

Luxembourg take on Belgium 'A' side
Walferdange, Luxembourg 1st May 2008

As part of Belgium's preparations for next year's ICC Europe 3rd Division Tournament, a Belgian "A" side made its way to Luxembourg on a day of changeable weather.

Due to rain, the game started late with Luxembourg winning the toss and electing to bat in a shortened 43 overs match.

Luxembourg finished on 186 for 8 with Paul Burleigh (41), Ramesh Paul (29), Mahdu Ramachandran (23) and William Heath (20) making the runs. Usman Malik was the pick of the bowlers with 2-8 off 6 overs but all bowlers played their part. Shaival Mehta, a fifteen year old who played in the recent ICC Europe Indoor tournament, bowled his 3 overs for 12 runs.

Belgium coach, Fazil Mahmoud, boldly asked Shaival Mehta to open the innings with Colin Walker and, after a nervous start, went on to make 42 runs before being run out. Nadeem Khan made a fine 58 and Belgian captain, Richard Nash made 20 despite tearing a leg muscle. A mini collapse in the middle order held back Belgium but Andre Wagener and Lucian De Zoysa made sure of the result before the rain set in. Belgium ended on 173 for 6 in 38.1 overs and won on run-rate.

BCF Coach, Fazil Mahmoud and Sheel Shukla, National team manager, have put in an amazing amount of time to prepare the National team. Hopefully, by the end of this season, we will have a good idea of the make-up of the squad.



Belgian 'A' with Fazil Mahmoud National (Coach) and Sheel Shukla (Manager)



Luxembourg won

the toss and chose

Warm hospitality in a chilly Luxembourg

to bat.

Luxembourg

A. Pattabirian	Ct. U. Malik	b. L. De Zoysa	16
P. Burleigh	Bowled	b. U. Malik	41
W. Heath	Bowled	b. U. Malik	20
M. Paulsen	LBW	b. N. Khan	5
R. Paul	Run out		29
J. Pearce	Run out		1
A. Wykes	Ct. A. Ali	b. L. De Zoysa	8
M. Ramachandran	Bowled	b. G. Hawson	23
D. Gianchandhani	Not out		2
W. Codd	Not out		1
S. Evans	DNB		

Total 146

Bowling:

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	
Z. Muhammad	7	0	28	0	
A. Wagener	7	0	34	0	
S. Mehta	3	0	12	0	
L. De Zoysa	9	1	38	2	
G. Hawson	5	0	30	1	
N. Khan	6	0	23	1	
U. Malik	6	2	8	2	
Extras : No balls :7 ;W :20	LB :5	B : 8			Total Extras 40
Final Score: 186 for 8 in 43 Overs					

Belgium

C. Walker	Bowled	b. M. Ramachandran	11
S. Mehta	Run out		42
N. Khan	Ct. Pearce	b. D. Gianchandhani.	58
R. Nash	Ct. S. Evans	b. P. Burleigh	20
J. Familoe	Ct. D. Gianchandhani	b. R. Paul	7
G. Hawson	Bowled	b. R. Paul	1
A. Wagener	Not out		11
L. De Zoysa	Not out		7
U. Malik	DNB		
Z. Muhammad	DNB		
A. Ali	DNB		

Total 158

Bowling:

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
A. Wykes	9	1	29	0
S. Evans	4	0	19	0
M. Ramachandran	7	1	34	1
R. Paul	6.1	0	28	2
W. Codd	4	0	24	0
P. Burleigh	4	0	23	1
D.Gianchandhani	4	0	13	1
Extras : NB :1 ;W :11 LB :0 B : 3				Total Extras 15

Final Score: 173 for 6 in 38.1 Overs

Rain stopped play. Belgium win based on Run Rate.