

## Phoenix 5th XI Vs North County 5th XI

Played At Phoenix Park, 14-May-2011, Division 12

### North County 5th XI Win by 57 runs

Toss won by North County 5th XI  
 Player / Match Phoenix: Naik, Nitin  
 Points Awarded North County 5th XI 22, Phoenix 5th XI 3

### North County 5th XI 1st Innings 10/188 All Out (Overs 39.1)

Batsman	Fieldsman	Bowler	Runs	BIs	4s	6s
R White	c C Kenny	b R Singh	43	0	0	0
B Smyth+		b N Naik	4	0	0	0
S Sharpe	not out		26	0	0	0
A Kumar	c A Altaf	b J Anders	7	0	0	0
A Sheridan	c A Altaf	b J Anders	0	0	0	0
D Russell	c S Moore	b M Guest	38	0	0	0
P Moolae		b J Anders	4	0	0	0
R Staunton		b N Naik	1	0	0	0
C McIntyre*		b N Naik	1	0	0	0
A Miller	st A Altaf	b M Guest	30	0	0	0
A Forum	run out S Moore		21	0	0	0
extras		(b4 lb6 w2 nb1)	13			
TOTAL		10 wickets for	188			

### FOW

1-0 2-0 3-0 4-0 5-0 6-0 7-0 8-0 9-0 10-0

Bowler	O	M	R	W	wd	nb
C Kenny	8	0	45	0	-	-
N Naik	8	1	26	3	-	-
M Fahy	4.1	0	11	0	-	-
J Anders	7	0	31	3	-	-
R Singh	4	0	38	1	-	-
M Guest	8	0	43	2	-	-

### Phoenix 5th XI 1st Innings 10/131 All Out (Overs 35.1)

Batsman	Fieldsman	Bowler	Runs	BIs	4s	6s
R Singh	c ?	b R Staunton	2	5	0	0
N Naik	c ?	b R Staunton	77	86	8	2
A Altaf+	run out		8	7	2	0
M Fahy	lbw	b A Kumar	3	22	0	0
C Kenny	c ?	b A Kumar	1	5	0	0
M Ishfaq	c ?	b A Sheridan	0	8	0	0
C Convery		b A Sheridan	2	4	0	0
A Zafar		b A Kumar	0	11	0	0
J Anders		b S Sharpe	14	27	1	0
S Moore	not out		4	9	0	0
M Guest*		b R Staunton	4	14	0	0
extras		(b5 lb2 w7 nb2)	16			
TOTAL		10 wickets for	131			

## FOW

1-14(R Singh) 2-38(A Altaf) 3-48(M Fahy) 4-61(C Kenny) 5-64(M Ishfaq)  
6-71(C Convery) 7-74(A Zafar) 8-110(J Anders) 9-120(N Naik) 10-131(M Guest)

Bowler	O	M	R	W	wd	nb
C McIntyre	6	0	23	0	-	-
R Staunton	7.1	1	30	3	-	-
S Sharpe	8	0	44	1	-	-
A Kumar	8	0	12	3	-	-
A Sheridan	6	0	20	2	-	-

Phoenix 5th XI suffered their first defeat of the season as they lost by 57 runs to North County 5th last Saturday. Phoenix struggled in the field and leaked 188 runs and never really got into their stride chasing the total. Only a spectacular knock from Nitin Naik kept the home side in with any kind of a shout. However Matt Guest's side came up short as they were knocked over with the guts of 5 overs to spare.

Matt Guest made it three from three as he yet again lost the toss and was asked to field by the visiting side. Phoenix were short of the services of injured opening bowler Michael Willis. The task fell to Connor Kenny and Nitin Naik. The pair bowled well in tandem and made an early breakthrough as Naik cleaned up Smyth (4) early in the piece before striking Sharpe on the toe with a Yorker causing the North County number 3 to retire hurt.

However the visitors struck back and White pushed the total along. John Anders showed his golden arm again, though, when he entered the fray as he had Kumar (7) caught behind my Ali Altaf with his fourth delivery. Altaf, who was deputising for Eoin Cleere, was excellent behind the stumps throughout. It got even better for Anders as he found himself on a hat-trick for the second game in a row as Sheridan (0) nicked off with the very next ball. The hat-trick again eluded Anders but he had made a vital breakthrough.

North County again kicked on through Russell and White before the rain came. The persistent downpour led to tea being taken early but thankfully the skies cleared and play resumed after minimal delay. The visitors continued to push the score along and a breakthrough was badly needed.

Matt Guest decided to introduce himself into the attack despite being hampered by injury. The seamer turned spinner for the day and had a breakthrough in his first over. The dangerous Russell (38) blasted a drive to Moore who held on in the covers. Moolae (4) fell to Anders shortly after and when White (43) popped up a delivery by Ram Singh to the safe hands of Kenny.

Naik was reintroduced into the attack and cleaned up Stauton (1) and McIntyre (1) and it looked as though Phoenix would be able to restrict the score to somewhere in the 160 region. However Sharpe, who finished 26\*, returned to the crease with a runner and the scoreboard began to tick over again. Phoenix did not help themselves in the field as a number of chances went down and runs were leaked that should not have been conceded.

Miller (30) fell to the bowling of Guest as Altaf completed a sharp stumping before Metha (21) was run out by a direct hit from Moore at Short Mid On to wrap up the innings. Phoenix had left themselves a stiff run chase in trying conditions and could have been chasing a more manageable total.

The chase began steadily before Singh (2) edged a delivery to first slip with the score on 14. Nitin Naik was in fine form at the other end and picked his moments to attack and keep the scoreboard moving. Naik and Ali Altaf moved the score along to 38 before the latter was run out after a disastrous piece of calling. Next man down was Michael Fahy (3) who can feel hard done by being given out lbw to a delivery that struck him on the hip. It was a shame for Fahy who was going into the game coming off a fine match winning knock a week earlier.

Connor Kenny was next man to go as he popped up a straight drive to the cover fielder leaving Phoenix 61 for 4. The innings then hit the skids as the three middle order debutants went in short order. Momin Ishfaq (0), Carl Convery (2) and Aftab Zafar (0) came and went as the game slipped away from the home side. However at the other end Nitin Naik, in only his third game of league cricket, continued to push the score along and passed the half century mark.

Naik finally found an ally in the form of John Anders and the pair forged a decent partnership adding 36 runs to the total. Naik began to turn up the heat and smashed some crisp boundaries before producing an audacious reverse sweep that went for six and landed on the roof of the equipment shed. Anders (14) was removed with the score 110 for 8.

With the game almost up for Phoenix Naik began to attack every ball but his luck finally ran out when he holed out to the midwicket boundary. Naik produced a superb innings of 77 runs from 86 deliveries with eight 4's and two 6's. The only disappointment of the innings was that it was to be in vain. Guest and Moore added a few more but the end was nigh and Guest (4) was bowled with the first ball of the 36th over and the game was up.

It was a disappointing defeat but there were positives to be taken from the game. The level of fielding will need to improve for the next game, though, as Castle Avenue will provide a vast expanse to defend