

Cork County 3 v Limerick CC – Cork County 3 win by 2 wickets

Munster League Division 3

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The Mardyke

Limerick suffered a narrow defeat to Cork County III in their Munster Senior League Division 3 match at the Mardyke on Sunday. The home team won the toss and Limerick batted first, making 149 all out in 32 overs. Declan Earley and Bandam Suryam gave the innings a solid foundation, putting on 34 before the former was adjudged leg before wicket to Stuart McGruddy. Bandam was dismissed for a well made 25, including 4 fours, and Andy Webster followed shortly afterwards. Steve Ruane, with 3 fours in 15 runs, provided most resistance as Limerick reached 77 for 6. Suman Sesham and Reddy Sandri then shared a seventh wicket partnership of 55 in only six overs to lift Limerick's hopes. Reddy was dismissed for 19, including 3 fours, and Sesham nursed the total to 149 before he ran out of partners, having scored 49 including an enormous six and 8 fours.

Jack Marks (3 wickets for 29 runs), Stuart McGruddy (2 for 18) and William Bradley (2 for 24) were the most successful bowlers for the home team.

Limerick almost made the perfect start as they attempted to defend their total of 149, but Brian Scott was dropped from the first ball of the innings, bowled by Suman Sesham. This was to prove costly, as Scott went on to make top score of 44 before being caught by Suman from Andy Webster's bowling. Bryn Nelmes (18), Cian Scannel (12) and Joe Calnan (10) all provided support for Scott, before the home captain, William Bradley, saw his team home by 2 wickets after 37 overs as he scored an unbeaten 13. Limerick's bowlers toiled manfully, with Andy Webster taking 4 wickets for 19 runs from his 8 overs. Kevin Hennessy followed his five wicket haul from the previous week with 3 for 29 from 6 overs. Sreedhar Mangavelly took 1 for 29 from 7 overs, while Suman Sesham, as he had done last week against Harlequins, bowled excellently without taking any wickets. His 8 over spell was the most economical of the day, as he conceded only 13 runs.

Limerick must regret not using 8 of their allocated 40 overs, as Cork County were able to chase down their score in 37 overs and so now have a clear lead at the top of the table.

Limerick faces a busy weekend, visiting Lismore for a Munster Junior Cup match on Saturday and County Kerry for a Munster Senior League Division 3 match on Sunday.

Many thanks are due again to Frank Lynch for writing the above match report, his efforts are greatly appreciated. Now we turn to the Limerick match awards:

Man of the Match: Suman Sesham takes the honours this week (he's going to take a few awards today) with 49* batting, another one handed catch and eight overs for only 13 runs, he deserved wickets and would have got them if Declan could catch anything.

Delivery of the Day: Suman's opening ball was too fast for the batsman, caught the edge of the bat and was put down, a stunning delivery to open the game and was an example of what he was doing all day

Shot of the Game: Suman wins (again) for his massive six which cleared the tress, a spectacular shot. Ram (Reddy Sandri) also hit a few picturesque boundaries in his spell out in the middle.

Catch of the Match: Steve Ruane takes this one for his slip catch off Kevin's bowling. He gets the award because he held the catch after the ball hit him first where it hurts!!

Funniest moment of the Day: Declan taking this one for his "keeping" efforts, Kevin bowled a decent delivery which the batsman missed, Declan missed the ball with his gloves and got hit low, he'll be wearing a box next time!!

"Ow that's gotta hurt!" moment: This actually doesn't go to a player this week, it goes to the poor robin that made the mistake of flying into Kevin's windshield on the way down to Cork!