

## **Match report by BCC captain Somnath**

BCC was outclassed by Munich CC in the third match of the session.

BCC opened with Roshan and Yoges as Roshan has desired to play fast bowlers. His own words "I can play fast bowlers best" after his dismissal against Tom Slack (the kid who probably started bowling for the first time ever) in the last match against ECC.

Anyways, MCC had two great opening bowlers and both BCC openers were back in the hutch as eyes blinked. Roshan (1) cleaned bowled and Yoges (0) caught and bowled. Number 3 (Kalith) and number 4 (Baldev) did their job to certain extent as Baldev consumed 19 balls for his 1 (very unlike of him) but at least saw the opening bowlers off (that's the primary job of openers - to see the new ball off).

After a 26 runs partnership between Kalith and Baldev in which most of the runs were scored by "extra's" (a trend to continue all through the inning) Baldev fell and Janith didn't bother the scorers (0). It was 39 for 4.

Number 6 (Somnath) came in and shared a 70 runs partnership with Kalith before falling for 27. It was a scratch innings as he missed many opportunities to put bad balls away. There was no timing in his shots.

As it happens more often than not, a good partnership ends with both batsmen getting out quickly. Kalith (37) fell immediately after Somnath and if not for a blistering innings from Kavi (22) BCC would have struggled to reach 125. None of the players in the lower order managed to do anything. BCC was bowled out for 153 in 29th over. Extra's were the highest scorer with 57.

We felt we still had a chance with a good bowling line up. Wishful thinking. Ravi opened the bowling and would have shamed Shaun Tait. Bowling to a left hander, Mark Palfrey (73 n.o.), he gave like a dozen wide's in his first over and it read 19 of the first (and last) over from him of the day. Ravi simply couldn't mentally prepare himself that he has to bowl off stump line to left hander and not to a right hander.

This was to set the tone for the rest of the bowling despite a spirited fight back from Colin. He was the only bowler who managed some respectability (4 over's, none for 21). Yoges did get couple of wickets but just like the rest of the bowling side couldn't stop the free flow of runs.

Every bowler bowled a few good balls in an over but then a few real loose balls too. And MCC batting was too good to miss out on the loose balls (unlike BCC batsmen who couldn't cash out maximum off the loose deliveries including Somnath and Kalith). Every loose ball went for boundary resulting in bowler losing confidence and giving even further more loose deliveries.

Lesson for our bowler's would be sometimes it just makes sense to bowl straight (wicket to wicket) if possible Yorker length. As a bowler sometimes you don't need to work too hard for a wicket but try to contain the batsmen. Some batsmen don't like getting bogged down which I suspect was this Mark fella was. And then he can make an unforced error and loose his wicket. It was just too easy for him that day. Wait for loses deliveries and smash them out of the ground.

MCC reached 153 in 17 over's. I guess BCC needs some consistency in bowling too. I still believe our bowling line up is good. It's just the application part under pressure which got messed up. First it was the right-left combination of the opener's and then the pressure of some crisp hitting from them.