

The biggest highlight of the season has been the captaincy of Naved. Well before the season started he had conveyed his vision to the core guys consisting of Gopal, Tarang, Hemanth, Kartick, Shalin & Shamil. He had specific roles for each of them in terms of the batting order, the bowling and even fielding positions. He kept the motivation level of the team high throughout the season with his positive and straight to the point talk. Even when the team lost a few games, the energy level of the team was never low and the morale was always at a certain level. He stood by every player irrespective of their form. The way the team responded to him as for everybody to see.

DCC2 started off really well year winning 4 in a row beating GPCC & Tyler. They lost their way somewhere there and lost 2 games in a row against 2 not so imposing teams.

First game against Colonial-II looked like a walk in the park. Naved got a 75 with Srikanth and Tarang giving him company by scoring 37 & 25 respectively. Kartik showed a glimpse of what he had to offer in terms of bowling for the rest of the season with a quick & accurate spell of bowling giving away just 15 runs in his 7 overs. Tarang was among the wickets as well taking 4/34. Hemanth restarted bowling medium pace getting 2 wickets opening the bowling. In the end DCC-2 scored 234 and won by around 100 runs.

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Second game against C3 club started really well with Gopal, Naved & Kartick putting up 100 runs in first 15 overs but we lost 3 wickets by the time the first break was taken. Gopal & Tarang then had a 160+ run partnership with Gopal scoring a massive 139 & Tarang getting a 50. Gopal started off the season for DCC-2 with such a bang that whatever he got at the end of the season was considered forthcoming right after the first game. DCC-2 got 296 and won by almost 120 runs.

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Third game was a big one. GPCC was just another name of the Fortworth Lions team which had at least 8 players who had played in the premier division last season. This game was marred by tough weather with snow flakes stopping play a couple of times. This game happened just because the home team GPCC thought that we were easy pickings for them. But the supposed to be easy pickings choked them to death(loss). In a 30 over game DCC2 got 200 runs with 50's from Charan & Gopal and in turn bowled GPCC out for around 120 runs.

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The fourth game was against Tyler in Tyler with no neutral umpires. Over confidence resulted in complacency and this led to DCC2 fielding at their very worst in this game. In all 10+ catches(not counting a single half chance) were dropped. DCC2 gave away 250+ runs taking just 6 wickets. Tarang & Naved bowled well to keep Tyler restricted to

250 when Tyler looked set for a 300+ total. At the break, Naved instead of giving a harsh dressing down spoke very positively about chasing the target and pointed out where the focus needs to be in the second part of the game. He led from the front with a very attacking 120 with Kartick getting a well grafted 50. The negative energy was converted in to a positive goal of making up for our mistakes in the first session. This game highlighted Naved's leadership & motivational skills. DCC2 chased the total in 37 overs. <http://dccc.cricketvault.com/showrvcontent.aspx?matchID=340435&loc=/cricket/reports/match.asp&loc1/match.asp>

The 5th game of the season was DCC-2's 5th game in 6 weeks. Fatigue was showing on a lot of guys. Naved wasn't even gonna play this game. Eventually he played because Roy didn't show up due to some family emergency. TR-3 hammered DCC-2 for 250 runs with just Tarang & Shamil bringing some respect to the otherwise below par bowling. Tarang got 4 wickets in a miserly spell along with Shamil getting 3. Some of the umpiring decisions led to a collapse in the DCC-2's batting. Hemanth batted beautifully for his 30 but lost his wicket to a rash shot. Shalin batted aggressively with the tail hitting the ball to all parts of the ground but fell just a few short of his 50. He provided some respect to the otherwise shabby batting display. DCC-2 lost this game by 70 odd runs. <http://dccc.cricketvault.com/showrvcontent.aspx?matchID=340438&loc=/cricket/reports/match.asp&loc1/match.asp>

