



LSW WOMEN'S TEAM REPORT 2014-2015

Women's Team Coach

Report:-

I have been coaching the LSW Women's Team for the past 4 years and it is still regarded as a side on the development stage. As the head coach of the women's team I face many challenges and at times I am stressful when carrying out my duties to the best of my ability.

As coach I have to train the girls, keep them positive in their mind frame and ensure that they perform their very best on the cricket playing field.

Every coach desires the success of their team and I am no different. Building a good foundation and structure is always difficult and time consuming and team need good resources.

It is well known within the Hong Kong cricket Community that LSW is an independent club and a non-profit making organization. Budgets allocated to the LSW cricket teams that participate in the HKCA Leagues, Men's, Women's & juniors are very limited and coaches have to manage their teams within the funds allocated.

Mostly of our women's players are from middleclass families and they have limited financial support from their families. The game of cricket in HK is expensive when it comes to having basic equipment's such as Bats, Helment, Shoes, etc.

Besides that I find it difficult in fielding 11 players week after week every cricket season in the past but this cricket year we have improved, as on many occasions we manage to have 11 girls on the field.

My appeal goes out to HK cricket body "HKCA" if you want good development in women's cricket then please invest more at club levels. In rest of the world all cricket running organization helps their local cricket clubs, but in Hong Kong it is missing. Here local cricket clubs need to pay heavily to run cricket teams. It would benefit the game if women's team grounds and affiliation fees are waived so clubs can spend more of their resources in attracting more girls towards the game.

On the cricketing front, LSWCC enter women's teams in 2014-2015 three formats women sixes, T20 and 35 overs game with two different captains which worked real well for LSW Teams.

Jaswinder captained 35 overs game as usual and did a great job. Every year her leading skills are getting better and better, rest of the players are very supportive of her leadership, as players are getting mature and reading the game well as we had very close games and ended up winning a few.

In T20 women Sixes format, Shanzeen was promoted to captain, due to her aggressive and attacking approach. She handle the team really well, all the girls enjoy T20 and women Sixes format all so, we had very exciting these two tournament, as most of the games finished until the last ball was delivered.

Women sixes is the most successful format for our team, we are champions in this format, we won all the game beside having lost one in which were tied, rule were applied, the team with no balls more will lose and we balled one wide more than our opponent. Each player did their job fantastically. Batting was carried well by our hard hitting openers Shenzeen and Mehreen, Mehreen was out once in the whole tournament Shanzeen out twice. Most epic innings was Jaswinder innings against KCC in semifinal where we lost our openers very quickly but she kept her cool and chase down the total on the last ball of the over. Our balling line was the most lethal and strong among all the teams. We were packed with two good spinners (jaswinder & kinza) two fast bowlers (Shanzeen and Mehreen) and one medium pacer (Akasha). Teams always perform well with rest of the players putting in a solid performance. Shirza & Harsha play very strong role by doing Wicket keeping in alternative matches.

During sixes a tragic accident happens to one of our player (Rajvir Kaur) as she was hit by a ball on the face during warming up. A flashy shot by one of our player hit her face from very short distance, every one of us were shocked and sad with the impact of ball around her left eye. Thanks to God it did not hit her eye she was taken to hospital by ambulance for further examination and treatment. I was accompanying her to hospital she was in a lot of pain but she kept asking me to ask the girls go ahead with game and wins them and I will join them soon, I was praying and hoping she don't get any facial structure damage thanks to God everything was fine beside her upper skin damage. She was out of the tournament due to injury but she did not give up following the team on ground and supporting the team from bench. One hell of a brave girl, this incident got more unity and care and respect among our women team player and they approach the game with the win in their minds. New Season 2015-2016 will be arriving soon in September, 2015 and we all look forward and I can rest assure you that LSW Girls are strong and are more competitive and are going to win many games.

I wish to conclude by thanking all LSWCC Officials and our Sponsors for their full hearted support in having confidence in our Women's Team and will see to that as their coach they make the Club more proud in the years ahead. Thank you and wish you all the very best.

Saqlain Ghulam Minnas
25th July, 2015

