

## DCCC2 Match Report Compilation

v/s Outrageous (06/08)

Sudha won the toss and elected to bat first. Gopal and Riaz opened the innings and Riaz was the first one to go when he mistimed a pull to long on. Gopal was next to go as he edged one to slips. Chaitanya went #3 and Kartik went #4 and this partnership proved to be a very crucial one. They both pushed the ball around and had an 80 run partnership before Chaitu chased a wide ball to be caught behind. Shamil was the next man in and he got bowled soon after. Tarang was caught at gully the next over. Shail was the next man in and this partnership proved to be a crucial one too as Shail scored a quickfire 29 of 24 balls. Kartik in the meantime had brought up his 50 and was playing in the 90s when one over by a bowler named Ashiq changed the game. Shail was the first to get out caught behind. The very next ball saw Vish top edge a pull to Short Mid-Wicket. Kartik, who had crossed over, got bowled the 3rd ball to complete the hat-trick. To make matters worse, he got Hemanth out LBW on the 5th ball of the over. We went from 183-5 to 184 all out as Aashiq took 5 wickets in 7 balls.

DCC2 still had their morale up knowing that if they bowled and fielded well, this game was definitely there for the taking.

The 2nd innings did not start well as Chicky dropped a catch in the first over of Ali who batted well after to get a 50 and Tanvir was dropped by Tarang. The first breakthrough happened when Vipul, the star bowler of the day, got Tanvir to edge one for Chaitanya to take a brilliant catch diving to his right. Ali and Haider, the twin brothers, put on a partnership till Sudha came and pitched one short to see Haider pop a simple catch to Gopal at covers. 105/2 in 23 overs and Outrageous was sitting comfortably. But, for the next 15 runs they lost 6 wickets and DCC charged back into the game. Vipul came back to get Moni, the leading run scorer of A division, to sky one to Trix at mid-off. Sudha got a wicket the next over trapping Russell LBW. Hemanth then got Ali stumped and the game changed from right there. Saqib got a leading edge to a delivery by Tarang for Vipul to take a catch at covers. There was a mixup and the next batsman, Vickey, was run out soon after. Talha was the next man in and he didnt last long as he edged Vipul's delivery straight to Chaitanya. Raheem, the #9, and Ashiq, the #10 guy put on 29 runs to bring Outrageous close but once again the man of the day Vipul came back to get Ashiq LBW. The last man in was Abdul and there was some heated exchange between the players as he edged one off of Sudha's bowling and DCC should have won the game earlier but unfortunately the umpire did not hear the snick. But soon after Tarang got Abdul to edge one to Shail for a brilliant fight back by DCC. It was an awesome game to win as we defended a low score against a pretty aggressive batting lineup.

v/s UNITED (5/11)

Sudha won the toss on a breezy and chilly morning at United CG and after much deliberation, elected to bat first. This turned out to be a great move as this was the best start DCC2 had gotten off to all season. Gopal and Richie started taking quick singles and the occasional boundaries were flowing. Richie 26(23) was taking the attack to the opposition and was

stroking the ball all over the ground but was cleaned up with a ball that stayed a bit low and got bowled in the 8th or 9th over. Kartik was the next man in and he looked solid as ever. He and Gopal tried to rebuild but Gopal 25(40) got out right before the break. With both openers scoring 25+ runs and a whole lot of extras, DCC2 was comfortably placed at 81/2 in 15 overs. Kartik and Shamil were at the crease and continued with the same momentum right after the break. They ran quick singles and doubles and then Kartik cut loose with a few boundaries. Shamil, who was the top scorer for DCC2, also hit the odd bad ball to the boundary and hit a huge six over long on and the scoreboard was ticking till Kartik 19(24) was adjudged Lbw. Girish joined Shamil as the next man in but Shamil was bowled soon after that for a very well made 32(31). Girish didn't waste much time getting settled in and hit 3 glorious boundaries through the off side but was unlucky to get dismissed for 20(15) when Ashar took a blinder of a low catch to dismiss him. Vish was the next one in after Shamil got out and he also was pushing around singles and twos and was joined by Sudha when Girish got out. Sudha and Vish were trying to get some quick runs as they were batting in the 33rd over. Due to some tight bowling, Vish and Sudha were unable to get the boundaries and Sudha hit one straight to mid-wicket 10(20) and Vish mistimed one to point 15(22). As they both got out in quick succession, Shail and Tarang were in and they started running hard getting quick singles and converting some of them to doubles. They ran so well that they ran 5 runs in one ball as there was an overthrow. At the end of the 5th run, brilliant commitment by Tarang to dive on the concrete to make his ground. Tarang then hit a huge six over mid-wicket and the last 35 run partnership came in quick time and helped us to a total of 231. Tarang ended up with 25(14) and Shail 19(16).