The 6th game of the season was against CCCC-2. Fielding first, DCC-2 did really well for the first 30 overs getting 8 opposition wickets for just 140 runs. Tarang got 2 wickets in a brilliant spell of seam bowling giving away just 20 runs in 8 overs. After the break DCC-2 kind of lost the plot. There was a 56 run 9th wicket partnership with the bowlers losing their way. Tarang & Naved had finished their quota and this came back to bite the team. Chasing 198 runs, DCC-2 at one stage were at 150 for 3 with another good 40 from Hemanth. From this point, due to lack of application DCC-2 folder for 185. A very bad day at office for DCC-2 losing to a very low ranked team in B-division. <http://dccc.cricketvault.com/showrvcontent.aspx?matchID=340448&loc=/cricket/reports/match.asp&loc1/match.asp>

The 7th game was against Fortworth-2. Before the game Naved spoke to the team and spurred them to take charge. He again showed his true leadership class by leading the run charge in the company of a more sedate Gopal. Naved ended up retiring on 50 & Gopal scored a patient 86 building the foundation for a big total(266) which DCC-2 achieved in the end with some lusty hitting by Tarang(36 in 20 balls) & swift running with Hemanth. DCC-2 bowled ok winning by 100 odd runs. Shamil, Naved & Sunny were among the wickets bagging 2 wickets each. <http://dccc.cricketvault.com/showrvcontent.aspx?matchID=340467&loc=/cricket/reports/match.asp&loc1/match.asp>

The 8th game was against a rejuvenated & fiercely motivated Youth team. Youth were riding on their confidence from last year & some hearty upsets from the current season. On a water-logged field DCC-2 bowled the youth out for 99 with Richard getting a 5-for and Tarang 2 wickets. In the absence of Naved and with Gopal failing, the top 4 were

back with 22 runs on the board. This is when Arun's experience guided DCC-2 home in the company of Richard & Tarang. In the end DCC-2 won by just one wicket losing their last 4 wickets for 3 runs. Arun showed his class and maturity to bail DCC-2 out of trouble.

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With the competition of top 2 spots heating up, the game against PIE became a very important game for DCC-2. DCC-2 batted first and lost their way after Gopal provided a good start in the company of Hemanth. In the end DCC-2 got bowled out for 127. PIE started off with a bang scoring 50 runs in the first 6 overs. This is when Kartick pulled them back with 2 wickets with Arun & Tarang helping him reduce PIE to 90 odd for 6. DCC-2 fought till the end but could not pull this one off inspite of some great effort in the field especially by Shalin & Kartick. This was a big loss and showed that Naved is a pivot to the team. In his absence DCC-2 scored 230 runs total in 2 games with loss of 19 wickets.

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With a washout against TR-2, the points tally made the last 2 games as do or die games for DCC-2. Naved motivated the team to keep their belief alive. He focused on getting us to enjoy our game and play the roles that he had been talking about all through the season. Gopal responded with a patient knock of 76, anchoring the DCC-2 innings all the way. He got out in the last over opening the innings. Arun, Ashwin, Ramanna & Tarang made some very useful contributions in his company taking the score to 214 in 40 overs after being 50 for 4 at one stage. Kartick opened the bowling snaring two important wickets and leading the way for the team. Tarang and Ramanna cleaned up the middle order getting 3 & 2 wickets respectively keeping things very tight. In the end the biggest game of the season became a no match with DCC-2 winning by 90 odd runs.

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The last game of the season was a relatively easy game with more eyes focused on Youth vs TR-2 game. DCC-2 again scored a mammoth 275 with Ashwin leading the batting with an aggressive 64 in company of a patient Gopal(37) before retiring out. Hemanth, Tarang & Ramanna had some very useful contributions in the middle order taking the score to well beyond the reach of the opposition. DCC2 bowled Outrageous-2 for 100 odd runs. Youth beat TR-2 by 3 wickets to secure a place for DCC-2 in the A-division next season.

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