

AUCC PREMIER MATCH REPORT – SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

The atrocious weather that struck Auckland last weekend left many feeling as if winter had returned, yet still our premier and premier reserves sides were able to take the field on Saturday afternoon, however neither side were able to finish their matches while our premier women suffered a complete washout.

AUCC Men`s Premier v Ellerslie – Michaels Ave

After an emphatic victory in round one, our men`s premier side were in control of their Jeff Crowe Cup second round encounter with Ellerslie at Michaels Ave until rain arrived to put a halt on proceedings.

Our boys batted first after the start was delayed for more than an hour after some heavy early morning rain. Matt Ansell and Barrington Rowland opened the batting with Ansell the aggressor striking two sixes and a four before he was dismissed for 38 as the pair combined for a 52 run opening partnership.

Just four balls later Rowland departed but Marc Ellison (19) and Richard Sillars (20) ensured a healthy scoring rate was maintained before Chris Dineen (12no from 14 balls) and Vedant Zaveri (22 from 11 balls) upped the ante taking the score to 126/4 in the 27th over.

However with momentum in Varsity`s favour another huge downpour swamped the Michaels Ave playing surface ensuring no further play was possible. The match will be replayed from scratch on Sunday November 9th.

AUCC Men`s Premier 126/4 (M Ansell 38, V Zaveri 22no) v Ellerslie – Match abandoned due to rain.

AUCC Premier Reserves v Waitakere City – Colin Maiden Park `A` Block

History was made at Colin Maiden Park on Saturday afternoon with the first match being played on our new artificial surface on `A` Block.

Unfortunately the heavy downpours of Friday night and Saturday morning ensured that the first action the pitch would see came from sweeping brushes and squeegee machines rather than a cricket ball but a little after midday the pitch was deemed fit to play and our boys decided to bat first after winning the toss.

With the conditions making the outfield slow, run scoring proved difficult in the early going but a fine half-century from Richard Skelton helped shift the momentum in Varsity`s favour with good support from Vijay Anand (39).

Our batsman maintained their concentration throughout the frequent rain breaks but moments after the last wicket fell another shower struck which finally ended play for the day.

AUCC Premier Reserves 168 (R Skelton 55, V Anand 39) v Waitakere City - Match abandoned due to rain.

AUCC v Cornwall & Waitakere City - Keith Hay Park

AUCC's premier women's side suffered a complete washout on Saturday as both of their scheduled T20 matches were abandoned without a ball being bowled.