



Below Expectations Review

Despite being called the development team of Little Sai Wan cricket club, everyone expected that the Knights to perform far well than what they have achieved in the current season that has just ended. LSW Knights were neck and neck in race with the club's senior team JKN in their last year's performance but have fallen back for this season have ended season below expectations.

LSW Knights was captained by Niaz Ali under the guidance of senior cricketer Tabarak Dar. Had few promising young players but the luck and performance was missing this time of the season? LSW knights included 13 years old "Shail", 15 years old "Jagjeet" and Chinese talented young Player "Henry Lam" as per the team's development plan. All of these players along with few more youngsters are the ones to watch for their future performance.

LSW Knights only managed 2 wins out of 10 matches played this season which has been a huge decline in their over-all showing. None of the team's batters got a hundred in entire season as batting has been a long problem for Knights. Few positives have come out in bowling as Saqib Mehmood got 5 wickets for 30runs against HKCC Wanderers while defending 170 runs which saw LSW Knight's home and winning by a 10 runs.

Where has Knight's aggression gone?

It's a well accepted fact that Knights are at their best when in a desperate situation. It is also well accepted that often sheer aggression and passion has bail the side out at many times. By asking the players to put a lid on their aggression, you take away the only approach to winning games they have known. We did get a glimpse of this quality game performance against "Sri Lanka CC" in Knights last match this season.

After winning the toss, Niaz Ali decided to bat and team having nothing to lose, blasted 320/6 in 50 overs. Waqas Khan 95, Ibraheem 82 and Niraj 67 powered Knights to a winning total. Niaz Ali and Amanat then backed up the good work by batters with brilliant seam bowling to wrap up SLCC for 107 runs in 23 overs. Niaz Ali finished with 4-21 of 8 overs while Amanat finished with 3-44 of 8 overs. Knight's ended the season on a very high positive note that for a while made their players think that class is forever and stays with you only performance can rise or fall in a cricket match.

Coming up Next season?

Something for sure is coming up next season and when it comes, it will open a lot of eyes and belief of other teams. Knights players have their own style of play and do not try to copy other teams style of the play. Hopefully, the next season promises a return of LSW Knights cricket's moto, a tilting of the balance in favour of thrilling, enterprising cricket. Therefore, this is high time that Knights players wake up and start preparing for the upcoming season.

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