This seemed like a decent total on a quick field but we were definitely 15-20 runs short as we were 120-2 in 20 overs.

Sudha as the captain gave the new ball to both his off-spinners in Richie and Shail and asked them to turn some magic. This worked immediately as in the 3rd over Bilal Lodhi chipped one straight to Vipul at Short Mid-wicket. The score read 10/1 after 3 overs. The next 20 overs saw some bad bowling and shoddy fielding by DCC and of course some good hitting by Ashar Khan and Ayaz Sheikh. After 23 overs, United's score read 156/1 with Ayaz being the chief destroyer scoring 98 runs. Sudha brought himself back into the attack after all the bowlers were getting hit around the park by Ayaz and Ashar and produced a beauty to knock off Ashar's off stump. Richie was brought back into the attack the next over and he got the next man caught and bowled taking a sharp catch to his right. And thus the collapse for United started. DCC's bowlers started bowling tighter and Sudha, Tarang and Richie bowled a magical spell. Sudha got the next man Rizwan Sheikh to mistime a pull straight to square leg with Gopal taking a one handed catch. Richie got rid of Ayaz the next over with Kartik taking a skier of a catch at long on. Now with 5 down and 50+ runs to go DCC got a small window and took the opportunity. Sudha

again got a wicket getting Mohsin to chip one straight to Vipul at short mid-wicket. Tarang came to bowl and got the dangerous Farhan to hit one straight to Shamil at mid-off on the last ball of the 30th over. With 10 overs to go and 37 runs required for United with 3 wickets in hand, DCC started to smell some panic and applied pressure with many people in front of the bat. After the 30 over break Tarang, bowled a beauty to get rid of Ali's middle stump and then in his next over got Siva also bowled. With 9 down and 30 runs to go, Richie was brought in and got Ovais to play across and the umpire adjudged him LBW. What a comeback for DCC. With 70 odd runs to go and 9 wickets in hand. It was a great game overall and DCCC held their nerves and pulled of an amazing comeback.

v/s LoneStar (5/4)

Lonestar Vs. DCC 2nd XI

Lonestar won the toss and chose to field first. Gopal and Vipul (?) came out to open for DCC. Vipul got out early but Gopal was riding his luck today. He was dropped a million times (5 actually) and he made sure he got the most for his chances. He was 93 not out and batted really well. He paced his inning and played some nicely timed shots. DCC lost 2 quick wickets after Vipul, which brought Shail to the crease. He played a very poised inning in the start. We had restricted DCC to 109 for 4 in 30 overs. Chris was bowling beautiful, it was nice to see him hit the deck like this. But after the break Gopal and Shail started unleashing nice shots and hit some nice boundaries. In last 10 overs DCC scored 124 runs, with Prasana coming in and hitting about 24 runs in last over itself.

Lonestar inning started poorly with loss of 4 wicket in first seven overs. Runs were coming but we lost crucial wickets. After we lost Lovkesh, Chris, Imran, and Amish within 5 overs, Natt come to crease. Natt with Gautam on the other side just dropped their anchors and started playing safe and confident shots. Both of them gave a lesson in how to build an inning, and showed some character. Gautam got out after making 84, which brought Donald to crease who just unleashed some great shots and scored quick 30 (?). In the end Donald and Roger finished the inning in 37th overs to insure we get to 4-0

v/s GPCC (4/27)

