

Just one win in a rain-affected first round



For the 1st time in its nine-year history, play at the St David's Marist Inanda Fasken Time Cricket Festival was stopped because of the weather on Friday.

The predicted icy wind picked up early in the day and it brought a thunderstorm, with lightning, at 10.30am, sending the players scurrying into pre-arranged shelter areas where they had to kick their heels until after lunch.

As a result, only one of the six matches produced a result, King Edward VII over the Lions Invitation team, which was a pity because at the end of the first day's play, several of them were nicely poised for exciting second day.

But that's cricket, and to their credit, the players showed full-on commitment, in difficult conditions, right up to the end of play, and there were a number of good individual performances.

The KES vs Lions encounter ended in a cliff-hanger. KES had a 26-run lead at the end of the 1st innings and then bowled the Lions out for 102 in their 2nd, leaving them a 76-run target which would have been easy, if it were not for the rain interruption. They were on track, needing 13 runs, with time running out, before some great death bowling saw the Lions take four wickets in three overs, leaving four needed, in the gathering dark, with the 5.30pm cutoff time passed. The winning run was struck off the fifth ball of that final over.

The day, unusually, saw more hundreds (five) notched up than 50s (three). Some of those centuries were carry-ons from the day before of course. Jeppe's Zizi Mkhize converted his overnight 89 to 101 (105 balls, nine four, one six); Owen Willows of St Charles made 120 against

Noordheuwel (128 balls, 12 fours, one six); Muhammed Malek of Clifton who went on to 170 (254 balls, 25 fours and three sixes) against St Stithians; Liam Breedt, who made 100 (123 balls, 17 fours and one six) against St Johns' and Harbin Smith who kicked on to finish on 129 (156 balls, 24 fours and one six) against St David's).

That made it nine centuries and 17 half centuries in the first round of games – the most ever at the festival on a single day. Saturday has dawned cold and gloomy, but dry. It's means that the second round of games will probably be quite different to the first, but no less intriguing.

Summarised Scores

Noordheuwel 1st inns 400/8 (Logan Swart 65, Liam Roets 69, Juvan Lamont 173, Reney Van den Berg 34; Caleb Sharp 3/65). St Charles 1st inns 242 (Thando Zama 34, Ryan Clarke 89, Connor Simpson 49, Relebiile Mokoea 33; Heinrich Smith 3/46, Heino Ferreira 3/68). St Charles 2nd inns 282/3 Caleb Sharp 62, Owen Willows 120, Thando Zama 92). Match drawn.

Hoërskool Middelburg 1st inns 278/9 (Jaunru 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 157, Zizi Mkhize 101, Goolam Ahmed 25, Boitumelo Skunka 25; Nijan Swart 3/97). St Charles 2nd inns 108/4 (Nijan Swart 59). Match drawn.

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 317/9 (Stephan Potgieter 94, Cian Sullivan 43, Jamie Van Tonder 55; Bokomaso Banje 3/54, Bafana Mthunzi 3/60). Lions XI 2nd inns 102 (Bafana Mthunzi 28; Tyler Cloete 4/31, Bernard Dorland 3/30). KES 2nd inns 77/5 (Urav Mukhija 47), KES won by 5 wickets.

Clifton 1st inns 94 (Yusf Ahmed 23; Zaakir Hanslo 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 259/5 (Muhammed Malek 170, Veer Ramuthar 45). Match drawn.

Waterkloof 1st inns 222 (Wiaan du Plessis 50, Liam Breedt 28, Jean Cloete 50, Rian Klopper 39; Ethan Robinson 2/35, Tapiwa Chikwava 5/40). St John's 1st inns 245/6 (Nkosana Sibibi 67, Bryn Gilmour 35, Herman Basson 88, Darshik Lutchman 26). Waterkloof 2nd inns 190/2 (Wiaan Du Plessis 40, Liam Breedt 100, Adriaan Du Plessis 39). Match drawn.

St Andrew's 1st inns 103 (Harbin 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 301 (Harbin Smith 129, Spencer Murray 45; Hayden Campbell 4/28, Miles Pegg 2/45, Roberto Mariano 2/28). St David's 2nd inns 54/2. Match drawn.



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