

Cork Harlequins 3 v Limerick CC - Limerick CC win by 8 wickets

Munster League Division 3

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Farmers Cross

Limerick began the new season with an emphatic win against Cork Harlequins 3 in the Munster Senior League Division 3 at Farmer's Cross on Monday. Having won the toss, Limerick invited their hosts to bat and then proceeded dismiss them for a modest 56 in 32.1 overs. Limerick's bowlers dominated throughout the innings and were well backed up by their fielders, with several excellent catches being taken.

Dave Peat was one of only two home batsmen to reach double figures, making 15 before he fell to an excellent one-handed catch by Suman off Kevin Hennessy's bowling. Hennessy had a career day, breaking the back of Harlequins innings and taking his first ever five wicket haul in the process, at a cost of only 11 runs from his 8 overs. Niranjana took 3 for 8 and James Murphy 2 for 22, while Suman and Bharath bowled very well without any tangible reward.

Chasing 57 for victory Limerick lost Declan Earley with their score at 6, and Bandam 9 runs later; Bandam had looked very comfortable before he surprisingly lost his leg stump to Tony Crimmings. Aidan Fahey and David Lynch proceeded to share an unbroken partnership of 44 to see Limerick home by 8 wickets. Fahey never looked in trouble and Lynch finished the match with consecutive shots for four and six from Philip Russell's bowling.

Special thanks must be given to Frank Lynch who did the scoring for the game and contributed the above report. His efforts were greatly appreciated by all on the team. Below now will be the post game awards to be included with every match report:

Man of the Match: Kevin Hennessy made it an easy decision this week, his first ever five for in a superlative eight over spell earning him the honours.

Delivery of the Day: James Murphy's wicket taking ball in the fourth over, a stunning ball cramping the batsman for room and flying off the shoulder of the bat into the safe hands of David Lynch at first slip.

Shot of the Game: David Lynch's boundary clearing effort to bring up the victory in style! Aidan Fahey would have collected the award had he connected with an audacious attempted reverse sweep.

Catch of the Match: Unquestionably Suman's one handed take off Kevin's bowling; pretending he lost the ball in the sun just to make it look that much better!!

Funniest moment of the Day: Declan's apology to the Harlequins batsman after stumping him, not exactly the competitive streak he claims to exhibit. Also all of his "batting" must be placed in this category, nearly every "shot" was a chance!!

"Ow that's gotta hurt!" moment: Suman's delivery that caught Declan high on the chest was a sore one, maybe next time he'll use the gloves!!