

## The Fasken Times



Friday 29 August 2025

## The batsmen were on top on day one

ay one of the St David's Marist Fasken Time cricket festival is done and dusted and, as expected, the batsmen had the upper hand on the flat pitches and dry outfields. There were three hundreds and 11 50s notched up on the day.

St David's captain, Jason Rowles, carried on from where he left off last year. He was unbeaten on 116 overnight agaiinst Waterkloof. The other centuries were from Johan Feuth (100 not out for Waterkloof vs St David's), and Andrew Sobiech (109 for St Andew's vs Jeppe).

Six of the half centuries were big ones: AJ de Villiers (81 for Waterkloof vs St David's); Goolam Ahmed (92 for Jeppe vs St Andrew's)Jason Knoetze (71 for Nelspruit vs St John's); Darshik Lutchman (69 for St John's vs Nelspruit); Aiden Buberin (79 not out for St John's vs Nelspruit); Matthew Barbour (88 for the Lions XI vs St Stithians); and Obesa Matsha (80 for St Stithians vs Lions XI).

Two bowlers took six wicket hauls. Shiraz Perumal took 6/83 for Clifton vs Noordheuwel; and Zizi Mkhize took 6/46 for Jeppe vs St Andrew's.



It's early days yet, but the hosts have looked like a side to watch this year, as have the Lions Invitation side. The games were all quite evenly poised at the end of day one and day two is going to be interesting.

Only one game – Clifton vs Noordheuwel had gone into a third innings by the end of day one.

**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)

Clifton 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 Bezhuidenhout 32; Shiraz Perumal 6/83). Clifton 2nd inns 34/1/

Jeppe 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 34Shresth Kumar 3/90, Zizi Mkhize 6/46).

St Charles 188 (Connor Simson 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).

Nelspruit 227/7 (Waldemar Grahan 36, Luhan Siebrits 33, Janco Breyl 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).

Lions XI 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).

## 100 up for St John's skipper Loveland

Alec Loveland, captain of St John's College is playing his 100th match for his school's 1st team at the 2025 St David's Fasken Time festival.

He made his first appearance in the the second half of the 2022 season when he was in Grade 9, and took a wicket with his first ball in that T20 game.

He went on to take three in the match, and he went one further against Nelspruit on Thursday, bagging three.

Congratulations to him and good luck to his team for the rest of the festival.











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## The Fasken purple cap - the tradition continues

At the close of play each day, a Fasken Time Cricket Festival a Purple Cap is presented to the opposition player who each team thinks was their best player on the day. The two caps are presented immediately after the day's play by the captain. The Purple Cap is kept by the player as a memento. We encourage recipients to wear their Purple Caps in all on field and off field activities the following day rather than the player's traditional school cap



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Muhammed Malek 69 runs for Clifton vs Noordheuwel.



Luke Clark, 44 runs for King Edward vs St Charles.



Connor Simpson, 51 runs for St Charles vs King Edward.



Matthew Barbour, 88 runs for Lions XI vs St Stithians.



Obesa Matsha, 80 runs for St Stithians vs Lions XI.



Jason Knoetze 71 runs for Nelspruit vs St John's.



Alec Loveland, 4/66 for St John's vs Nelspruit.



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