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DIVISION ONE!!!

Corinthians 11-5

It's official! On October 31, Corinthians defeated their old nemesis, CSUF, and clinched both the Division Two Championship as well as the long-awaited promotion to Division One.

Corinthians v University – Won by 135 runs

A blistering start by Corinthians who were 0-90 off 8 overs thanks to Franklyn's dominating batting. Franky hit 72 from 36 balls ably supported by Pricey. Unfortunately University changed to some slower bowling which was popping off a good length ("*Sounds disgusting!*" Editor) and Corinthians were soon very much in trouble, having collapsed to be 6-117 in just 15 overs. It was left to Jay (26), Lokesh (22), Paul (20) and Abbass (35 not out) to pull back the momentum and post a respectable 229 off 37 overs. University started slowly in their chase with Zia and Neil finding the odd gap to move to 0-23 before Franklyn struck in his 5th over. Unfortunately after that University suffered the same collapse as Corinthians and with some amazing bowling from Franklyn found themselves 6-46 after 17 overs - a position from which they never recovered. Corinthians made fairly short work of the rest of the order and University were all out for 94, Franklyn finishing with 5 wickets.

Corinthians v Century – Won by 29 runs

A solid start by Corinthians saw them 0 for 30 after just 5 overs with Franklyn hitting the ball well and making 32. The Corinthians were soon in trouble after a top order collapse saw them 5-79 after 20 overs. Vice Captain Faran (35) steadied the ship however and was later joined by Punchy who hit a magnificent unbeaten 91 to leave the Corinthians with 230 off their 45 overs. Corinthians grabbed a couple of quick wickets with some good bowling by Jay and Century were 2-17 after 8 overs. Manjula was batting well though and was ably

supported by Rayan (13) and Mevan (54) pushing Century to 152-4 before finally being caught off Pricey.

Needing 70 runs off the last 10 overs with 6 wickets in hand saw the game evenly balanced but Corinthians struck repeatedly after the second drinks break and Century found themselves all out for 201 with Jay the pick of Corinthian bowling with 5-34.

Corinthians v Cosmos – Won by 102 runs

Corinthians lost Pauly early as Cosmos employed an interesting tactic of opening with spinner Randeep from one end. However Franklyn (53) and Nitesh (34) soon put on the runs and Corinthians were 2-100 at drinks. Fine contributions from all batsmen - Faran (19), Mark (41), Imran (32) and Jay (35 not out) pushed the total to a very good 272 off the 45 overs.

Cosmos also started badly as Franklyn grabbed 2 quick wickets to have them at 2-8. A very good partnership between Abushhek (23) and Randeep (59) had Corinthians concerned but Tom Winter made the breakthroughs. From there Corinthians kept the pressure on, never really giving Cosmos too much opportunity and the bowlers wrapped things up with Cosmos only managing 170.

And so to the final showdown... let Pricey take up the story...

Corinthians v CSUF – Won by 29 runs

The Marder field was the venue for the Corinthians final game for the regular season. For the third week in a row, the Corinthians batted first. Unlike the previous two occasions when Corinthians posted a large first innings, this game was different.

Suddenly the Corinthians were 19 for 5 after 10 overs and the boys were shell-shocked. Mark and Immy took the score to 53 for 6 but both were both soon gone. It was Jay, Abbass and Paul who helped post a score of 127.

The Corinthians realized that they needed something special, as a win would guarantee promotion to Division One next year.

Happily (for us) CSUF started terribly, with a run-out by Paul in the first over, then Franklyn picks up 5 wickets, Andrew 2 wickets, and a further run-out to end CSUF's innings with the score of just 98. Faran took a fantastic catch ("*Only just!!*" *Editor*) and the Anandan brothers also fielded well. Tom played well even after cutting his wrist on the fence retrieving the ball. Tom got the wound bandaged up and kept playing - Brave stuff!

In fact the win summed up our team with a never say die attitude, and the way we enjoy our cricket as a team and as good friends... Outstanding effort from everyone for putting in everything they had to defend a low total.

Congratulations to all players, committee and to everyone who has contributed to this year's successful season, and thank you very much for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to captain a top bunch of blokes. I would also like to thank Vice Captain Faran for making my job easier. Looking forward to the playoffs!!!

Cheers,

Andrew



God, what an ugly bunch.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following special events:

Saturday December 12: CCC Annual Awards Banquet, The Vagina Tandoori ("*He means Bollywood 2*") Universal City

March 5-March 7 – Arizona Tour

DIVISION FIVE!!!

Casuals 2-14

Yes, it's official. With an imperious swagger, the Casuals have announced their intention to raise hell throughout the Division Five minnows next year, dishing out even more ruthless punishment on another bunch of helpless, hapless victims.

