

**Dear Marin CC**

**Match Report - Marin Bears v Titan Supergiants 4/24/22**

A shortish Match Report given we were playing the shortened format of the great game, for the first game of the summer T20 league.

On a lovely Marin morning at Piper Park, we started promptly at 11am under the expert captaincy of Ozair and took the field. A very tidy opening spell from Navjot (who did not appear to be hungover) and Faraz already had the opponents under pressure with the ball swinging more than a SF swingers club by all accounts. The good early attack was then ably assisted by Ozair and Zulkhif and a variety of others, so restricting the "Supergiants" to a relatively paltry 95. It was a good fielding performance by Marin and was notable that the opposition only managed one boundary during the 20 overs, possibly something of a record in the format.

We were boosted by notable spectators including Chairman Nick, and indeed Conrad.

It must be said that we also assisted by some comical running between the wickets by the Supergiants, resulting in 4 runouts. The personal highlight was a hapless Titan player being wrong footed in mid-wicket and somehow managed to lose both his cricket trainers in mid-flight! Slightly embarrassing. Things only got worse for the poor chap as when asked to square leg umpire took a position at extra cover until politely escorted to the traditional 2<sup>nd</sup> umpire position! This all add to great hilarity amongst the Marin team, and it was only a shame that the entertainments were not caught on video as they would have achieved many many hits on the "this is a village" app!

After a short break Marin took up the chase and never looked in any trouble despite some rash early season shots (myself particularly guilty) but were never in any trouble. Our key batsmen was Rahul Chitrapa with an excellent 47 not out and some mighty hits out of the ground. This saw us home with many overs spare and the innings really deserved a 50.

This closed proceedings in early afternoon, with Marin players at a quandary whether to catch up on Sunday afternoon domestic duties to impress the other half or relax. Personally, I cracked open a couple of beers and had a siesta under the late afternoon Marin sun, paradise!

Overall, a good start to the campaign but tougher challenges will surely await...

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