

The batsmen were on top on day one

Day one of the ninth St David's Marist Inanda Fasken Time Cricket Festival took place on Thursday and it was dominated by the batsmen.

That's not a much of a surprise, given the flat pitches, lightning fast outfields and unseasonable hot weather on the Highveld over the last two weeks. There were no fewer than 15 half centuries scored on day one, some of them big ones, and several were undefeated with the batsmen set to carry on in the morning.

Along with those, there were four centuries on day one – the most on an opening day in the festival's history.

The biggest hundred was from Juvan Lamont of Noordheuwel who made 173 against St Charles. He took 139 balls and struck a remarkable 15 fours and 14 sixes. There were two half centuries by his team mates, and Noordheuwel posted a mammoth 400/8.

Two St Stithians batsmen got tons against Clifton. Ombesa Matsha was 133 not out (155 balls; 16 fours) and Thomas Collins got 126 (112 balls; 13 fours and 3 sixes). The other centurion was Jeppe's Lincoln Casais. He is 115 not out against Hoërskool Middelburg (104 balls; 11 fours).

The bowlers were generally under the cosh, but two managed to take "fifers". St John's Tapiwa Chikwava took 5/40 against Waterkloof and Ryle Bekmann of St Andrew's got 5/92 against St David's.

Just about all the sides posted big totals on day one and most of the games are very much still alive. There's going to be some drama on Friday when the action continues.

Summarised Scores

Noordheuwel 1st inns 400/8 (Logan Swart 65, Lin Roets 69, Juvan Lamont 173, Reney Van der Berg 34; Caleb Sharo 3/65). St Charles 1st inns 1885 (Thando Zama 34, Ryan Clarke 89, Connor Simpson 49; Heinrich Smith 3/46).

Hoërskool Middleburg 1st inns 278/9 (Janru Brazelle 85 not out, Frederik Boshoff 41, Gavin Genis 70; Keegan Cockburn 3/5, Goolam Ahmed 2/32). Jeppe 1st inns 235/3 (Vegas Scott 36, Lincoln Casais 115 not out, Zizi Mkhize 89 not out).



Lions XI 1st inns 291/8 (Bafana Mthunzi 29, Stiaan Van der Berg 41, Bulumko Magatya 72, Zuan Joubert 26, Heinrich Minnaar 37, Dominic Tait 41 not out). King Edward 1st inns 268/7 (Stephan Potgieter 94, Cian Sullivan 43, Jamie Van Tonder 55; Bokomaso Banje 3/54).

Clifton 1st inns 94 (Yusf Ahmed 23; Zaakir Hansli 4/11, Didier Le Roux 2/2, Tendai Kadyamare 2/18). St Stithians 1st inns 322/3 (Ombesa Matsha 133 not out, Thomas Collins 126, Nicholas Bayly 50). Clifton 2nd inns 43/2 (Muhammed Malek 28).

Waterkloof 1st inns 222 (Wian du Plessis 50m Liam Breedt 28, Jean Cloete 50, Rian Kloppe 39; Ethna Robinson 2/35, Tapiwa Chikwava 5/40). St John's 1st inns 194/3 (Nkosana Sibiba 67, Bryn Cilmour 35, Herman Basson 61 not out).

St Andrew's 1st inns 103 (Harbi Smith 33; Christopher Emslie 4/28, Kairav Koobair 3/24). St David's 1st inns 227 (Sohail Seonath 28, Jonathan Gruskin 43, Hayden Campbell 32, Matthew Nicholson 58; Ryle Beckmann 5/92, Ruben Van Rensburg 4/70). St Andrew's 2nd inns 42/3).





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The Fasken purple cap - the tradition continues

At the close of play each day at the St David's 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 captains. 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 their traditional school caps



Christopher Emslie 4/28 for St David's vs St Andrew's



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