Casuals v BnB – Lost by 4 wickets

Casuals could have made a better start, but Lynchy didn't actually wake up until after the first over (took less than that to get him out) so the innings was sort-of wrong footed from the start. Pauny (11) made appearances as having at least got out of bed, but only Dunagan (16) made a serious attempt to yawn, stretch and slap the alarm clock. Set a total of only 86, BnB must have wondered whether it was worth *their* having got out of bed to come and bowl at us. In fact, the most vigorous contribution to Casuals innings came from a Mister Wides (25) who is in serious contention for this year's Casuals batting award.

However, it turned out it wasn't just Casuals who were suffering in soporific somnolence ("*Dictionary, anyone?*" *Editor*) As B&B began their reply, Punit immediately rattled them with two wickets in his first over. Captain Max pounced like a cat to cling onto a sharp catch off Adhir, Punit took his third, and when the normally reliable Eddie Fanibanda was run out attempting a suicidal run ('suicidal' even by Casuals' standards), BnB were 37-5 and suddenly 86 looked like a defendable total. Just one more wicket...? Well, fittingly, it was the skipper himself who got it with a perfectly-spun leggie, but by then BnB were just 10 or so runs away. And with that, back to bed.

Casuals v Anaheim – Lost by 51 runs

Something of a slogfest, this, with the game being reduced to 30 overs per side owing to some concerns over the 'wet wicket' (actually 'damp enthusiasm' might have been more like it.) Anaheim were put in to bat and immediately set about trying to hit every ball out of the Marder field, a task in which they succeeded rather more often than they failed. Casuals bowlers stuck well to the task, however, and the captain's inspired field placings would have finished off Anaheim in double quick time if the fielders themselves hadn't spilled everything that came their way. Wicketkeeper Mo caught one, although by that time he was fielding at square leg (no, really.) Pauny took four wickets.

So 227 was the target, and as usual we needed a good start – not something for which the Casuals are best remembered. On this rare occasion, however, the odious dunghheap that is the Casuals batting actually blossomed a most beautiful orchid in the shape of Nitesh Anandan, who came in first drop and from his first ball played the sort of cricket shots that the Casuals normally only see the opposition playing – timing, elegance and class. Duly inspired, Lynchy got into the swing of things with 20 off 20 balls ("*sure you don't mean 'overs?'*" *Editor*) and Casuals were fairly rollocking along at nearly seven an over. Just when the game was

starting to lean Casuals' way, Lynchy and Nitty were both out and although Pauny slogged a couple of quick boundaries, he and Punit were out in successive balls and advantage seemed to be slipping away. But the quality of Nitesh's innings seemed to have inspired everyone, and the Casuals weren't finished yet: Omair smacked a quick 25, Gopi hit three boundaries in his 22, and the captain himself (39*) shifted into stylistic top gear when Anaheim, getting slightly worried, brought back their top bowlers to get rid of a tail that just wouldn't stop wagging. In the end, the asking rate got a bit too much, but Casuals could be pretty satisfied at having taken 176 from 30 overs against one of the division's stronger bowling attacks. If only we'd have held our catches earlier in the day...

Casuals v Friends – Lost by – oh, who cares?

Yeah, yeah, last match of the season, Friends determined to avenge their defeat earlier in the year, Casuals once again a little short of firepower in both bowling and batting, and once again we came in second, so who cares about the details?

There were some positives, of course: Max Howard put together a solid 27, and Chris Knight a very attractive 24. On the bowling side, it wasn't exactly our most exemplary day, but as usual everyone made their best efforts in the best spirit which can only augur well for next year.

And so to Division Five. Everyone in the team has contributed this year, and no doubt will get some better rewards in 2010: Punit has bowled beautifully and deserves more luck. Adhir and Chris have both made all-round contributions, and will surely enjoy more success. Not least, everyone has had fun, even when being mauled by some pretty ruthless opposition, and if team spirit counts for anything, Casuals will be a match for anyone (as long as they're in Division Five..)



My Bum Is Hairier Than Punchy's - Part Three

"Dear Editor

I thought I would help out in your lovely competition, since it looks as if you've been short of material over the past few editions.

Unfortunately this picture was taken just after my weekly hot oil massage and waxing session, so much of the soft, silky covering in the most delicate parts of my rear area are not as visible in this photograph as in those of your previous submissions. It would probably be clearer when seen up close.

I'm sorry that my bottom is not in Punchy's class, but I hope you will give it some consideration.

Yours truly,
Miss S. Patel"

("Consideration? Most certainly..." The Editor)



The Adventures Of Sangeeta

Each month, those plucky boys from the **Corinthians** help Sangeeta 'Starlips' Patel with one of her everyday problems...



This month:

THE VET

Hello everyone! Gosh, what a hard day I had today! I had to take my cute little pet pussycat to the veterinarian, but once I got there I had to wait for hours and hours! I didn't know what to do!

Fortunately, I had my cell phone with me, so I called Raj. Such a sweetheart! He came right over, spoke to the people behind the desk and told them it was an emergency! That did the trick!

Yes – my pussy got seen to straight away once Raj was right there behind me!!

Thankx boyz!

Love *Sangeeta* xxxxxx

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