

Captain's Report (Pramoj)

A huge success that is what could be said about the first show of KSM cricket. I personally take pride for having got the chance to captain this spirited bunch of talented cricketers. All of us were rather skeptic to start with, when the idea first floated of KSM fielding a cricket team against CCB (Cricket Club of Bayern Munich). Mind you CCB is a club participating in the amateur cricket league in Bayern. Thanks to our office bearers and few enthusiasts, we could organize this social event and turn it into a huge success. With out further ado, let me get on with the match report.

Like I mentioned, to start with we all were rather pessimistic about our cricketing talent. A few practice we organized in the past months worked, and what you saw on the past Saturday at CCB's zuricherstrasse home ground, was a spirited and passionate display of cricket by the KSM players against the might of the CCB. Though the result in the end stood against KSM, just a peep into the fight we put up against the behemoth opposition showed the winners were surely us. No little deed.

The game was played 12 against 12, instead of the norm of 11 players, and 30 overs a side. CCB won the toss and elected the bat. In spite of some terrific bowling and fielding display from KSM, CCB posted a huge total of 254. It was a wonderful performance from the CCB batsmen, especially their captain Gokul, Salman (Guest player), Patnaik and Reddy. We also saw some Very good bowling performance from KSM, especially from Binu, Sanju, Giri and Deepak. Binu was the pick of the bowler with 5 wickets.

At the half way break, the KSM 'Frau's treated the players with some mouth watering culinary delights. Unfortunately this was not enough, it seems, to scrap the rust off the KSM batsmen. Rusted they might be, many from the long years of not playing cricket, but their batting display was gritty and competitive. In spite of some good show by almost all KSM batsmen, we ended our run chase well short of the CCB score. CCB in the end won the match comfortably.

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The report won't be complete without thanking the wonderful cheering crowd we had at the ground. Many KSM families had come to enjoy the match and some with their friends also. A big thanks to all of them. A beautiful day came to an end, memorable for the well contested game of cricket, mouth watering food and for the good fun everyone had.

'Down we might go, but only to rise again'.