

Ruan has Outstanding Debut

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After the cold of the previous week it was a glorious sunny day for our friendly with neighbours Fauldhouse. It was also the day we welcomed our Overseas amateur from South Africa, Ruan Erasmus.

The plan had been a T20 but we decided to extend to 25 overs per side with Bobby winning the toss and electing to bat. Bobby opened with Fahad and struggled to rotate the strike, Fahad was the first to fall in the 6th over with the score only on 24. This is when Ruan came to the crease and stroked a beautiful cover drive first ball for 4. He and Bobby slowly increased the run rate through good rotation, however after nearly 9 lives Bobby was ultimately out for 34 in the 13th over with the score on 79.

Greg joined Ruan in the middle and there began a fantastic partnership. Both gradually upped the intensity, keeping the strike rotating and hitting the bad balls. Ruan was dropped once just before his 50, but apart from that he offered no chances. The 2 put on a stand of 132 in 11 overs with Greg being out at the end of the 24th over having scored 64 (including 4 sixes), Ruan went on to score 116* on his debut and Livingston ended with 227-4.

Naveen and Hamad opened the bowling for Livingston and their opening burst really put the result beyond doubt early on. Each bowling 3 overs with Naveen taking 3-12 and Hamad only conceding 10 runs. Ruan taking 2 catches from Naveen's bowling.

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