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## Corinthians 6-7

Corinthians are still only 20 points behind the table leaders, with 2 games to play..

### Corinthians v Colts – lost by 50 runs

Although weakened by the absences of Richard, Raj and Mark Punshon, this crucial match was lost by the Corinthians largely due to a disappointing effort in the field. Colts chose to bat after winning the toss, and pinch-hitter Srini, despite having no real batting technique and aided by one dropped catch after another, slogged his way to 128 before finally falling to Mike Flood. Other useful contributions by the Colts' middle order saw them reach a very daunting 331 total off the 45 overs, Floody ending with a really creditable 3-38 off 6 overs.

The Corinthians batting at least made a game of it. Andrew Price (52), Conan Fulton (61), Paul Severn (64\*) and Gokul Swami (41) all played super innings, and at several times the run chase appeared truly possible – but the pace became just too much of a task in the end, and the reply finished at 281-9. Much more is expected of the team in the final few matches.

### Corinthians v Pioneer – Match Cancelled (Rain)

At least we got 5 points!

## Casuals 6-7

Victoria have already secured the Division 3 Championship, but it's still all to play for for the remaining places..

### Casuals vs Caribbean 2 – won by 66 runs

Casuals secured a confident victory over the West Indians, who are not always an easy team to beat. Opening batsman Aryn Hussein hit 68 in just 89 balls (6 fours and 3 sixes) and with the ever dependable Noman Khan (46) and Saquib Shoaib (32) also making useful contributions, the Casuals finished at 207.

Then it was Noman's turn to star with the ball. His 5-24 (8 overs, 2 maidens) ensured the Caribbean team simply could not keep up with the required rate and the reply finished at 141. Adnan also bowled and captained the team well in Phil's absence.

### Casuals vs Anaheim – lost by 9 wickets

Batting first on what looked like a good wicket, Casuals began their innings with a bang thanks largely to Harris Siddiqui, who took 28 off the first 4 overs. A mini-collapse then ensued,

and Casuals found themselves 3-36 2 overs later. Phil (25) and Noman (a patient 35) steadied the ship and allowed the others to set a decent target of 182, with Punit playing a fine innings of 33 at the end. The Casuals bowlers never got into rhythm and Anaheim were already half-way to the target by the drinks break thanks to some good hitting from Yash (46) and some wayward bowling. An excellent run-out by Jigesh gave Casuals some hope, but Dhruva and Ashish kept playing sensibly and saw Anaheim home with ease. Well batted by Dhruva with a good knock of 70 not out. This game could have been closer, but Anaheim's tighter bowling proved to make all the difference.

### Casuals vs Regal – lost by 18 runs

The rain delay had everyone keen for a match and we finally managed to get underway in a shortened 25 over match. Casuals started well early with Asif and Punit bowling well and capturing 3 quick wickets. Then Hinesh (a nice 68) and Anand (47) combined to hit the loose balls and punish the slower Casuals bowlers who were not bowling tightly. The total of 156 was always going to be a challenging chase. Casuals started well enough and despite losing a few wickets were keeping the run-rate climbing. Excellent hitting from Adnan (40) and Noman (32) got the Casuals towards the total. Even after Adnan and Noman's dismissals Phil was still working the ball around and Casuals were closing in on their target needing 30 off the last 5 overs. A change in bowling by Aftab brought about a mini-collapse from which Casuals couldn't recover, falling 18 runs short. A good see-sawing battle, but Regal were marginally too good once again.

## Occasionals 3-2

### Occasionals v Phantoms – Won by 35 runs

The Occasionals are now officially the world's second-best team, having won three games on the trot. In a quick, 20-over thrash, the "Mighty Os" racked up 196-4 (Traynor 35\*, Fulton 36\*, Noman 43\*, Franklyn Rose 39\* etc., etc., and even the skipper managed to get onto the scoresheet!

In reply, the Phantoms couldn't get hold of some pretty accurate bowling, especially from Punit, and struggled with the run rate from the start. Franklyn (who was batting for both sides, you understand) smashed 39 in about as many seconds but was well held by Noman off Masud's bowling in the 15<sup>th</sup> over; after that, despite a good innings from Satya (23) and captain Paul Severn (14\*) the "Mighty Os" kept the Phantoms' innings down to 132-6 at the close (even though Conan's bowling the final over left them a real chance..)

