



“LSWCC Prism” Team are “Champions” of the HKCA Premier League One Day Tournament

Double Delight as undefeated “LSWCC Prism” Team wins the Hong Kong Cricket Association Premier League One Day Tournament for 2013-2014 season as well as its batsman **“Nizakat Khan”** is declared the Best Batsman of HKCA Premier League for the season just concluded.

HKCA Premier League:-

Besides the traditional HKCA Saturday and Sunday Leagues that have been played over the past many years, in 2011-2012 season the all important “HKCA Premier League” tournament was introduced to the cricket community of Hong Kong. **The Premier League for the season 2013-2014 was divided into three separate tournaments, namely**

(a) Premier League – Two day Matches.

(b) Premier League – One day Matches and

(c) Premier League – Twenty20 Matches.

The whole concept behind such a tournament was to give the clubs that had teams participating in the HKCA Saturday & Sunday League the freedom to choose their best players from their respect Saturday & Sunday league teams to compete against the best of best players from other clubs thus giving the cricket community and the national selectors the opportunity to witness the best cricketing talent Hong Kong has on display.



For the cricket season 2013-2014 Five Teams participated in the Premier League One day Tournament, namely, KCC, HKCC, Pakistan Association, Little Sai Wan “Prism” and Nitin IPL. Each team were drawn to play over the season a total of 8 games for the One day tournament comprising of 50 over’s per innings with the team winning the maximum number of games being crowned as “Champions”.



“LSWCC Prism” Team had a disappointing season of the HKCA Premier League in 2012-2013. Questions were raised and suggestions were being floated around on the selection of the team for the 2013-2014 seasons. Coaches and captain were asking if the opposition had better players, whether they had better strategies against our “LSWCC Prism” Team. What was missing in the team that needed to be put right?

LSWCC “Prism” team members were reminded that 2013- 2014 season would be an important as the club was going to celebrated its 50th Anniversary and it was vital that all obstacles would have to be overcome and the Team would have to raise the height of their performance and win the HKCA Premier League one day tournament.



The message had been delivered and the two most decorated cricketers of LSW and HK National Team, **Tabarak Dar and Munir Ahmed Dar** who had performed well over the years for LSW and for HK at the International level sat down for business of picking the pool of players who would ensure that LSWCC Prism team wins the HK Premier League One day tournament in 2014.

“LSWCC Prism” Team captain for 2014 season was Munir Ahmed Dar whereas Tabarak Dar was the teams Mentor, Coach and a strong voice behind pushing the players to give their very best to win matches on the field of play. Prior to the start of the HK Premier League season, it was made clear to all players by these two senior cricketers that to win the HKCA Premier League one day was the biggest priority of the Team.



Full credit to these two veteran champions of the team for making it look so easy to manage a side which had LSW Seniors, Juniors, HK national players, players of different culture and belief who had their own agenda to perform to their very best to impress these two seniors.

As expected, the season did not start off well as few of the games were called-off due to unstable weather and wet out-field but “LSWCC Prism” team players were focused. Having seen their side falter in similar circumstances – most notably in 2012 HK Premier League, Tabarak Dar was a much delighted man by the spirit his players were showing in the present season.



“LSWCC Prism” team went on to be the unbeaten team in the tournament and wins over arch-rivals Pakistan Association, HKCC and KCC were outstanding and ensured that “LSWCC Prism” team were the worthy Champions.

The tournament favorites were KCC who like “LSWCC Prism” had won all their previous games. **KCC’s final game was against “LSWCC Prism” on 27th April, 2014 at Mission Road, which they had to win to be crown as Champions of HKCA Premier League One day Tournament.**





"LSWCC Prism" team players were ready for the battle and were not going to let the title slip away from their hands as the Team's Senior player Tabarak Dar called upon all his players and spoke on the way forward for this important match :-

Tabarak Dar words to his Team-mates.

"The mental aspect is very important in this game and everyone of LSW supporters watching the game expect us to win. It is an important moment in the life of this team, because to lose certainly would be a major setback and to win will be a good platform to build on and come back even stronger next year". Win this game for the Club, the fans and the sponsors "Prism Group" who have stood by and believed in us, even when things have not gone well in the past for this team in the Premier League.

"LSWCC Prism" Team went on to win the title by beating KCC side on the day by 40 runs. LSWCC Prism batted first and ended their innings on the score of 259 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in 50 over's. Major contributors to the LSWCC total were from Eshan Khan with 81runs and 50 runs from talented Wakas Khan.

For the game KCC team also was packed with cricketers who had big reputation and in the previous games had scored heavily against other teams and won. They had ex-Australian test cricketer Ray Campbell batting at number 3 slot as well as ex-HK national captain Najib Amar. Though Amar batted well and scored 50 runs Campbell fell cheaply for 5 runs and the chase to get to LSWCC Prism total fell short by 40 runs with KCC all out for 218 runs in 43 over's. The star for bowling was Wakas Khan with 3 useful wickets. The pick of the LSWCC bowlers was left-arm strike bowler Niaz Ali for taking the most important wicket of Campbell.

The table below shows how "LSWCC Prism" team went on to win the title of HKCA Premier League One day Tournament 2013-2014:-

Hong Kong Cricket Association - Premier League 1-Day



**RANK TEAM P W2 W1 D L1 L2 WKTS
LOST RUNS
FOR WKTS
TAKEN RUNS
AGST POINTS NRR**

1	LSW Prism	8	0	5	3	0	0	51	1472	49	896	29	1.5065
2	KCC	8	0	4	3	1	0	52	1325	49	976	25	1.6727
3	AMSUA Pakistan Association	8	0	3	1	4	0	52	1138	67	1374	16	-0.5022
4	HKCC	8	0	2	1	5	0	59	1189	46	1420	12	-1.4479
5	Niti IPL	8	0	1	2	5	0	47	855	50	1313	9	-1.2750



Outstanding LSWCC Prism Batsman

"LSWCC Prism" batting star was none other than Hong Kong National **Player Nizakat Khan**, who batted for 6 innings, remaining unbeaten in 3 innings, scoring 341 runs at an average of 113.67, with one hundred (119 runs) and a fifty. "LSWCC Prism" other batting star was **Babar Hayat**, another Hong Kong National Player scoring a total of 199 in 4 innings, with an average of 66.33 with one hundred(117 runs) and a fifty.

Club's senior cricketer in the winning team "Tabarak Dar" concluded by saying that he is a happier and a proud man for his club's team great achievement. This is a significant milestone and will be celebrated.

"I think the side worked hard and supported me so I am pretty happy I could give something back to them. It means a lot to all of us; to me, to our club, to everyone supporting us," Captain of the Team Munir Dar said.

"This win is the best gift for our club's 50th Anniversary," star batsman Nizakat Khan concluded.

Little Sai Wan Cricket Club's Chairman Kashif Dar was at the ground offering his support to the team and was in all smiles to see the "LSWCC Prism" team win the title having not lost a single game in the entire competition. The win had touched his hearts and he had this to say:-

"I would like to thank all (players, coaches & support staff) for their tremendous effort. The time and dedication they have given will ensure the club's team has a strong foundation on which the Club will continue to prosper and perform well for many seasons to come. Hopefully, we will win many more titles in the coming seasons".

It was time to celebrate the famous victory and the Chairman decided & invited all Little Sai Wan members that were at the ground to join him for a dinner at a near premises.

Congratulations to the winning team. All members of the LSWCC family are proud of your great achievement as we will be out celebrating this famous victory when we meet on **Saturday 14th June, 2014 at our club's Annual 50th Anniversary cricketing night dinner party at Mariner's club in TST.**

Thanks!

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