

INSPIRE SPORTS WANDERERS



IN THIS VERY SHORT EDITION, CRICKET ONCE AGAIN TAKES CENTRE STAGE.

WE HAVE A MATCH REPORT FROM WANDERER'S INCREDIBLE SEMI-FINAL WIN IN THE INSPIRE SPORTS NATIONAL U-13 CRICKET COMPETITION, AS WELL AS A PREVIEW OF THE FINAL.

THE FINAL ITSELF IS TO BE HELD AT WANDERER'S ON THIS SUNDAY 8TH MARCH BETWEEN PASSAGE UNITED AND THE INSPIRE SPORTS WANDERER'S. I IMPLORE ALL FANS OF CRICKET AND YOUTH SPORT TO COME AND SUPPORT THE CLIMAX OF WHAT HAS BEEN A TRULY OUTSTANDING TOURNAMENT. THE PLAYERS (BOYS AND GIRLS) ARE TRULY DESERVING OF OUR SUPPORT AS THEY COMPETE ONE LAST TIME FOR THE COVETED TITLE OF INSPIRE SPORTS NATIONAL U-13 CRICKET CHAMPIONS (NOT TO MENTION THE \$1,000 PRIZE IN SPORTS GEAR FOR THE WINNING CLUB AND \$50 PER PLAYER). THE MATCH STARTS AS 12PM. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF ROOM TO SET UP FAMILY PICNICS AS WELL AS COVERED SEATING. A PA SYSTEM WILL BE USED TO KEEP SUPPORTERS INFORMED OF THE MATCH SITUATION (AND TO PROVIDE SOME MUSICAL SUPPORT).

A FORMAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF THE MATCH.

IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL OCCASION AND WE HOPE TO SEE HUNDREDS OF SUPPORTERS THERE.

Match Report

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MATCH REPORT

INSPIRE SPORTS U-13 NATIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT SEMI FINAL

PLAYED AT DOVER ON SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2009

ISOLATION CAVALIERS V INSPIRE SPORTS WANDERERS

ON A PERFECT DAY FOR CRICKET, ISOLATION CAVALIERS MET INSPIRE SPORTS WANDERER'S AT DOVER. HAVING COMFORTABLY DEFEATED WANDERER'S IN THE ROUND ROBIN STAGE OF THE TOURNAMENT, ISOLATION CAVALIERS WERE NATURALLY IN A VERY CONFIDENT MOOD. THE WANDERER'S TEAM WERE ALSO HIGH ON CONFIDENCE AFTER A HIGH QUALITY WIN IN THE QUARTER FINAL AGAINST DOVER AT THE SAME DOVER GROUND. SO, EVERYTHING WAS SET FAIR FOR A GREAT GAME OF CRICKET AND WOW, WHAT TRANSPIRED PROVED TO EXCEED EVEN THOSE EXPECTATIONS.

ON WINNING THE TOSS, ISOLATION CAVALIER'S EVENTUALLY DECIDED TO BAT 1ST, A DECISION THAT WAS MET WITH WHOOPS OF DELIGHT BY THE WANDERER'S TEAM. THIS BROUGHT LOOKS OF SURPRISE FROM OUR OPPOSITION BUT, WANDERER'S HAVE PROVEN THAT THEY CHASE TOTALS VERY WELL.

OUR OPENING BOWLERS CONTINUED THEIR INCONSISTENT FORM BY MIXING EXCELLENT DELIVERIES WITH WIDES AND FULL TOSSES. IT MADE FOR A RATHER FRANTIC START TO THE GAME AND AFTER 7 OVERS, ISOLATION HAD RACED AWAY TO 57 FOR 1. EVEN THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TOURNAMENTS LEADING WICKET TAKER BOBBY CAVE DID NOT IMMEDIATELY STEM THE FLOW OF RUNS BUT, WANDERER'S FORTUNES DID BEGIN TO CHANGE IN THE 10TH OVER WHEN THE ISOLATION OPENING BATSMAN, AKIL ROCK CARELESSLY RAN HIMSELF OUT FOR 30. IN THAT SAME OVER, BOBBY HAD THEIR NUMBER 3 EXPERTLY STUMPED BY JACOB ROGERS FOR 30. SUDDENLY THE BALANCE OF THE GAME SHIFTED WHICH WAS FURTHER HELPED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF ANDREW MEYER TO THE BOWLING ATTACK BETWEEN THEM THE 2 HIGH CLASS SPIN BOWLERS BEGAN TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE GAME AND FROM 76 FOR 1, WANDERER'S EVENTUALLY BOWLED OUT THE CAVALIERS FOR 153. ONLY A SPIRITED INNINGS OF 27 NOT OUT FROM JARAD MAYERS LIFTED THE CAVALIER'S BEYOND A POOR TOTAL. BOBBY TOOK 4-31 AND ANDREW TOOK 2-29. CRUCIALLY, JACOB ROGERS TOOK 3 STUMPINGS. IN MY OPINION, JACOB'S SKILL BEHIND THE STUMPS HAS BEEN KEY TO THE SUCCESS THAT OUR SPINNERS HAVE ENJOYED.

