slow bowlers, and also to encourage more dwarfs and midgets to take up the game."

Starting the bus is achieved by a bio-electrical keyless ignition switch which Sharma said will make it difficult for anyone to steal the vehicle. Developed by the Western Pakistan Technology Council, a small burner incinerates a nose hair plucked from the driver and compares its calorific value to a table. Only if the nose hair is Mr. Sharma's will the vehicle start. The gearbox itself is another technological masterpiece, originally designed by Indian Railways for the 4-4-0 class of local traffic engines. Deemed too heavy for railway use, the new box seems well suited to Krish's inimitable driving style. There are no weapons fitted as yet but, as befits a Los Angeles bus, the club has plans to upgrade the onboard armament as finances permit.

"We are looking forward to touring, and to attending many parties and the occasional game with our new bus," said Sharma. "We also plan to do weddings at weekends, and a sub-committee is looking at the opportunities for delivering groceries to local residents on weekday evenings." Asked about the paint scheme, Sharma could only offer the opinion that the original purchaser was probably an umpire with a streak of honesty. "There are so few about", he said, "the two would go together perfectly."