



DUKHAN INTERNAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2013

MATCH 01 – JALEHA CHALLENGERS VS UMMBAB ROYALS

First match of the Internal cricket tournament was played between Ummbab Royals and Jaleha Challengers. And it lived up to the mark with an exciting last ball mix up that saw the scores tied and Jaleha Challengers winning on account of fewer wickets lost.

Jaleha Challengers lead by stand in Captain Naresh Rattan won the toss and elected to bat first. Being the first match both teams were not very sure with their batting and bowling line up and Jaleha reached a par score of 72 for 10 at the end of allotted 12 overs. At one stage even that par score looked impossible but some last over big hits by Pritesh Patel eventually made it possible.

Ummbab Royals started their chase with positive intent and kept the required run rate under control but kept on losing wickets. In the end they were left with requiring 7 off the last over to win with last pair on the crease. It came to 3 required off 2 balls, but due to a combination of mis-calculation and mis-communication the batsmen in the middle were under the impression that they required 2 off 2. As captain Dipak flicked a no-ball for a single, non-striker Loy went into celebration mode thinking they have won, and left his crease before the ball was returned by the fielder. He was run out and the scores were tied. As per tournament rules in case of tied scores, team losing less wickets are declared winner.

MATCH 02: ZIKEERT FIGHTER VS DUKHAN ENGLISH SCHOOL

Second match of the week was another last over last wicket affair between Zikreet Fighters and Dukhan English School. DES won the toss and elected to bat first. Quick running between the wickets have always been a prominent feature of the DES team and they took good advantage of some sloppy fielding to keep the score board ticking without taking too many risks. Later in the innings some lusty blows by Williams hitting 18 in an over saw DES reach 75 for 8 in allotted 12 overs. Zikreet Fighters led by Captain Robin started well to chase down the target and couple of good blows by Rizwan in the middle order kept the required run rate in check. But towards the end of their innings, thanks to a couple of run outs, Zikreet were required to get 6 from the last over with just 1 wicket in hand. With couple of well placed shots and a 4 the last pair of Osama and Praveen saw Zikreet home with 2 balls to spare.