

Premier Match Report – Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November

AUCC Premier Men v Cornwall – Colin Maiden Park

Just 13 overs into the AUCC Premier Men`s two-day match with Cornwall at Colin Maiden Park and the game was as good as over thanks to a devastating spell from Warren Barnes and Josh Fisher.

The visitors elected to bat first after winning the toss but may have been regretting that decision when the young Varsity seamers combined to take six early wickets.

Barnes was the first to strike before Fisher dismissed Aces batsman Michael Guptill-Bunce. Barnes then chimed in with another three quick scalps before another Fisher wicket left Cornwall on 30/6.

The visitors managed to survive the remainder of the first session unscathed but three Adrian Fong wickets after the break ended the Cornwall innings with just 87 on the board.

Varsity lost three wickets before reaching the target although the result was never in doubt and the question became how big would Varsity`s lead be before Cornwall would be made to bat again.

Barrington Rowland scored a half-century at the top of the order while Richard Sillars brought up his second 50 in as many innings. Sam Flett then chipped in with his first Premier half century to add to his five first innings dismissals as our boys reached 258/9 before declaring in hopes of forcing an outright result.

The visitors made a better fist of their second innings that began with a 125 run opening stand. Once Varsity finally broke through they took regular wickets with Fisher, Vedant Zaveri and Rowland all picking up two each but Cornwall had done enough to bat out the day as our boys had to settle for first innings points.

The result capped a great week for the men`s Premier side which saw two players – Warren Barnes and Matt Ansell selected for Auckland A for their match this week against Northern Districts. Skipper Marc Ellison was also selected for this match but is unavailable due to work commitments while spinner Vishi Jeet is playing two warm up T20 matches for the full Auckland side later this week.

Result:

Cornwall 87 (W Barnes 4/16, A Fong 3/16, J Fisher 2/20) & **254/6** (J Fisher 2/21, V Zaveri 2/23, B Rowland 2/66) **lost to AUCC Premier Men 258/9 dec** (S Flett 62, R Sillars 60, B Rowland 56) **on first innings.**

Next Match:

Saturday`s 23rd & 30th November:

AUCC Premier Men v North Shore – Colin Maiden Park