

Phoenix 5th XI Vs Ballyeighan 1st XI

Played At Phoenix Park, 02-May-2011, Division 12

Phoenix 5th XI Win by 43 runs

Toss won by	Ballyeighan 1st XI
Scorers	Conor Dillon
Player / Match	Phoenix :Singh, Ram
Points Awarded	Phoenix 5th XI 22, Ballyeighan 1st XI 3

Phoenix 5th XI 1st Innings 8/167 Closed (Overs 40)

Batsman	Fieldsman	Bowler	Runs	BIs	4s	6s
E Cleere+		b G Kenny	13	10	3	0
R Singh		b K Finley	63	98	9	0
A Aftaf	c ?	b D Walker	7	20	0	0
N Naik	lbw	b J Smith	15	28	3	0
S Moore	lbw	b D Walker	0	2	0	0
M Guest*		b P Harris	21	33	4	0
S Syed		b J Jijo	6	19	0	0
M Fahy	not out		11	20	1	0
M Willis		b K Finley	5	8	1	0
C Kenny	not out		9	4	2	0
J Anders	dnb		-			
extras		(b5 lb3 w6 nb3)	17			
TOTAL		8 wickets for	167			

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1-23(E Cleere) 2-50(A Aftaf) 3-80(N Naik) 4-81(S Moore) 5-121(M Guest)
6-131(R Singh) 7-143(S Syed) 8-155(M Willis)

Bowler	O	M	R	W	wd	nb
G Kenny	8	1	15	1	-	-
J Jijo	7	0	51	1	1	3
D Walker	8	1	19	2	-	-
J Smith	8	2	30	1	3	-
P Harris	3	0	19	1	2	-
K Finley	6	1	25	2	-	-

Ballyeighan 1st XI 1st Innings 10/124 All Out (Overs 28.4)

Batsman	Fieldsman	Bowler	Runs	BIs	4s	6s
P Harris		b C Kenny	0	7	0	0
K Finley	run out J Anders		1	1	0	0
G Kenny	lbw	b M Fahy	38	25	4	3
J Jijo		b R Singh	10	19	2	0
P Moloney		c&b N Naik	1	18	0	0
M Shakespeare+		b M Guest	33	49	7	0
D Walker*		c&b A Aftaf	6	30	1	0
M Walker	c M Fahy	b S Syed	4	9	1	0
J Smith	lbw	b M Guest	0	2	0	0
R Walker	c A Aftaf	b M Guest	1	10	0	0
C Daly	not out		0	7	0	0

extras	(b12 lb1 w15 nb2)	30
TOTAL	10 wickets for	124

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1-2(K Finley) 2-6(P Harris) 3-56(G Kenny) 4-56(J Jijo) 5-67(P Moloney)
6-107(D Walker) 7-112(M Shakespeare) 8-112(J Smith) 9-116(M Walker)
10-124(R Walker)

Bowler	O	M	R	W	wd	nb
M Willis	3	0	26	0	1	-
C Kenny	3	1	16	1	1	2
R Singh	5	2	12	1	-	-
M Fahy	3	0	11	1	2	-
N Naik	3	2	1	1	1	-
J Anders	3	0	13	0	3	-
A Aftaf	3	1	8	1	-	-
M Guest	3.4	0	19	3	7	-
S Syed	2	0	5	1	-	-

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Phoenix 5th XI got off to a winning start, under captain Matt Guest, as they put Ballyeighan to the sword by 43 runs last Monday. It was the perfect start for the clubs newest side as a mixture of youth and experience was enough to secure a hard fought victory.

Captain Guest made an inauspicious start to the season by losing the toss and he was asked to bat. His choice of openers easily made up for the that, though, as Eoin Cleere crunched a superb cover drive for 4 off the first ball of the game. Cleere and Ram Singh made a steady start and put 23 runs on the board before Cleere (13) fell bowled off his pads by Kenny while attempting a wristy flick to leg.

Ali Aftaf (7) was the next man in but he perished when trying to take on the slower bowling of D Walker as he bunted a straight drive to mid off. Nitin Naik was next man in and he helped to keep the scoreboard ticking over playing some nice shots and striking three boundaries while, at the other end, Ram Singh went merrily about his business. Naik (15) fell lbw to Smith as he played across the line one too many times and he was quickly followed back to the shed by Moore (0) who was adjudged lbw after edging onto his pads from the bowling of D Walker.

Phoenix found themselves needing to steady the ship as Matt Guest came to the crease and he made a watchful start to his innings taking only 2 runs off his first 19 deliveries before accelerating the run rate with a succession of boundaries. Guest (21) finally went, to the bowling of Harris, after looking for one big shot too many. The score had moved on to 121-5 by the time the skipper had departed and Phoenix were on course to post a competitive total.

Ram Singh's vigil at the crease finally came to an end not long after as he was bowled by Finley. It was a superb innings which saw the opener notch 63 from 98 balls with 9 boundaries and put his team in a strong position. The youthful contingent came in for the last ten overs and helped push the score along. Shan Syed (6) was bowled by Jijo before Mike Willis (5) fell to Finely. However Michael Fahy played a steady knock finishing 11 not out while Connor Kenny smashed two boundaries off the last three deliveries to finish unbeaten on 9. Phoenix had moved along to 167/8 at the close and

in doing so had given themselves a good chance of taking victory on their maiden appearance.

Phoenix made the ideal start as they attempted to knock over their opponents as they took a wicket in the first over. John Anders provided a sharp throw on the turn, while off balance, and a direct hit on middle stump was enough to leave Finley (1) well short of his ground.

Conor Kenny followed up that bright start by producing a wicket maiden in his first over of the season removing Harris for a duck by uprooting his middle stump. Ballyeighan were in a precarious position at 6 for 2 but Jijo and Kenny decided to try and hit their way out of trouble. Kenny raced along to 38 off 25 deliveries before being trapped in front by the impressive Michael Fahy. It was a welcome wicket and, as the old adage goes, one wicket got another. Jijo (10) was clean bowled by Ram Singh who was having a superb day all round.

Phoenix were superb in the field throughout and Eoin Cleere showed that his wicket keeping skills were far to superior to his umpiring skills!!! as he was sharp throughout the innings. The home side kept the pressure up and Nitin Naik claimed the next wicket as Moloney (1) was caught and bowled. Naik produced a superb spell of bowling finishing with 3-2-1-1 with the only blot on his copybook being a single wide in his final over as Ballyeighan found it impossible to take him for any runs off the bat.

The visitors were in trouble at 67 for 5 but Shakespeare and D Walker fought back hard and took the score past 100. The game was in the balance after drinks were taken but yet again Phoenix produced another wicket at a key moment and yet again one wicket led to more. Ali Aftaf came up with an athletic caught and bowled as he stooped to scraped up the wicket of D Walker (6) just before the ball hit the turf. The skipper had brought himself into the attack and after a first over to loosen up he removed the dangerous Shakespeare (33) by cleaning up his off stump. He then proceeded to remove Smith (0) lbw and Ballyeighan had slumped from 106 for 5 to 112 for 8.

The end was nigh as Shan Syed came on to pick up the wicket of M Walker (4) who was caught at short extra cover by Fahy before Guest picked up his third wicket of the day having R Walker caught by Aftaf to close the show.

It was the perfect start to the season for Phoenix as all the young players produced fine performance with bat and ball as well as in the field.