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CAPTAIN'S REPORT-SEASON 2014/5

SUNDAY 9-SEASON 2014/5

The Sunday Nine team draws the majority of its under 18 age players from the inner city of JHB- picture attached.

Team -Ajit Gandabhai ,Imraan Bedawal ,Mikhil Motiram ,Farhaaz Aslam ,Roshan Patel ,Akram Shaik
Sitting left to right-Ayaaz Shaik ,Saad Ahmed ,Fayzan Mohamed ,Diepesh Maisuria ,Chirag Maisuria .

11 JANUARY 2015-vs SOWETO-ASTRO 2

The ground's outfield was cut but the cut grass not picked up.The grass surrounding the boundary was uncut so when the ball passed the boundary time was wasted looking for the ball in the long grass.

The condition of the astro leaves much to be desired.

Azad won the toss and sent Soweto into bat.The 2 girl opening batters (Palesa and Paballo) were out early but Steven Moloï punished the poor bowling and having being dropped 3 times (a missed stumping when he was on 0 as well) raced to a quick fire 79.

Once he was caught on the boundary by a superb catch taken by Chirag the rest folded except for 11 year old Bafana Mfaba who scored a patient 24.

Wicket takers-Mohamed 5,Farhaaz 1,Saad 3 Catches-Ajit 1, Chirag 2,Farhaaz 1
Target 159 to win

Farhaaz who opened the batting a scored a steady 47, and Akram who came in at no 4 remained 49 not out , were the chief run getters as Azad passed the score with 4 wickets down.

Soweto, who bowled 27 overs,dropped a lot of catches otherwise the game would have been closer than it was.Bafana once more bowled with great measure taking 2 of the 4 wickets.

18 JAN 2015-PROGRESS-SWANNEVILLE

Azad won the toss and sent Swanneville into bat.

Farhaaza and Akram took 4 wickets each and they were bowled for 34.
6 were clean bowled and 2 LBW's and 1 run out.

Azad passed the score in 4.2 overs.

25 JAN 2015-RANDFONTEIN-HOESRSKOOL KRUGERSDORP

Randfontein won the toss and elected to bat. Scored 212/8 in the allocated 35 overs.

Azad bowled 21 wides and dropped 2 vital catches. Werener Pretorius scored 51 Saad Ahmed took 4 wickets.

Farhaaz scored a patient 41 supported by Chirag 25 and Akram 25 but at the allocated 35 overs Azad finished with 166/9, The middle order could not carry the momentum.

Wides and dropped catches cost us the match.

8 FEB 2015-ORANGE FARM-PROGRESS

Orange Farm won the toss and elected to bat. Scored 196 in 33 of the 35 allocated overs.

Azad again bowled 17 wides and some sloppy fielding enabled OF to score 196.

Azad lost the first wicket after 3 runs were scored but partnerships between Ayaz, Deepash, Master and Chirag enabled Azad to pass the score after 32.5 overs at a loss of 7 wickets.

Orange Farm.....Sifiso Ncobo 68
Mpho Ntsukunyane 44.

Azad Swaraj.....Ayaz Shaik 47
Chirag Maisuria 31
Deepash Maisuria 30
Mohamed Master 31

Yousuf Omar 6-0-1-23

Captain, Ajit Gandabhai was happy with the result but said that if they were to challenge for the league honors fielding and bowling must improve.

15 FEB 2015-SOWETO-SOWETO

Azad won the toss and elected to field on a slightly damp wicket due to overnight rain on a covered pitch. 3 simple dropped catches enabled Soweto to race to 195/6 in the 35 allocated overs.

Wicket takers were 2 Master Aaqib,1 Roshan Patel and 1 Faraz Aslam.Catches-Ajit Gandabhai and Faraz Aslam one each.

Azad again bowled 10 wides and some sloppy bowling added to the dropped catches.

Azad lost the first wicket on 0 runs and never recovered thereafter and were all out for 126.Deepash Maisuria 25 and Roshan Patel 24 were amongst the run getters.

Captain,Ajit Gandabhai lamented the fact that not only did the missed catches cost us the game but we are now 11 points behind log leaders Randfontein and 9 behind second placed Bntini.

And we have to play Randfontein once more and Bntini twice !

22 FEB 2015-BNTINI-HOUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Astro wicket and smallish ground.

Azad lost the toss and were asked to field. 3 catches were dropped but restricted them to scoring 45 runs in the last 10 overs.After the allocated 35 overs they were restricted to 203/7.

Wicket takers were 2 Master Aaqib,1 Roshan Patel ,Yousuf Omar 2 and 1 Akram Shaik.Catches- 2 Master Aqqib,2 Akram Shaik,1 Chirag Maisuria,Yousuf Omar 1.

Azad concede 20 runs in wides .

Master Aqqib (98 runs not out) and Akram Shaik (28 runs) partnered 108 runs for the 5th wicket that enabled Azad to run out winners after facing 29.1 overs.