## Your Horoscope

By Chandra Roy, the SCCA Umpire

### Aries

The first sign of the zodiac, Aries people tend to lead from the front. You're likely to be the opening batsman – and LBW for 0 in the first over.

### Taurus

Taureans are hard working, practical, and make loyal friends. That doesn't impress me – you're still plumb as far as I'm concerned.

### Gemini

Gemini is the sign of the twins. Be on the lookout for two highly dubious LBW decisions.

### Cancer

A great slice of fortune is in your future – maybe a lottery win? You'll be out LBW first ball anyway, so you can hurry and buy your ticket.

### Leo

Leo the Lion is apt to be passionate, fiery and demonstrative. Especially when you get a big inside edge onto your pad just before I give you out LBW.

### Virgo

A dark, mysterious stranger will be prominent in your life this week. Guess who??

### Libra

You will make great strides this week. Unfortunately, with me it doesn't matter how far forward you are.

### Scorpio

As Mars enters your sign, a great mystery will perturb you. Why the hell was that LBW when it pitched two feet outside leg?

### Sagittarius

Sagittarians have a great flair for the unusual. With you lot, it doesn't even have to hit your pad – the thigh pad will do.

### Capricorn

Your love life will prosper this week. Would-be lovers will be calling you all day. Tell them to hang on, you'll be out LBW in a minute.

### Aquarius

Aquarians will have a mystical, out of body experience this week. You will have an ethereal feeling of being in the best form of your life. Reality will only be restored when the ball hits your pads.

### Pisces

The luckiest of all signs – but not when I'm umpiring!!

## Star Aussie Batsman In 'Not In Newsletter' Shock



Star Aussie batsman Conan Fulton was reportedly speechless yesterday upon hearing of his omission from October's newsletter.

"Strewth," said his answering machine. "I'm in Oz at the moment. Hang on a minute, and I'll ask the missus if it's OK for you to leave a message."

When asked if his absence in Australia was the reason for his omission, his reply was merely a short beeping noise followed by an embarrassed silence.

## Star Kiwi All-Rounder In Shock Underhand Poaching Scandal

Star Kiwi all-rounder Mark Lilico was at the center of a new club controversy this week when selectors revealed he had accepted a one game transfer to LASCA league no-hopers The Phantoms.

"It was an accidental defection," commented a tearful Lilico under slight physical interrogation. "Before I knew it, the bus stopped and I was in Comrade Roper's Phantom police state. I tried to walk back across Checkpoint Trevor, but unfortunately his STASI goons caught me and sent me to the notorious cricket gulag run by the leering Commandant Severn. Comrade Swami makes us do fielding practice 17 hours a day. It's awful."

"Incidentally, that Dane Steffan is a double agent too. I saw his name on the Roper team list. Although, frankly, he talks too much to be of much use for espionage purposes."

The Occasionals romped to an easy victory regardless of the attempted defectors, who have since been tortured and brainwashed into loving the Mother Club unconditionally.

"They are happy. They are well taken care of," said an anonymous Occasionals captain.



(Above) Mr. Dunagan convenes a special SCCA meeting in Pamplona, Spain.



“I recently bought a time machine from Craigslist and it worked!” writes the Swami.

“My first journey a moment ago took me way ahead in time. It was somewhere in 2036 that I met a Corinthian - Cliff Severn Jr. I apologize I don't have a picture of myself with arm around the aged Cliff Jr. The time machine would only allow me so much time to snap a quick pic of my now 'old' friend (see left.) After the first click, I was instantly sucked back to the present. Cliff Jr. of the Future, as I like to call him, is hale and hearty as a bat in a belfry. Please remember that reporting news in rhymes is a side-effect of unexpected time-travel. Back to Cliff; he is well fitted with cybernetic implants that enable him to bowl at 98 mph in the SCCA 5th Division. The fastest bowlers of that era by the way hurl at 275 mph. Bionic-eyed batsmen are therefore foxed by older Cliff's exceptional guile - a trait passed on from his noble father who is somewhat of an oracle even in 2036 and has since evolved into a beam of white light.”

## Corinthian CC Fall Classic Golf Tournament..

Please reserve **Saturday, October 20, 2007**, as the day your participation in the Fall Classic will be required. The new course that will be hacked up by all will be Vista Valencia. The first group will tee off at 9:30 AM. The usual festivities will follow after the event at a home nearby.

The cost will be \$65. Please let Lalit Sharma know if you would like to play...

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