

Match report by Somnath (BCC Captain)

BCC played Cannes CC at Riviera. BCC won the toss and elected to bat on a sunny bright day. For a change BCC left the batting line up unchanged. That means Baldev and Roshan opened and Baldev being the first victim (again). This time a good catch at point by Chalana (one of the better fielders of Cannes side).

Roshan and Yoges tried stabilising the innings but BCC kept losing wickets at regular interval (Roshan for 15, Ubhaynath for 3 and Pardeep didn't trouble the scorers) and before we knew BCC is struggling at 55 for 4 in the 15th over.

Loss of Yoges for a fighting 19 meant BCC in real trouble (68 for 5). BCC still kept losing wickets (Janith for 1, Sandhu for 12 and Colin for 7) and were 110 for 8 in 26 overs.

Then came the highlight of BCC innings, a 43 runs last wicket partnership between Ravi and Somnath in 7 overs. Had it not been a cross batted ugly looking shot by Somnath in the 33rd over Ravi could easily get much closer to his century than he already did. Ravi finished unbeaten at a very well compiled 16.

Cannes started their innings against some excellent bowling from our new recruit Colin (who bowls left arm fast) and Baldev. It was the combination of Baldev and Colin that got us our first wicket and first of the four great catches Colin took for us. This catch needs a special mention as the ball seemed to have gone past over him but Colin reached for it and somehow gobbled it.

Baldev got the second wicket in the same over to get rid of Kalith who is one of the better bats in Cannes side. It was 10 for 2 in 4 overs. Colin was unlucky not to have picket a wicket in his spell of 5 overs.

Our 1st and 2nd change needs a special mention. Ubhaynath bowled some beautiful controlled swing bowling to trouble Cannes best batsmen Chaminda and their captian Qawi equally. It was some feat by Ubhaynath. With keeper standing up, Chaminda has no choice but to stay inside the crease for both Ubhaynath and Sandhu and was finding it unbelievable difficult to play them (as he couldn't kill the swing by coming out of the crease).

Ubhaynath kept picking wickets from one end and when Sandhu got Chaminda to miscue a full toss to Colin at deep square leg it was all but over for Cannes (77 for 6 of 16 overs). It was all formality after that. Yoges (2 for 3) and Pardeep (1 for 1) finished off Cannes innings quickly.

Great performance from everyone. We bowled and fielded extremely well. Where we lacked was batting. We need to address that quickly and order of batting is first thing we need to get right. Everyone wants to play in the top 5 numbers. Its not possible guys and moreover think hard if you really belong in the top 5.