

Chiang Mai Schools Cricket Alliance

February 2006 Newsletter

1. Dr Taksin meets the CMSCA

Prime Minister Dr Taksin Shinawatra met the CMSCA junior and senior cricketers of Chiang Mai at Montfort College on Monday 6th February.

He was welcomed by Khun Puttiwat (Parn) Poshyanonda, CMSCA Chairman, the officers and coaches and over 100 children from all the schools who now play Sawasdee Cricket and their Thai teachers.



Dr Taksin also met all the boys from Chiang Mai who have played for Thailand international teams Donnathagahn (Jeen) Janthatham, of PRC College presented Dr Taksin with the gold medal she had won at the Hang Dong Tournament a week previously. The Prime Minister graciously gave it back to Jeen and asked her what he could do for her and her friends that play cricket in Chiang Mai. She replied that she would like his support to help all the children in Chiang Mai who enjoy

playing cricket.

Peeravat (Gan) Duangthip of P.R.C made the formal presentation to Dr Taksin.

Dr Taksin said that he was very impressed by the enthusiasm shown by both hard ball and junior cricketers in Chiang Mai and promised his support through the Deputy Prime Minister Khun Suwat Liptapanlopnr.



2. Gan and Bank play for Thailand U-15 Team

Congratulations to Peeravat (Gan) Duangthip (Gan) and Natinan (Bank) Supartakul who played for Thailand in the Tuanku Ja'afar Tournament in Bangkok on 6th – 10th December. Bank played in three games and Gan in two. Peter Goodchap (CAT) complemented them both on their high standard of play and their 'exemplary' team spirit.

3. Sawasdee Tournament at Saimoon School

A Grade 6 Sawasdee tournament was held at Saimoon School, Hang Dong, on Saturday 28th January. Unfortunately the schools in Doi Saket District were unable to take part as they had a District Schools sports day on that day. However this did not detract from an excellent day's cricket.

In the first pair of games P.R.C. just scrapped home against Saimoon by 2 runs. Montfort comfortably beat Sahagon 2. Both results to form. In the second pair of games P.R.C. had a comfortable win against Montfort - BUT - Sahagon 2 beat Saimoon by 21 runs! No one could believe it. But that wasn't the end!

In the third pair of games Sahagon 2 surpassed themselves by beating P.R.C. by 16 runs! So, they were in the final, provided Montfort did not beat Saimoon. It looked as though they would. Montfort cruised along and were 10 runs ahead, when they lost 2 wickets in the last over, so that match was a draw.

In the final P.R.C. got their act together and beat Sahagon 2 by 25 runs. Poor Montfort, with the best single result of the day, lost to Saimoon by 35 runs and ended up bottom. Strange game, cricket!

P.R.C. bowled and fielded very well - especially their three girls.

A Tournament at Ban Pa Mae Dang is scheduled on 18th March to keep these schools from Doi Saket competitive before the Sixes.



4. Cricket Field at Gymkhana Club



Thanks to many weeks of very hard work by Khun Parn, Eric Little and the ground staff and caddies at the Gymkhana Club, the whole cricket field has been leveled and new turf laid. This was completed on 24th January. The new grass has since been cut once and top dressed. It will be ready for play by early March. A grass wicket is also being laid alongside the present artificial wicket. This will be very useful to give our

junior cricketers some experience in playing on turf wickets and will be used for international matches.

5. Hard Ball Coaching

Hard Ball coaching continues at Prem Center on Sundays, under the guidance of Richard Bartholomew, and at P.R.C. on Saturday afternoons.

Practice sessions in the nets at the Gymkhana Club are regularly attended by up to a dozen boys, supported by several adults.

Everyone is eager to get onto the main field as soon as it is ready for play.

6. Important

Our Web Site now includes a summary of the Minutes of Officers Meetings. These are typically held every two weeks.

The next up-date of the Web Site will add information about our accounts since the formation of the CMSCA in June 2000. The data includes a summary of income and expenditure and final funds for each year and for each quarter for the past two years. A 'Commentary' highlights significant developments.

7. Thanks

Many thanks to Basharat Wani, Richard Bartholomew and other local friends who wish to be anonymous for their continued financial support.

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