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Round 15 - Heat bowlers demolish Prahran

A commanding performance from the Frankston Peninsula bowling group delivered an outstanding 146 run victory to the Heat against Prahran to keep their finals chances alive with two rounds remaining in the regular season.

Playing a one day split innings match following the washout of the first day of the Round 15 match, the fifth complete day washed out this season, the Heat were asked to bat first on a fresh pitch that was likely to offer early assistance.

Opener Ricky Damiano justified the decision of Prahran to bowl first, mistiming his drive to Stephen Seymour at cover off the bowling of former Heat bowler Paul Sealey to depart for four.

Chris Dew offered consistent plays and misses in the opening overs, to slowly move to 6 off 16 balls. Dew then aggressively unleashed four boundaries from his next seven deliveries, before going for one big shot too many, spooning a lofted drive to wide mid off to make 23 off 24 balls.

Joining together at 2/30 in the seventh over, experienced duo James Miller and Matthew Chasemore commenced a rebuild of the innings. With careful stroke-play and numerous singles to rotate the strike, the partnership took the Heat to a strong position of 2/90 at the 20 over change of innings mark.



James Miller hooks a bouncer for another boundary

Seymour and Chris Rogers commenced the first stage of the Prahran innings, and never looked comfortable against the accurate and disciplined bowling of Darren Groves and Miller, who frequently delivered swing and seam movement to challenge the batsmen.

Rogers, playing his first match after recovering from knee surgery that has kept him out of the Victorian Bushrangers side for the majority of the season, didn't last long as he found a leading edge that skied straight up for a return catch to Miller.

Steven De Bolfo showed plenty of movement on the crease, looking to lunge forward to smother the seam movement from Groves. But he could only manage an inside edge onto the stumps to be dismissed for a second ball duck with the score now 2/7.

Bushrangers Big Bash representative, Daniel Salpietro, showed plenty of patience to try and last through the difficult period with the new ball. However he was soon caught behind off Groves for six (19 balls) as he finally lost patience to reach and outside edge a wider delivery.



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Brett Forsyth wasn't able to contribute to the scoring, edging a Miller delivery to Jewell at first slip. When Chasemore sprinted for a lunging catch at mid off to remove Seymour in the next over for nine, Prahran were in desperate trouble at 5/18 in the 11th over.

Captain Neil Schlittler looked to play his natural game to hit his side out of trouble, lofting a six over long on. But the introduction of Scott Boland found the edge from Schlittler to the keeper as he departed for eight with the score on 6/33.

Liam Murphy came in to almost immediately receive quite an unfortunate caught behind decision from the umpire, as Prahran amazingly fell away to 7/35 in the 18th over. James Wild and Sam Coates saw Prahran to 7/38 off their first 20 overs, giving the Heat a match winning lead of 52 at the half way stage.

Miller and Chasemore resumed the Heat innings and looked to consolidate the dominant position secured with the ball. After pushing the partnership to 104, both Miller (stumped for 61 off 77 balls) and Chasemore (caught and bowled for 37 off 72 balls) gifted their wickets to the spin bowling of Bryce McGain and Wild respectively with the score on 134.

Sam Wiese was then trapped LBW for a third ball duck to Wild, as the Heat lost some momentum by losing 3/0. Dale Elmi struck a quick 13 runs before Wild struck again to bowl Elmi with a quicker delivery.

Nick Jewell and Kierran Voelkl then combined to add 23 runs to the valuable lead, before Jewell lofted Wild to cover to be dismissed for

19. Wild then struck for the fifth time (5/41 off 12 overs), bowling Voelkl for 13 with the score on 8/184 with 10 balls remaining in the innings.



Kierran Voelkl watches the Bryce McGain delivery closely

Some late order hitting from David Nankervis (12*) and Boland (8*) took the Heat to 8/201 off 45 overs, setting Prahran an almost impossible run chase of 164 to win off 25 overs with 3 wickets in hand.



Strong hitting from David Nankervis to end the innings

Prahran could only resist for a further six overs, as Miller and Boland wrapped up the innings by dismissing Coates, Wild and McGain with the score stranded on 10/55 off 25.4 overs. Amazingly, this innings was only 16 runs better than Prahran's effort at Frankston in Round 6 last season, where Prahran compiled only 39 in the first innings of that outright defeat.



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It was impossible to find fault with the Heat bowling effort. Groves took 3/13 off 8 disciplined overs. Miller contributed 3/21 off 9 overs, and Boland cleaned up the lower order with 4/17 off 6.4 overs.

This result increased the average of Frankston Peninsula on the ladder, and moves them to 12th position, six points away from eighth position with two rounds remaining.

