

An Immense and Nervous Occasion for LSW Prism Team

Since the introduction of Premier League to Hong Kong cricket some years back, the focus of all the clubs has been shifted to this league. Despite having fewer club teams participating and since it has more formats, like T20, One-day & 2days games the league does give most of the teams an immense pressure and nervous occasion every time it is played. All teams participating in this league are obliged to put their best players on display for an outstanding performance and wins. Little Sai Wan Cricket Club also believes in giving priority to Premier League by entering its best possible team with players who have played for the HK National team as well as upcoming and talented youngsters from its pool of players.

LSW Premier League team is called LSW Prism and is captained by the well-known and professional HK national Team player "Moner Ahmed Dar" in all three formats of Premier League. Moner Bhai as he is called by his team-mates is someone who has taken the responsibility of this club on his shoulders for many years and his contribution to the club has been outstanding. It is very rare to believe a player of Moner Bhai's caliber having a quiet season 2014-15 which has been one of the reasons for LSW youngsters being pushed to their limited experience in the PL and thus failing to take the team to wins over others. The prism team included national team star batsman Babar Hayat, All-rounder Jhangzeb Khan and club's professional Head Coach Ehsan Khan including promising youngsters. The Premier league season kicked off with T20 league followed by two-days and ODI's.

Star Performer in All formats of the PL

Babar Hayat had an outstanding Premier League season 2014-15 including in all the three formats by scoring a lot of runs and leading LSW Prism to victories single handedly. His batting is loaded with all the shots in the book like cuts, pulls, drives. Which are played with power and timing. He is a cool headed guy and goes about doing the job by talking less and allowing his bat to talk. Babar has been consistent with the bat for the entire season. He also dominates, taking responsibility to lead an innings from the top of the order. He is willing to turn a useful contribution to an influential one. And he has done this across all formats, against all opponents, at an impressive strike rate. The arrival of Babar and his batting display has been very much enjoyed by his captain Moner Bhai & his team-mates.

Premier League T20 - Fast and furious game of cricket

LSW Prism started their Premier League T20 with a best possible start by beating the independents team. LSW prism restricted the opposition to 149/9 in 20 overs. Harpreet Singh claiming 4 wickets and Ehsan Khan scoring 44 runs to ensure LSW Prism is home with a good win.

The second and most awaited match against Pak Association and was a master class batting display from Babar Hayat who single handedly took LSW Prism to 188 runs by smashing a century in T20. "One of the finest knock I have witness in a match between LSW and Pak Association" said Captain Moner Dar. This knock from Babar put a dent on Pak Association team's confidence. It was then the turn of LSW player AmanatKhan who rocked PA with his variations in bowling by grabbing 5 wickets for just 15 runs to knock down Pak Association for a small total of 67 runs. Babar took his form into next game against HKCC by smashing back to back centuries which resulted in a lost as the LSW Prism bowlers failed to defend a total of 188 from 20 overs. This loss cost LSW Prism from being the champions of Premier T20 as both HKCC and LSW tied on points and HKCC were awarded championship due to haven beaten LSW prism in the earlier round match.

Top performers:

Babar Hayat in batting scored 272 runs at average of 272.00 to top in entire league with 2 centuries.

Amandeep Singh picked up 8 wickets from 4 matches with economy of 6.60.

Premier League 2-days – A test of concentrations and patience for players
Going into two day games after playing T20 is never a good idea and a wise move as both formats are very much different from each other including the requirements. LSW Prism failed to impress once again in 2day matches by losing the game to HKCC and a close one against Pak association.

In the next game LSW Prism then made a strong comeback against KCC, thanks to a destructive spell from Jhangzeb Khan. After winning the toss, full of national players "KCC" decided to bat and the decision back-fired on them heavily as they were bundled out for just 64 runs. Jhangzeb Khan claimed his carrier best figures of 7/20 runs and LSW Prism took the first innings lead with Babar Hayat 86 and Shahid Wasif 63. This game win will boost the confidence of LSW players at the start of new season Premier League 2015-16.

LSW Prism finished 3rd on the table but ended with many positives. LSW youngsters had a good look around as to how to adjust from a T20 Game to 2 day game and prepare well for the future.

Best performers:

Babar Hayat remained highest scorer of LSW Prism with 248 runs at average of 62 including a hundred and fifty.

Jhangzeb Khan pulled up his socks by grabbing 14 wickets in just 3 matches 7/20 being the best figures.

Premier League one-day – Defending champions LSW Prism face a fresh challenge.

LSW Prism starting as defending champions were hit by injuries as few of their players had to sit out and watch the game from the bench. It is one of the reasons for the team just winning 3 matches out of 8 played with 5 losses. The team lost twice to HKCC and was lacking performance in all departments. In the first meeting HKCC posted a big total of 332/5 in 50 overs and LSW Prism managed 181 only. The scorecard for second game was similar. LSW Prism lost close games to Pakistan Association where the opposition team won by 2 wickets once and won by 6 wickets in second meeting.

LSW Prism managed to make a comeback against giant KCC which included 7 national team players. Batting first LSW Prism posted a modest total of 138 but Ehsan Khan's heroics in bowling gave LSW Prism a victory by 4 runs in close contest. Ehsan Khan finished with 5/58 from 10 overs.

LSW Prism was one of the dangerous teams in the league this year but failed to defend their title and ended below expectations and the reason behind these still remains anyone guesses. A team having one of the best captain in Moner Bhai, a player of international standard in Babar Hayat, Hardworking Jhangzeb Khan and experienced Ehsan Khan and few promising young players, still failed to finish in the top 2 in the league is hard to swallow.

Best Performers:

Babar Hayat scored 291 runs at average of 41.57, Shahid Wasif scored 261 runs at average of 43.67 and Ehsan Khan grabbed 14 wickets in 7 matches while Jhangzeb finished with 11 scalps.

Finally PL season for LSW Prism team this season has seen its ups and downs.

The team has already started planning for next year including a summer training camp a month before the season kicks off. We definitely can sense a better performance in near future. Our best wishes are with the team to bring this trophy back home in 2015-2016. IN SHA ALLA.

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