

The captains are getting the idea

Seven results in the 12 matches played shows that they are understanding the concept of two-day cricket

The 2025 St David Marist Fasken Time Cricket Festival ended in a flurry of big performances on Sunday. There were four results in the six games played, and seven overall for the two rounds. That's the most in the nine years of the event, showing that the coaches and captains are getting to grips with the two-day format. There were a number of bold declarations leading to victories, which is exactly the lesson that was supposed to be learnt.

After three days of flat wickets and batting dominance, the spin bowlers came into their own on the final day. There were five 5-wicket hauls taken in the second innings of the games, and a further 4 "fourfurs".

The most economical figures came from KES' Steele Grooteman, who took 5/35 against Clifton, to go with his 4/48 in the first innings. Those figures helped him to best economy rate, and the most wickets, and he was named the Bowler of the Tournament.

Tiago Dias, also of KES was 78 not out in the second innings against Clifton, and 101 not out in the first. He totalled 109 in his first match, which meant he was the top run-scorer, with the best strike rate, and he was named the Batsman of the Tournament.

Jason Rowles of St David's was the Player of the Tournament. He scored the second-most runs, in fewer knocks, and also took wickets cheaply. He captained his side to two excellent wins – their best performance ever at the festival.



Prize winners: Pierre Swart, Partner at Fasken, with (from left) Steele Grooteman (KES), Bowler of the Festival; Jason Rowles (St David's), Player of the Festival; and Tiago Dias (KES), Batsman of the Festival.

Summarised Scores

St David's 1st inns 302/9 (Jason Rowles 100, Jonah Gruskin 35, Hayden Campbell 50; Tebogo Lebuya 3/50). Lions XI 1st inns 148 (Matthew Barbour 51; Morteza Maneck 5/61, Jason Rowles 3/1). Lions XI 2nd inns (following on) 240 (Murray Lieth 50, Sachin Sunker 62; Morteza Maneck 5/63, Miles Pegg 3/62). St David's 2nd inns 90/2 (Armaan Manck 50) St David's won by 8 wickets.

St Charles 1st inns 242/8 (Andre Bosman 49, Daksesh Rajah 34, Caleb Sharp 76, Ryan Clarke 58; David Ireland 3/37, Alec Loveland 3/79). St John's 1st inns 268 (Connor Vad der Walt 75, Michael Stubbs 29, Alec Loveland 36, Aiden Barberini 29; Keegan Vermaak 3/37). St Charles 2nd inns 276/6 (Christian Prinsloo 121, Thandolwetha Zama 88, Caleb Sharp 32 not out). Match drawn.

St Stithians 1st inns 243 (Ombesa Matsha 79, Nicholas Bayly 26; FG Botha 4/28). St Andrew's 1st inns 279 (Andrew Sobiech 34, Jonathan Hinckley 91, Grove du Preez 68, Naude Botha 38 not out; Zaakhir Hanslo 5/71). St Stithians 2nd inns 243 (Ombesa Matsha 61, Nicholas Bayly 74, Taheen Hanslo 34; FG Botha 5/71). St Andrew's 2nd inns 163/7 (Naude

Botha 80 not out; Akhil Chalia 3/25). Match drawn.

Jeppe 1st inns 296/8 (Aiden Reyneke 34, Vegas Scott 51, Zizi Mkhize 31, Ryan Young 32, Lincoln Casias 54, Ethan Elliot 56; Rivan Booysen 4/67). Waterkloof 1st inns 297 (AJ De Villiers 29, Wian du Plessis 126, Franco Schmidt 46; Zizi Mkhize 5/80). Jeppe 2nd inns 162 (Aiden Reyneke 27, Gلام Ahmed 35; Rivan Booysen 5/53, Wian du Plessis 3/22). Waterkloof 2nd inns 163/3 (AJ de Villiers 53, Rico Van der Walt 64 not out). Waterkloof won by 7 wickets.

Clifton 198/8 (Muhammed Malek 53, Hayden Moodly 50; Steele Grooteman 4/58). KES 1st inns 205/3 (Tiago Dias 101 not out, Troy Gordon 64). Clifton 2nd inns 169 (Matthias Samuel 38, Shiraz Perumal 28 not out; Steele Grooteman 5/35, Connor Kuijers 3/22). KES 2nd inns 166/1 (Tiago Dias 79 not out, Troy Gordon 32 not out). KES won by 9 wickets

Nelspruit 1st inns 190 (Luan Siebrits 54; Dihan Grove 4/60). Noordheuwel 1st inns 187/6 (Dian Taljaard 40). Nelspruit 2nd inns 152 (Wildemar Graham 42, Jaco Breyll 47; Gomelomo Sibi 4/37). Noordheuwel 2nd inns 159/1 (Wander Roolvink 55, Corne Botha 103). Noordheuwel won by nine wickets).

Thank you to our umpires and scorers.
Without you there would be no games



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Day three Purple Cap recipients



Janco Breyll, Nelspruit (47 vs Noordheuwel)
Corne Botha, Noordheuwel (103 vs Nelspruit).



Steele Grooteman, KES (5/35 vs Clifton).
Mathias Samuel, Clifton (38 runs vs KES).



Zizi Mkhize, Jeppe (5/80 vs Waterkloof).
Wian du Plessis, Waterkloof (3/22 vs Jeppe).



Morteza Manack, St David's (5/63 vs LionsXI).
Sachin Sunker, Lions XI (61 vs St David's).



FG Botha, St Andrew's (5/71 vs St Stithians).
Nicholas Bayly, St Stithians (74 vs St Stithians).



Connor Van der Walt, St John's (75 vs St John's).
Christiaan Prinsloo, St Charles (121 runs vs St John's).



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