

West Indian Softball Association

Richmond Hill Squeak by Crushers

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Richmond Hill Sports Club squeaked by Crushers to win their second game in WISA's 30 Overs Premier Division last Sunday at Carnarsie.

Crushers won the toss and decided to bat first. They were quickly in trouble losing their first two wickets with only three runs on the board. They further compounded their plight by losing another two wickets in the fifth over with the score on fourteen.

Veren Rangasammy joined A. Gobin and the two stabilized the chaos somewhat before Gobin tried to hit Bridgelall Herall over the mid-wicket fence. He was out caught for seventeen and Crusher were reeling at 35 for 5 at the end of eight overs.

Richmond Hill thought this one was over early. It did not. Rangasammy found enough support in Crusher's tail to frustrate Richmond Hill's bowling. He batted superbly and was left on 51 not out when Crushers was bowled out for 120 off 22.3 overs.

J. Hemraj and A. Shazaman took 3 for 23 and 3 for 29 respectively while Bridgelall Herall grabbed 2 for 21. Ravi Lutchman chipped in with one wicket.

Richmond Hill opened their batting with Ahmad Shazaman and newcomer, Clifflee Velaidum (Lee). Shazaman was the first to go with the score at 28. He tried to take advantage of the relatively short cover boundary, with an attempted drive and was bowled in the process.

Imran Wahab and Lee took the score to 56 before Imran was caught off the bowling of N. Gobin for 8. Pooran Balkissoon came to the crease and played 'second fiddle' to Lee who took Crushers' bowling apart for a whirlwind 51 before he departed. The score was 97 for 3 after eleven overs. This one had the makings of a one-sided affair. Not really...

Ravi Lutchman and Pooran took the score to 110 before Lutchman was out for 12. Needing just eleven runs with six wickets in hand, Richmond Hill decided to give one of its tail enders some batting. It almost cost them the game. They lost another five more wickets due to a combination of some very sensible bowling from Crushers and some awful running and poor batting from Richmond Hill.

Kumar Chickery and J. Hemraj saw Richmond Hill safely to 122 for 9, hence winning the game by one wicket. K. Paul took 4 for 27. N. Gobin ably supported him with 3 for 24.

Richmond Hill's next opponent will be L.B.I. at Flushing on June 29, 2008.

Queens Village beat Lions

Queens Village beat Lions by 146 runs for their first win in WISA's Division II 30 competition last Sunday at Alley Pond Park.

Batting first, Queens Village amassed a mammoth 221 for 5 off their allotted 30 overs. V. Shaw top scored with 62. D. Morgan made a fine 52 while A. Swamy contributed 23. Lion's Heman took 2 for 32.

Lions replied with 75 all out. R. Parbhudial grabbed 4 for 17 while A. Swamy bagged 3 for 22. Marsh and R. Khublall managed to get into double figures for Lions with 18 and 13 respectively.

30 Overs Round Up

Premier Elite

Rebels beat Wild Bunch by three wickets.

Wild Bunch: 128. Hamid 46, Mike Balkarran 3 for 24, R. Satrohan 3 for 20
Rebels: 130 for 7. N. Algu 30, M. Balkarran 30.

Ocean's XI beat Majestics by wickets.

Cornered Tigers beat Warriors.

Dynasty earned a walk over from Deluxe.