ISOLATION BOWLED VERY WELL AT THE START OF THE INNINGS AND THIS CAUSED ANDREW CLARKE TO PLAY A RASH SHOT TO WHICH HE WAS CAUGHT BEHIND FOR JUST 2. PROGRESS CONTINUED TO BE SLOW AND WICKETS FELL AT REGULAR INTERVALS. YET, THIS WANDERER'S TEAM ARE MADE OF STRONG STUFF AND YOU COULD SEE THAT THEY NEVER STOPPED BELIEVING IN THEMSELVES. JACQUES HIBBERT WENT OUT TO BAT WITH THE SCORE 56 FOR 4, WHICH IN ITSELF IS NOT A STRONG POSITION BUT, 18 OVERS HAD ALREADY BEEN USED UP. ONCE AGAIN, JACQUES WAS CAUTIOUS AT THE START OF HIS INNINGS, AWARE THAT HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO GET OUT CHEAPLY. ALL THE TIME, THE RUN RATE WAS CLIMBING. AFTER A PARTNERSHIP OF 29 WITH JACQUES, ZACKARIE MCCASKIE MADE HIS 1ST MISTAKE AND WAS CAUGHT AT COVER FOR A POLISHED 17. TENSION WAS RISING WITH THE RUN RATE AS KYLE YEARWOOD, ONE OF THE HEROES FROM THE QUARTER FINAL STRODE TO THE WICKET. IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT JACQUES REALLY BEGAN TO TAKE CONTROL AND PLAY WITH ABSOLUTE MASTERY. HIS STROKEPLAY WAS BOTH BRUTAL AND STYLISH AND MEANT THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE RUN RATE. KYLE WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE TO BE RUN OUT WITH THE SCORE AT 101. JUST OVER 6 OVERS LEFT, 53 RUNS TO WIN. HOWEVER, ISOLATION HAD USED UP ALL OF THE OVERS OF THEIR 4 FRONT LINE BOWLERS AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEIR BACK UP BOWLING WAS NOT OF THE SAME STANDARD. LIAM LUKE JOINED JACQUES. AGAIN, WANDERER'S NEVER GAVE UP HOPE AND WITH THE WANDERER'S CROWD CHEERING EVERY RUN THERE WAS STILL A REAL CHANCE

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JACQUES WENT UP ANOTHER GEAR AND 15 RUNS CAME FROM THE 30TH OVER WHICH, SUDDENLY PUT WANDERER'S IN CONTROL (PROBABLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE MATCH) WITH THE RUN RATE NOW BELOW A RUN A BALL. LIAM PLAYED HIS PART IN A BRILLIANT 45 RUN PARTNERSHIP WHICH CAME IN JUST 4 OVERS. LIAM WAS ANOTHER UNFORTUNATE RUN OUT VICTIM WITH 8 NEEDED IN 9 BALLS. WITH STRONGBATTING STILL TO COME, CONFIDENCE WAS HIGH IN THE WANDERER'S CAMP ALBEIT, NERVES WERE VERY, VERY FRAYED. DOWN TO THE LAST OVER, JACQUES AND LEVI CADOGAN AT THE CREASE, 4 NEEDED FOR VICTORY. WITH JUST 2 BALLS TO GO, LEVI PLAYED A CLASSY DRIVE AND THE WIN WAS SECURED FOR WANDERER'S BY 3 WICKETS.

A GAME THAT WAS WON ULTIMATELY BY AN INCREDIBLE, BREATHTAKING INNINGS BY JACQUES HIBBERT BUT, ALSO BY THE ABSOLUTE REFUSAL OF THE WANDERER'S TEAM TO ACCEPT THE PROSPECT OF DEFEAT. THEY FOUGHT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AND IT IS THIS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER WHICH MAKES THEM STAND OUT.

