

## **PREMIER MATCH REPORT – SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

### **AUCC V Suburbs New Lynn – Ken Maunder Park**

#### **Jeff Crowe Cup Fourth Round**

Despite a valiant effort our men`s premier side suffered their second defeat of the season in the limited overs format at the hands of Suburbs New Lynn at Ken Maunder Park.

The hosts batted first and got off to a fast start but when Richard Sillars and Adrian Fong claimed the key wickets of Aces batsman Michael Barry and former Blackcap Reece Young respectively in quick succession our boys looked to be on top of the game.

Suburbs gained control in the middle overs with a 114 run third wicket partnership and when the fourth wicket stand reached 80 the home side looked set for a score well in excess of 300 reaching 242/3 with more than eight overs remaining.

However at this stage Varsity hit back again with last weekend`s debut star Ayush Rajoura once again showing his worth. After scoring a half century in his first premier outing Rajoura claimed three quick wickets and effected a run out to stem the flow of Suburbs runs, and with Sillars also finishing with three wickets of his own, our boys managed to keep the hosts to a total of 291/9 from their 50 overs.

University`s response also began well with the top order maintaining a run rate of five an over throughout the power play period. This aggression came at a cost however as Matt Ansell, Barrington Rowland and Richard Sillars all fell for less than 20 leaving our boys with an uphill climb having fallen to 58/3 in the 12<sup>th</sup> over.

Chris Dineen then joined skipper Marc Ellison at the crease and the pair began rebuilding the Varsity response. Ellison was watchful in the early stages of the partnership while Dineen was typically aggressive smashing three fours and as many sixes on his way to a half century.

The pair added 123 for the fourth wicket before Dineen was dismissed but all momentum quickly shifted back to the hosts when Rajoura was dismissed two balls later. Sam Flett, Warren Barnes and Vedant Zaveri all fell in quick succession then in what seemed like the final blow Ellison, after keeping his side in the game until the very end, was adjudged lbw just four runs shy of a deserved century.

At this stage final pairing Adrian Fong and Josh Fisher came together with 67 runs required for victory and only 34 balls remaining. Despite these long odds the pair were not about to give up and battled bravely.

Fisher struck a six and a four while Fong found the boundary rope on four occasions to bring Varsity within 19 runs of the target before Fong finally fell for 26 from just 18 balls in the final over with Fisher remaining unbeaten on 23.

The result means our boys now have one victory and two losses in the one-day competition with one more round to be played this Sunday against Ellerslie before the final three rounds take place after Christmas.

On Saturday the two-day competition gets underway with Varsity hosting Waitakere City at Colin Maiden Park.

**Result: Suburbs New Lynn 291/9 (A Rajoura 3/43, R Sillars 3/48) defeated AUCC Premier 272 (M Ellison 96, C Dineen 50, A Fong 26, J Fisher 23no) by 19 runs.**

### **Forthcoming fixtures:**

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

AUCC Prems v Waitakere City – Colin Maiden Park

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

AUCC Prems v Ellerslie – Michaels Ave