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## Three wins and three draws in match one

The first round of two-day matches at the St David's Marist Inanda Fasken Time Cricket Festival produced three wins and three draws, not a bad return, given that the format is different and that the conditions favoured the batsmen in a big way, making for big scores – there were four hundreds and eight half centuries on the day – and big wicket hauls were rare.

Among the winners were the hosts, St David's. They were nine runs behind after the 1st innings against Waterkloof and had to chase 285 to win. They bravely went for it and, thanks mainly to a swashbuckling 116 not out from Roberto Mariano, they reached the target with time to spare. Mariano was well supported by Armaan Manack (97) and his captain, Jason Rowles (56 not out).

Clifton's Shiraz Perumal took 12 wickets in their victory over Noordheuwel. He took 6/83 in the first inning and 6/90 in the second as Noordheuwel were dismissed for 215 – 55 runs short of the target set.

The third win of the day was King Edward's 7-wicket win over St Charles. It was a game that ebbed and flowed, before three wickets apiece by Lebone Ramedupe and Steele Grooteman saw St Charles dismissed for 202 in their second knock, leaving a target of 166, which the Red Caps reached quite easily.

Perumal's six wicket haul was the only big bowling performance on the second day. There were a number of big knocks, however.



The top score went to Bafana Mthunzi of the Lions Invitation side, who made 172 against St Stithians (189 balls, 20 fours and three sixes). There was another big century – 140 by Jeppe's Aiden Reyneke against St Andrew's. The other hundreds were by Roberto Mariano (116 not out for St David's vs Waterkloof) and Ryan Young (114 for Jeppe vs St Andrew's).

Noordheuwel's Wander Roolvink made big scores in both innings of their game against Clifton and was the only player to be awarded Purple Caps by his opponents on both days.

### Summarised Scores

Waterkloof 1st inns 228/9 (AJ de Villiers 81, Johan Feuth 100 not out; Jared Stern 4/37, Miles Pegg 3/56). St David's 1st inns 219/8 (Jason Rowles 116 not out, Samrat Basa 64; Christiaan Smit 3/33). Waterkloof 2nd inns 276/7 (AJ de Villiers 73, Franco Schmidt 38, Rico Van der Walt 47, Juan Swart 32, Wian Du Plessis 52). St David's 2nd inns 287/1 (Roberto Mariano 116 not out, Armaan Manack 97, Jason Rowles 56 not out). St David's won by 9

wickets.

Clifton 1st inns 206 (Muhammed Malek 69, Caleb Naiker 25); Hanru Begeman 3/22, Dihan Grove 3/59). Noordheuwel 1st inns 202 (Wander Roolvink 49, Kian Libeneberg 40, Dian Taljaard 28, JD Bezuidenhout 32; Shiraz Perumal 6/83). Clifton 2nd inns 274 (Declan Shaw 41, Hayden Moodly 47, Shiraz Perumal 44, Rea Daniel 32). Noordheuwel 2nd inns 215 (Wandrr Roolvink 78, Steph Joosre 32, Hinrich Smith 37; Shiraz Perumal 6/90). Clifton won by 55 runs.

Jeppe 1st inns 188 (Goolam Ahmed 92, Keegan Cockburn 30; Bohlokwa Leketa 3/24, Nikhil Sukraj 4/41). St Andrew's 1st inns 254 (Naude Botha 29, Andrew Sobiech 109, Ruben Van Aarde 34; Shresth Kumar 3/90, Zizi Mkhize 6/46). Jeppe 2nd inns 363/8 (Aiden Reyneke 140, Ryan Young 114; FG Botha 3/96, Nikhil Sukraj 3/71). St Andrew's 2nd inns 209/4 (Naude Botha 95 not out, Rueben van Aarde 37).

Match drawn.

St Charles 1st inns 188 (Connor Simpson 51; Steele Grooteman 3/40, Connor Kuijers 4/56). KES 1st inns 225/8 (Tiago Dias 39, Urav Kukija 43, Luke Clark 44; Keegan Vermaak 3/28). St Charles 2nd inns 202 (Caleb Sharp 84, Ryan Clarke 71; Lebone Ramedupe 3/15, Steele Grooteman 3/32). KES 2nd inns 16/3 (Tiago Dias 76, Matthew Bromley 39). KES won by 7 wickets.

Nelspruit 1st inns 227/7 (Waldemar Grahlan 36, Luhan Siebrits 33, Janco Breyll 41 not out, Jason Knoetze 71; Alec Loveland 4/66). St John's 1st inns 232/5 (Darshik Lutchman 69, Aiden Barberin 79 not out). Nelspruit 2nd inns 215/6 (Luan Siebrits 48, John Deacon 41, Juan Maritz 57, Janco Breyll 45). St John's 2nd inns 136/6 (Joshua Hall 30, Herman Basson 52). Match drawn.

Lions XI 1st inns 266/8 (Matthew Barbour 88, Sachin Sunker 47, Zuan Joubert 44; Akhil Calia 3/40). St Stithians 1st inns 207/3 (Obesa Matsha 80, Thomas Collins 39, Tahseen Hanslo 40). Lions XI 2nd inns 341/4 (Bfana Mthunzi 172, Murray Lieth 58, Sachin Sunker 39). St Stithians 2nd inns 126/7 (Liam Mudenda 72). Match drawn.

## A CSA big gun was at the festival on Friday

Patrick Maroney, Convenor of Selectors at Cricket South Africa, was at the Fasken Festival on Friday, wearing his Convenor of SA under-19 cricket hat.

"I'm still in charge of the selection of the U19 squad and we will be doing that again at the Khaya Majola Week in December," he said. "So, with so many talented players

here at St David's it was an ideal opportunity to have a look at some of the boys we already have our eye on, and to look out for any others we may not yet have identified at this stage."

Besides, he said, he heard that the St David's vs Waterkloof game was headed for an exciting finish and he wanted to see that.



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# Day two Purple Cap recipients

The tradition of recognising the achievements of your opponents is the undoubted highlight of each day at the St David's Fasken Time Festival



Ryan Young, Jeppe (114 vs St Andrew's). Naude Botha, St Andrew's (95 not out vs Jeppe).

Herman Basson, St John's (52 runs vs Nelspruit). Janco Breyll, Nelspruit (45 runs for Nelspruit vs St John's).



Steele Grooteman, KES (3/32 vs St Charles. Caleb Sharp, St Charles (84 runs vs KES).



Wander Roolvink, Noordheuwel (78 runs vs Clifton). Shiraz Perumal, Clifton (6/90 vs Noordheuwel).



Roberto Mariano, St David's (116 not out vs Waterkloof). AJ de Villiers, Waterkloof 73 runs vs St David's).



Bafana Mthunzi, Lions XI (172 runs vs St Stithians).



Liam Mudenda, St Stithians (72 runs vs Lions XI).

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