

Mora Sixes -six a side cricket tournament

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The most colorful tourney of the season “Mora Sixes” after 25 exciting and grueling matches concluded on Saturday with a draw between University of Jayewardenepura and University of Peradeniya, punctuating the final match due to bad light conditions.

The home lads, University of Moratuwa unfortunately failed to materialize the championship in the quarter finals against Peradeniya, endorsing the perplexity of the game. UoM

built up and showed off a formidable brand of playing equally in batting, bowling, and fielding all throughout.

Surprisingly, University of Colombo had to walk home on the first day itself. During the qualifying match for quarter finals between UoM (A-team) and ANC (American National College), the ANC could only put up nominal score of 15 runs, which was effortlessly replied with 18 runs. The 3rd quarter final match against Kelaniya was way too easy for Mora (A-team) players where the target of 30 was matched above par with 36 runs after several slashes from the openers, Sahan Perera (20 not out) and Rumesh Madushanka. The bowling spell by Randika and Munasinghe was also significant here. South Eastern, Japura & Peradeniya were the other teams qualified for the semifinals.

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semi-final between Mora (A) and Pera

was scintillating. The aggressive openers

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started batting with plans

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was taken down in the first over, but however the other pair made it pretty expensive scoring 19 runs in the same over. The game did not work out well for home boys during the last 2 overs, but managed set up a tally of

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return the

Peras

accomplished the target in the final over,but not without a gallant resistance by

UoMs

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The finals between Japura and Pera started around 4.40 p.m. and Japura batting first posted a target of 50, supported by 37 runs from D.M.L.P.Dassanayaka.The Peras chased this target eagerly and on the verge of winning the match, backed by the Japuras, umpires decided to halt the match due to bad lighting. A six-a-side tournament need not be declared joint champs ultimately, unless a team neglects the ethics in the name of the game.

The second day of the game was given a live coverage on CSN sports as the Media Partner of the event.Hp, Abans,Hutch and Virtusa sponsored the whole event extending their generosity in the passion of the game, bringing to lime light the university cricket. University of Moratuwa cricket team along with Moraspirit organized this event for the first time in the history of university cricket bringing together all the varsities and higher educational institutes. We are all proud to have witnessed the success and hope to bring more and more exciting events in the future.

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