At the seconds at Toorak Park, Prahran won the toss and batted first, scoring 2/82 off 20 overs. In reply, Frankston Peninsula lost Luke Walker and Matthew Gapes with the score on 1. Sean Wilson and Glyn Trueman then both departed with the score on 19.

Attempting to recover the innings, Leigh Lowry and Chris McCormick added 52 for the fifth wicket before McCormick was caught for 15. The Heat fell just five runs short of securing the bonus point for the first innings lead, reaching 5/77 off 20 overs.

Prahran continued from 2/82 and slowly accumulated their innings, finishing up at 7/183 off 45 overs. Tom Baron continued his good form with the ball, taking 3/39 off 12 overs. Ben Ashkenazi secured 2/40 off 12 overs. McCormick also took a wicket, dismissing opener and top scorer Brendan McGuinness for 42 off 75 balls.

Requiring an achievable 107 off 25 overs in the run chase, the Heat were restricted by only having five wickets in hand. Once Leigh Lowry was run out for 44 (73 balls, 6 fours) soon after the resumption, the Heat middle order lost regular wickets as the run chase lost momentum.

Ashkenazi (14) and Nathan Martin (11) added some lower order runs before the innings came to a close at 10/138 off 39.5 overs. The sundries of 36 turned out to be the second highest scorer, comprising 28 wides, 3 no balls and 5 leg byes.

Leigh Alford caused the most damage for Prahran in their 45 run victory, collecting the wickets of the top three batsmen on his way to figures of 4/30 off 12 overs. The Heat fall to 15th position on the ladder after this loss, still 13 points away from eighth spot.

The thirds played their fixture at Central Reserve, Glen Waverley due to the resurfacing works at Jubilee Park East Oval. Prahran won the toss and batted first to post a total of 5/179 off their 45 overs, with the sixth wicket adding a handy 40 unbroken runs to boost the total.

Rob Fisher collected a catch, run out and 2/30 from his bowling to complete an active day in the field. Mitch Wilson captured 2/25 off his 5 overs and Matt Christy also took 1/20 after opening the bowling.

Following the early loss of Riley Shaw for 5, Coen Chernishoff and Michael Edwards combined for an impressive partnership of 89 for the second wicket before Chernishoff was bowled for 67 (2 fours, 2 sixes). Edwards was next to go at 3/124, being unfortunately run out for 29, with 56 runs still required for victory.

Batting with an injured hamstring, Peter Sofra added a useful 24 runs before being caught. Up and coming fashion model, Luke Reid, constructed an innings of 18 before being bowled.



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Luke Reid, when he is not on the cricket field!

Joel Reid (5*) and Fisher (3*) came together at 7/167 requiring a further 13 runs for victory. However they could only combine for a partnership of 6, as the Heat fell agonisingly short by 6 runs at 7/173 off 45 overs. This result places the Heat in 12th position on the ladder, only 2 points away from Prahran in eighth spot.

The Frankston Peninsula fourths consolidated a likely finals position with a day of dominance at Como Park in South Yarra. The Heat remains in fifth position after their victory, but are equal with Fitzroy Doncaster and St Kilda who are third and fourth respectively.

Winning the toss and batting first, Prahran were soon in trouble at 6/41. They recovered slightly from there before being dismissed for 10/95 off 40.5 overs.

The destroyer for the Heat was overseas player Juvaunie Gayle who finished with great figures of 5/33 off 9 overs. Amazingly these bowling figures also included 15 wides and 2 no balls. Take these away and Gayle returned 5/16 off 9 overs.

Andrew Cowen cleaned up the final three wickets of the innings to finish with 3/14 off 4.5 overs. Matt Ryan and Bart Hudgson also collected a wicket each.

Nathan Harford (17) and Nathan Cassano (14) got the run chase underway, before Cowen (43* off 47 balls, 5 fours, 1 six) and Josh Waldron (13* off 8 balls, 1 four, 1 six) finished off the job for the Heat. They reached an eight wicket victory after 22 overs, finishing at 2/96.

Crucial Saturday-Sunday fixtures against North Melbourne are in store for all Frankston Peninsula grades this weekend, as Premier Cricket attempts to finally play a two day match for the first time since the first week of December. Rain has seen Day 1 of the past two longer form fixtures be washed out.

The firsts will play at Butler Oval, the seconds at Central Reserve # 1, Glen Waverley, the thirds at Central Reserve # 2, Glen Waverley, and the fourths at JJ Holland Park, Kensington.

The final Heat in the Kitchen Luncheon for the season will take place this Sunday February 20, with the co-author of the Underbelly series, Andrew Rule, the guest speaker. Andrew will also have signed copies of his books available. Contact Mark Dunsford (9788 5788) or the club if you are interested in a ticket (\$50).

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