On a chilly chilly chilly April day, one of the most awaited games of the season took place. A heavyweight title bout between two of the better teams in the A division. Sudha won the toss and after much deliberation decided to bowl first. It seemed to be a very good idea when Mo was induced into an edge early on by Sudha thanks to a brilliant catch diving to his right taken by Chaitanya. In walked Faisal and he looked to be aggressive from the

word go. He would have been cleaned up soon enough had RICHIE not coughed up a catch at mid-off. Jawad and Faisal stuck around and built a partnership with quick singles and the odd boundary here and there. After the break, Tarang was brought into the attack and bowled a very tidy spell. He was effective in getting bounce and nip of the wicket and looked to trouble the batsman every ball. He got an edge of Jawad and in walked Umer. Umer was run out thanks to a mixup with Faisal bhai while running for a second. Chiko, chaitanya and richie were responsible for that run out. Richie in the meantime was brought into the attack to bowl in tandem with Tarang and this proved to be the combination that worked. Richie was beating both batsman with flight and pace. He got waqar to hit on straight to point where Chiko took a simple catch. Tarang then got Imran to knick one behind to Chaitanya and GPCC were looking in trouble. From 100-1 to 160-6. Abdullah, who came in next, was not to last long as Tarang kept bowling short to him and finally got him to top edge one to short mid-wicket where King Willy took a good catch. Shehzaad was also run out and another gentleman who popped one to mid-wicket where I took a catch. GPCC ended up with 184-9 in 40 overs.

DCC got off to a terrible start with Gopal nicking one back first ball and Richie not lasting too long either. Chaitanya went in at 3 and played a brilliant innings. I did not last long as I was bowled soon after. At 15-3 we were looking straight down the barrel. Trix and Chaitanya played well together when Trix was given out to a very questionable lbw decision. Dev went in and he did not last long either. At 36-5 Tarang walked in and put on a solid and crucial partnership of 35 runs with Chaitanya, when he was also bowled playing across the line. With 100 more runs required at a run a ball, Sudha proved to be the matchwinner with his bat. Sudha mixed aggression with control and along with Chaitanya guided DCC very close to the target. With 20 runs required, Chaitanya was run out going for a second run and ended up with a brilliant 47. The equation was such when Sudha was batting but he remained cool as a cucumber: 80 balls 90 runs, 66 balls 73 runs, 48 balls 57 runs, 42 balls 42 runs, 36 balls 36 runs, 32 balls 27 runs, 30 balls 20 runs, 18 balls 7 runs, DCC wins with 15 balls to spare. Sudha played the best knock I have seen him play in the 5 years I have been part of this club. He took the attack to the opposition hitting two huge sixes over deep square leg where one of the balls got lost in the bushes hahaha. There is not enough that can be said about Sudha, Chaitanya and Tarang who played an awesome overall match and won this game for DCC. Special thanks to Trix for running for Sudha.

v/s Carrolton2 (5/20)

DCCC2 won the toss and elected to bat. CCC2 started with one short but Harris and Mansoor bowled a very tight line to keep the batsmen away from taking advantage of short fielder.

Harris bowled 2 maiden out of his 4 overs spell before pulling himself out of the attack due to injury and introduced Nadeem Khan. Khan continued the tight line bowling spree. Khan gave us the first break-through which was followed by a good spell from Imran. Imran took 3 wickets and was the key to putting a big pause to DCC's run-rate. Mansoor was brought back into the attack in the last 6 overs to not only contain the batsmen but also pick up 3 wickets; 2 caught behinds and a stump by Syed Tayyab. Sajjad bowled some unplayable length but was just unlucky with wickets. DCC ended 209 for 9.

CCC2 started a little shaky with the bat losing Najmi and Huda quickly but Syed Tayyab laid the foundation with well composed and flawless 77. Imran gave a good stand with Tayyab but after losing Fasih, CCC2 got into troubled waters with RRR piling high. Nadeem Khan and Sajju gave some good fight. Harris, still injured and unable to bat put in Mansoor and Yasir ahead of him... and it turned out to be a wise decision. After Nadeem Khan got out, Mansoor and Sajjad ran hard between the wickets but still needed some boundaries. Requiring 32 off of 4 overs with 3 wickets remain, Sajjad hit a TOWERING six over mid wicket; and the only 6 of the game. That transferred the pressure back on DCC2; Sajjad got out the next over leaving it upto Masoor and Yasir to bring CCC2 home. CCC2 required 15 runs off last two overs that came down 10 runs in last over and 3 runs required off last ball with Yasir facing. After that what happened, I am sure Yasir and all of us are going to remember for a long long time.

YASIR HIT A BOUNDARY OFF THE LAST BALL to seal the victory.

Game was played in a very good spirit.

v/s Nortex Stars

DCCC 207/9 in 40 overs

Nortex Stars 79 ALL OUT in 19 overs

Shashank 61, Girish 41 Not Out, Ramana 26 Not Out

Sudha 3 wkts, Kartik 3 wkts

v/s Googlies

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