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IT SEEMS SUCH A SHORT TIME AGO THAT THE TOURNAMENT STARTED. FOR WANDERER'S, IT STARTED BADLY WITH A COMPREHENSIVE DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF A VERY STRONG PASSAGE UNITED SIDE. THERE WERE SOME ENCOURAGING SIGNS FOR WANDERER'S BUT, FOR THE MOST PART THEY WERE OUTPLAYED IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. PASSAGE HAVE A VERY STRONG SIDE, INCLUDING THE HIGHEST RUN SCORER IN THE TOURNAMENT IN CARLOS GREENIDGE AND SOME EXCELLENT BOWLING. IN SHAQUONA QUINTYNE, THEY POSSESS PROBABLY THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT AND THEY HAVE GREAT STRENGTH IN ALL AREAS BACKED UP BY A SUPERB COACHING TEAM LED BY RICHARD CLARKE.

HOWEVER, A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN A FEW WEEKS AND IN THAT TIME, THIS WANDERER'S U-13 SQUAD HAVE BECOME A REAL TEAM. THEY HAVE HAD TO FIGHT HARD FOR EVERY VICTORY (AND A TIE) THAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED AND KNOW WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THEM TO LIFT THE TROPHY.

WANDERER'S ARE A VERY DISCIPLINED SQUAD, THEY KNOW THEIR STRENGTHS AND THEY PLAY VERY WELL TO THEM. THEY ALL KNOW WHERE THEY NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS A SIDE GROWING IN CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY ALL THE TIME AND THEY HAVE THE SKILL TO ADAPT TO ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WANDERER'S WILL AIM TO TAKE WICKETS EARLY WITH THEIR STRIKE BOWLERS AND THEN FRUSTRATE THE OPPOSITION MIDDLE ORDER WITH THE USE OF THE EXCELLENT SPINNERS. WITH THE BAT, THEY WILL AIM TO BAT WITH COOL HEADS AND CONTROL IN EITHER SETTING A BIG TOTAL OR, CHASING DOWN THE TARGET. THERE IS STRENGTH IN DEPTH IN THE BATTING, THEY KNOW THAT ANYONE IN THE BATTING ORDER IS CAPABLE OF MAKING A MATCH WINNING CONTRIBUTION.

ONE OF THE GREAT ASPECTS OF THIS TOURNAMENT IS THAT BECAUSE EACH INNINGS IS 35 OVERS LONG, BOTH TEAMS HAVE TIME TO DISPLAY THEIR FULL RANGE OF TALENTS. IT IS CLEAR THAT BY EXTENDING THE MATCH DURATION, WE HAVE SEEN A HIGHER STANDARD OF CRICKET THAN A SHORTER VERSION OF THE GAME WOULD ALLOW. CONSEQUENTLY, AT TIMES, A TEAM CAN BE IN A DIFFICULT POSITION BUT, STILL HAVE TIME TO RECOVER AND WIN (AS LONG AS THEY DISPLAY THE RIGHT CHARACTER AND TECHNIQUE). THIS IS CERTAINLY TRUE OF THE WANDERER'S TEAM.

THE TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL ADVERT FOR YOUTH SPORT IN BARBADOS, DISPLAYING ALL THAT WE KNOW IS GOOD ABOUT OUR CHILDREN. IT HAS ALSO SHOWN THAT THERE ARE MANY GREAT PARENTS, COACHES, ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPPORTERS WHO ARE WILLING TO PUT THEIR PERSONAL TIME INTO DEVELOPING YOUTH SPORT. WITH THIS COMBINATION, THE FUTURE OF SPORT AND EVEN SOCIETY IN BARBADOS IS IN REALLY SAFE HANDS.

IT IS PARTICULARLY THOSE VOLUNTEERS THAT I WOULD WISH TO EXTEND MY SINCERE GRATITUDE IN HELPING MAKE THIS TOURNAMENT THE SUCCESS THAT IT HAS BEEN. THE GREAT NEWS IS, WE WILL HAVE 10 MONTHS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT!

PREVIEW OF THE FINAL OF THE **INSPIRE SPORTS**

Under 13 National Cricket Tournament

SO, TO SUNDAY MARCH 8TH 2009. A KEY DATE FOR ALL SPORT LOVERS AS PASSAGE ROAD TAKE ON INSPIRE SPORTS WANDERER'S.

IT PROMISES TO BE AN EXCITING FINAL. TWO VERY DIFFERENT BUT, VERY TALENTED TEAMS PLAYING WITH ABSOLUTE JOY AND COMMITMENT.

SEE YOU ALL THERE.

GRAEME WALKER.

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