Captain,Ajit Gandabhai said that beating second placed Bntini was a major boost to chase for a top 3 spot.

"The top order must put their heads down" said the captain" and restricting wides can only benefit the teams performances " he concluded.

1 MARCH 2015-DIPESLOOT-DIEPSLOOT

Astro wicket perched on top of a hill.

Azad won the toss and elected to bat.

Faraz Aslam (129 n/o) and Diepesh Maisuria (100 n/o) put on a opening stand of 302 before captain Ajit Gandabhai declared the inings closed.

Diepsloot were bundled out for a paltry 100.

Wicket takers were 3 each for Faraaz Aslam,Diepiesh Maisuria and Akram Shaik.Catches- 1 each Saad Ahmed,Chirag Maisuria and Ajit Gandabhai.

"If memory serves me right the previous club record for a opening partnership was in 1998/9 season when S Vanmali and P Ladd put on 267 against Wanderers " said captain Ajit Gandabhai.

He congratulated the openers on their record breaking stand and said that beating them comprehensively was a major boost to chase for a top 3 spot.

'The top order will again be tested when we play the THOKOZA SUPER KINGS on the 8 March 2015 " said the captain" with second round matches against Bniti and Randfontein still to come " he concluded.

8 MARCH 2015-THOKOZA-ROOSEVELT PRIMARY

Astro wicket and one end boundry small.

Azad won the toss and elected to bat.

Faraz Aslam (33) and Diepesh Maisuria (15) put on a opening stand of 57 and after a fall of a few wkts Roshan Patel (53 n/o) and Saad Ahmed (25) put on a 77 5th wkt partnership.The inings closed at 219/6 at 35 overs.

Azad grabbed the first 2 wickets but after a few dropped catches and game swung back into Thokoza's favour.After getting their top scorer Thabang Malatje (88) Azad got back into the game.But captain Dhimpho Bodibe held the innings together with 30 n/o and they passed the score.

'33 wides bowled cost us the game "said captain Ajit Gandabhai, "and the bowlers know it.But Azad's philosophy of never giving up means we have to win the remaining 4 matches to finish up top 3 "he concluded.

15 MARCH 2015-ALEXANDRA at ROOSEVELT PRIMARY

Astro wicket.

Azad won the toss and elected to bat.

Losing 6 wickets with the score at 89 and being 9 wickets down at 185 after it was left to Roshan Patel and Ajit Gandabhai to rescue the team.

They put on a 85 run 10 wicket partnership to enable Azad to reach 270 with Roshan getting caught on his score at 93.

Alexandra were restricted to 220 runs and Azad won by 50 runs.

Wicket takers were 4 wkts to Master Aqquib,3 for Diepiesh Maisuria,2 to Roshan Patel and 1 wkt to Akram Shaik .

Catches- 1 each to Deepash Maisuria ,Akram Shik,Mikhil Motiram and Ajit Gandabhai and 3 catches to Master Aqquib's credit.

"We batted with a lot of determination,took some brilliant catches and kept down the bowling of extras to swing the game in our favour " said captain Ajit Gandabhai.

22 MARCH 2015-SWANNEVILLE-SWANNEVILLE

Forfeited the match as students were writing term exams.

29 MARCH 2015-RANDFONTEIN –FLORIDA PARK HIGH

We won the toss and elected to bat on a turf wicket.

Most batters built partnerships around Aayaz Shaik (48) and Maste Aqqib (43) to reach 250 after losing 3 wickets at the score on 55. The last wicket to fall was in the last ball of the innings.

We were confident of containing the opposition but the old saying- catches win matches-came to haunt us and we dropped 4 catches which enabled them to pass the score with 2 wickets down. In fact their opener-dropped twice –Michael Kruger scored 124.

As morale dropped the 6 bowlers also let us down by not bowling line and length.

**“The league contenders showed us why they are in contention to win the league but our players were taught a lesson how NOT to play “ said captain Ajit Gandabhai.”
“They are young and it certainly brought home the mental part of the game home-never give up no matter what “ concluded the captain.**

12 APRIL 2015-BNTINI-HOUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We won the toss and elected to field on a astro wicket and smallish ground.

We bowled relatively well and and after the allotted 35 overs they managed 201/8. A few dropped catches and wide balls counted against us but as we chased 207 down in the previous match we were confident of victory.

But poor,poor batting and “attempted IPL ” and hurried shots resulted in us being bowled out for 141 after 25.1 overs. In fact Chirag Maisuria’s quick fire 43 meant we needed 91 runs in 18 overs for the last wicket .Faizan Patel and Ajit Gandabhai batted steadily but a IPL shot-reverse hit-was the demise of Faizan who scored 27.

We lost by 60 runs.

“The mistakes of the previous match crept in “ said captain Ajit Gandabhai.“It was a disappointing end to the season but overall we did well. ” concluded the captain.

Ajit Gandabhai