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CAPTAIN'S REPORT-SA6-SEASON 2010/11

SA6's season of 2010/2011 was a difficult endeavour. It was season full of memories, highlights, lowlights and fun not matter how difficult the season was.

As a captain, I take pride in my team and each player individually. This season was not about individuals. What we did well, we did well as a team, where we lost our way we lost it as team. This was possibly the reason why our season was a less than successful campaign. Losing our previous captain, our most influential player due to immigrating was a big loss. Pain was further inflicted by illness and sickness to our key up and coming bowling and batting stars and finally the high demands of tertiary education added to missing personal on a consistent basis. All in all to summarise we playing with a lean squad, more than often looking for fillers.

This obviously hampered our performance and consistency as there where never regular faces every Saturday. However a special mention must go out to the squad. Their team spirit, unity and ambition to just enjoy the gentleman's game we have loved since our earliest sporting memories is what kept us going, and most of all ensured that FUN was the aim of the game. We would always ensure that we were enjoying the game irrespective of the result. However looking back we are bitterly disappointed in an unsuccessful season.

On the field, bowling was clearly our strength, our openers, Abhishek Rama, Edwin Joseph and Manit Padia where consistent always picking up early wickets, our fielding at the best of times complimented there bowling. Backed up by the Harbhajan like spin of Rushiel Patel we always gave ourselves a chance with the ball. It was batting that let us down, scoring under 120 for 90% of the games was not going help us win many games, no matter how solid our bowling attack. The top four failed to make any runs of substance even against average bowling attacks. Leaving the middle order to battle away from 30/3 or 40/4 was not ideal. The lack of composure and shot selection was the downfall to our demise.

A special mention must go out to Viral Patel, who was the top scorer and excellent wicket keeper for the season. He was voted by the team as the players player for the season for his excellent performances under pressure and his safe hands behind the wicket. Both Abhishek Rama and Edwin Joseph for taking 13 wickets each for the season,

Looking forward to the season ahead, we need to ensure that we have a consistent squad. We do not live in an ideal world but building a consistent squad will ensure consistency in our performance. Team spirit and fun will always remain a core value for this club and team and we will build on these. We look forward to the new more successful season.

Sameer Ranchod (SA6 Captain)
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SA 8 Team Report – Season 2010-2011

The season September 2010 to March 2011 was the first time I captained the team. It was an honour to lead the team this season and I'm looking forward to future seasons.

The idea of playing 20/20 warm up games worked as a team building exercise which enabled the team members to meet each other as well as lift the team spirit. From the captain side it assisted me in finding out what potential each team member has.

One of the most outstanding highlights of the season was the game against Southern Suburbs. We were disappointedly bowled out for 105, falling short of 40 runs to make it a defendable score. With the rain on its way, Southern Suburbs captain thought he had an easy win, however he opened batting with his pitch hitter. I on the other hand opened bowling with my spin and medium/slow bowlers. Spin bowler Kiran Jiva struck early with the 1st wicket caught brilliantly by Kiran Laloo. This somewhat changed the game and the team spirit was lifted. From the other end I brought on Santosh and Chirag, my strike bowlers helped clean up the tail enders while the spinners on the other end caused some problems. The final result was we bowled Southern Suburbs for 68 in 17 over's.

Another highlight that comes to mind was our game against Sandton Cricket Club. Rudy Danie (WC) was destructive; he smashed the bowlers around the park. With the help of Shailen Dullabh, Rudy and Shailen then went on to make a 99 run partnership.

Kishan Dayal the highest run scorer and 4th highest wicket taker is one of the team's key batsman and reserve wicket keeper. He showed us that he was capable of being an all rounder when I had given him the opportunity to open bowling along with Santosh Laloo. Kishan supported Santosh throughout the season with his bowling. Santosh was one of the key opening bowler and death bowler. His task was to help restrict the opposition by cleaning up the tail enders. Chirag and Buds fought neck to neck for the second highest wicket takers, however ended up with a tie and Santosh Laloo at the end was the highest wicket taker.

Shortcomings on the team as a whole are not many, however drop catches and more accurate umpiring are a concern. Forthcomings from a captain's perspective would be to work on the basic rules of the game such as filling in a score card and score book as well as umpiring rules. Fielding practice is also a concern that needs to be worked on. Friendly games will be scheduled before the start of next season to assist in the forthcoming.

On the whole the team spirit was exceptional and this made my task as a captain most enjoyable.

Captain
Bhadresh Vallabh

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