

Chiang Mai Schools Cricket Alliance

May 2006 Newsletter

1. Roger Binny visits Chiang Mai

Roger Binny, A.C.C. Development Officer for South-East Asia and Khun Mohideen Kader, from the Cricket Association of Thailand, were in Chiang Mai on 1st and 2nd May to conduct two half-day coaching sessions for our aspiring young cricketers. This is the first specific coaching visit from anyone from the ACC to Chiang Mai. The boys and girls certainly enjoyed and benefited from the coaching. It is anticipated that Roger Binny will be in Chiang Mai again in July for another coaching session with the younger players.



2. Our Young Players come of Age during Cricket Sixes Week

Eight of our junior players and one Thai sports teacher played for senior teams during Sixes week – and performed better than expected.

Lords Taverners from Perth, Australia took Chai under their wing and he rewarded them with a good catch and a smart run out in his first game.

Dan and Ben lowered the average age of the Wombats considerably and added to nimbleness in the field. Ben bowled well and Dan hit a huge six to the amazement of all.

Tong kept wicket for the Camel Bar Humps who reached the final of the Spoon Group. Poom also played one game for them.

The Gymkhana Cavaliers had Bank, Gan, Orf and a teacher from PRC College, Ajarn Warawut in their team.

Not to be outdone, two of our girls played for Dixie Belles. They bowled so fast that the Chiang Mai Chasses scarcely saw the ball. The girls were so disappointed they took no wickets that, after the match, they went to practice in the nets. And they are 10 years old!

A Spoon Select team played a Chiang Mai juniors team on Thursday and no quarter was given or asked. The Spoon Select team won but not without a fight and next year things may be a different.

The Saturday demonstration game by our boys was a proper Sixes competition. A senior umpire commented, “This year, for the first time, I enjoyed watching. It was real cricket!”

Just wait till next year!



3. The 7th Annual Sawasdee Cricket Tournament

The 7th Annual Sawasdee Tournament was played at the Gymkhana Club in conjunction with the Chiang Mai International Cricket SIXES. In contrast to the main cricket field, which was pristine, the children's field was barren dirt. The main field had been completely re-grassed after the three disastrous floods late last year. Unfortunately there was not enough time or money to restore the children's field for their cricket tournament. Seven schools however participated in the shortened program over three days. As usual the matches were very competitive and full of action. The children did not spare themselves on the dirt as they chased down balls to save runs. The Grade 6 trophy was won by Saimoon School, from Hang Dong district, for the third time in 5 years. In the final they beat Chol Prathan Phateak, from Doi Saket district, who had played consistently well earlier.

Prince Royal College bowled well, largely thanks to their three girls and kept Montfort College down to a losing score to take out third place with Pa Mai Deng School filling the minor placing.

The Grade 5 trophy was won by Chang Doi School, from Doi Saket district, from Sahagon 2 School who were handicapped by the absence of several strong players.



4. Bangkok Challenge Tournament, May 2006

An U-15 tournament will be played in Bangkok in mid-May. Teams from Pratana School, Bangkok, a Bangkok team and a provincial team, comprising players from Khon Kaen and Chiang Mai will make up the group. Seven boys from Chiang Mai have been selected to play.

Sponsorship to off-set the cost of getting our boys to and from Bangkok would be very welcome.

5. Sunday Cricket

The Sunday competition that was planned to start when the disastrous floods took over will commence in mid June. It will comprise a mixture of boys and adults in four different teams. This will create greater interest and purpose to the cricket played in Chiang Mai. It will also give the boys sound experience playing against the resident old foxes here. Games will be 25 over per innings, played at the Gymkhana Club on Sunday mornings.

6. Web Site

Our Web Site now includes a summary of our accounts since we started in 2000. It has recently been up-dated to include the figures for the last quarter of 2005 – 2006, plus a review of the whole financial year – which was something of a roller coaster ride. What goes up must come down. We hope that what comes down will go up!

7. Donations and Sponsorship

Your generous support during the Chiang Mai International Sixes was greatly appreciated whether by Sponsorship or direct donation. Our thanks to everyone who contributed directly and indirectly.

Even so, we still need more money to be able to keep developing cricketers. For example, as mentioned above, the boys who are going to Bangkok will need funds for transport and food allowances. Either the CMSCA or the boy's parents will have to pay these costs. At this point in time it will haemorrhage our budget considerably.

If you feel able to help, our bank account details are:

Bank:	The Siam Commercial Bank
SWIFT Code	SICO TH BK
Branch:	Tha Phae
Address:	17 Tha Phae Road, Chiang Mai 50000
Account number:	501-2-85440-3
Account name:	CMSCA

When donations are sent please advise Peter Dawson (peterdaw@cm.ksc.co.th), so he can acknowledge receipt of the money. Thank you.

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