

Super 8 20 over tournament Houston, TX

Saturday first game: 15 overs

DCC won the toss and bowled first on a breezy Saturday morning with a few clouds and the occasional sighting of the sun. The opponents started off well seeing off Carl's three overs and trying to go after Ankur. But Ankur bowled a steady line cramping the batsman for room and was finally rewarded with a wicket due to an excellent catch by Halpesh. As soon DCC smelled first blood, they started attacking and never let any of the batsman settle in. Sudha, coming in first change, ran through the middle order with 4 wickets and had the opponents in tatters at 116. Although the score did not seem that high for the high-powered batting lineup of DCC which consisted of Rahul, Halpesh, Vish, Goutham, Roshan, and Carl it still proved to be a daunting task. In the beginning, they had a few hiccups losing roshan, carl, and halpesh very soon but in the end the ever-dependable Rahul (40 runs) and the beautiful strokeplay of Goutham (26 runs) saw DCC through with 3 balls to spare.

Saturday second game: 15 overs

DCC played Houston West Indies CC and again decided to chase. HWICC got off to a flying start scoring some 60+ runs in 7 overs with Browne hitting the ball to all parts of the park. We had several delays as the ball needed to be fetched from over the fence three or four times. But, once again, Sudha came on to bowl and along with Goutham tore through the middle order to restrict HWICC to 114. DCC comfortably chased down the total after quick wickets of Halpesh and Carl with 3 overs to spare. Vish being the high scorer for the game got 60 runs and Goutham 20 runs.

Sunday Semi Finals: 15 overs

Probably the best batting display in the tournament by both teams was displayed in this game. DCC batted first in this game with Carl and Roshan opening the innings. Roshan got out early after looking good but then Carl and Rahul stabilized the innings to about 50 odd runs. Quick wickets of Rahul and Carl saw Goutham and Halpesh come to the crease. Halpesh started belting the ball to all parts of the park with 3 huge sixes in one over and Goutham got into the act after Halpesh got out for a well made quickfire 46. Goutham also made a well played 40+ and saw DCC score 165 runs in 15 overs. But this just happened to be half the action. The opponent also came out firing going out at almost 9 runs an over. Some meaty blows by the tail saw the total reach 133 but was never quite enough as some tight bowling by Sudha and Vipul saw DCC win comfortably in the end.

Sunday Finals: 20 over game

DCC's opponents were fresh of beating pre-tournament favorites MCC and DCC also had a little step in their walk after being the only undefeated team so far in the tournament. DCC again batted first and started off well with Roshan clubbing a huge six over square leg but then got out trying to repeat the same. Carl also got out quickly after that. Rahul tried to hold one end while Vish took chances and ended up scoring 48 runs. Vish then had to retire hurt due to an injury and Halpesh got out soon after that. Then came Goutham, who bagged the player of the series award for consistent scoring in all the games and chipped in with a few wickets, started off steadily by running hard for twos and threes along with roshan kudos to him for running for rahul in the game. Two huge sixes by rahul saw him reach 46 runs and some clean hitting by Goutham fetched him 40+ runs and saw the total reach 177 in 20 overs. Carl started off well bowling like a man possessed but unfortunately saw 2 catches drop in the first 3 balls but he continued bowling well and ankur also bowled well but the all important breakthrough came from the bowler of the tournament Sudha. Carl then bowled a scary over bagging 2 wickets behind the amazing catch of Vipul (probably the best catch by any DCC fielder in the whole tournament) and a deadly bouncer saw the new batsman pop it up to Vish at slip. After this the opponents seemed to lose their wind and in the end it was long over before the last wicket of the tournament was taken by yours truly. In the end an amazing tournament saw DCC win by 40+ runs with good catching by tarang, vipul and sudha.

Notable awards

Goutham Morab: Player of the tournament

Sudharshan Chavva: Bowler of the tournament