

AUCC Premier Match Report – Saturday 5th October

AUCC Premier Men V Birkenhead City – Onewa Domain

Jeff Crowe Cup - Round One

A stunning new ball burst from youngster Josh Fisher set the Premis on course for a comprehensive victory over Birkenhead City on the opening day of the 2013/14 season at Onewa Domain.

Our boys were Jeff Crowe Cup semi-finalists in 2012/13 and showed similar form in their first match of the new season with Fisher leading the charge.

With Warren Barnes injured and overseas professional Riaz Afridi not yet in the country 17 year old Fisher was given a chance to lead the attack and grabbed it with both hands. The youngster decimated the home sides top order claiming five of the first six wickets to fall to leave them stunned at 21/6. Fisher eventually finished with outstanding figures of 5/13 from his ten overs, his maiden five wicket haul at Premier level.

AUCC's Mr. Cricket for 2012/13 Vishi Jeet then chimed in with two wickets of his own and, despite a mini fight back instigated by the lower order, Birkenhead finished their innings with a well under par total of 127.

Our reply didn't get off to the best of starts with opener Matt Ansell and skipper Marc Ellison dismissed for single figure scores. Beau Dench looked to get the run chase on track but when he was dismissed with the score on 37 the visitors may have thought they were back in the contest. However, those thoughts were quickly erased by Chris Dineen who wasted little time taking the attack to the Birkenhead bowlers.

Dineen struck three towering sixes over the mid-wicket fence before being dismissed just one run short of a half century while Barrington Rowland (65no) calmly accumulated at the other end to guide Varsity home to a comfortable six wicket victory in the 29th over.

The result means our boys have got the 2013/14 season off to a perfect start with a short trip to Ellerslie on the cards for round two.

Birkenhead City 127 (J Fisher 5/13, V Jeet 2/18) lost to AUCC Premis 130/4 (B Rowland 65no, C Dineen 49) by six wickets.

Next Fixture – Saturday 12th October

AUCC Men's Premis v Ellerslie – Michaels Ave (11am)