

Richmond Hill Sports Club's Corner

Richmond Hill beat Canjie in Qtr. Finals

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Richmond Hill Sports Club avenged its loss to Canjie in the regular season of West Indian Softball Association (WISA) Division I competition by emphatically beating them by eight wickets last Sunday at Tudor Park. Richmond Hill now awaits their semi final opponent.

Richmond Hill won the toss and asked Canjie to bat. Canjie got off to a good start of 25 in six overs with R. Lall and L Harripersaud before losing Lall via a run out.

Tejpaal Gobin, Canjie's captain and star batsman came to the crease with an abundance of confidence and a thunderous applause from his supporters. His century was the reason Canjie won the regular game against Richmond Hill. He batted cautiously and saw the wickets of Harripersaud and T. Kumar fall within fifteen runs. Richmond Hill's excellent fielding and better than average bowling made runs hard to come by.

Canjie was 56 for 3 after 12 overs when Richmond Hill's skipper Kumar Chickery brought Bridgelall Heralall (Max) into the attack. That decision would have an immediate impact as Max would strike twice in his over.

J. Hussian was brilliantly bowled around his legs for 10 and three deliveries later, Gobin tried hoist Max out of the ground, but succeeded only in finding Dinesh Somwaru (A-Rod) at mid wicket. He made 13 and Canjie was precariously placed at 56 for 5 at the half. Their supporters, who were rowdy at times, became very quiet.

After the break, B. Sukhu and N. Latif put on a 24 6th wicket partnership before Max got Sukhu. Latif soon followed via the run out route for 18. He was not pleased with the umpire's decision and unfortunately had his say before leaving the crease. The umpire tolerated his antics which at times his mother or sister would have probably been ashamed of, had they been at the park.

Canjie was eventually bowled out for 112 in 24.1 overs. Max took 4 for 17 off his five overs while Brian Heeralall chipped in with 2 for 12 and Ahmad Shazaman 2 for 16.

Richmond Hill opened their batting with Ahmad Shazaman (Zaman) and 'Wesley' the mystery man. They batted very cautiously and took the score to 59 at the break. The 'mystery man' and Zaman stepped up the tempo after and break and Zaman lost his wicket to Yadram Maystry in the process for a well played 39 in the 16th over.

Richmond Hill would lose another wicket in the same over. Canjie's success would be short lived as Max joined the 'mystery man' and together they brought the game home at 116 for 2. 'Wesley' the mystery man was unbeaten on 48. Yadram Maystry took both of Richmond Hill's wickets for seventeen runs.