

# **Diversity Cup 2008**

## **An Inter Community Cricket Tournament**

Pakistan Greens, led by Muhammad Yousaf, won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Diversity Cup Cricket tournament held in Detroit, MI. Pakistan Greens defeated West Indies Masters by 3 wickets in an exciting finish. Guest of honor and legendary cricketer, Javed Miandad, gave away the Cup.

Roughly 50 players and officials participated from all over USA and abroad including India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Shoaib Mohammad, Rizwan uz Zaman and Rangana Herath were among the test cricketers who played in Diversity Cup 2008.

Pakistan Greens qualified for the final on the basis of a better net run rate as there was a 3 way tie amongst India Blues, Pakistan Greens and Sri Lanka Lions in group "B".

West Indies Masters qualified for the final after defeating Canada Maple Leafs and USA Stars in the group "A" matches.

The biggest upset of the tournament was the victory of India Blues against a very strong Sri Lanka Lion squad featuring test player Rangana Herath and 3 players from the Sri Lanka A team. Irfan Aziz, the off spinner of India Blues, crushed Sri Lanka Lions batting by claiming 4 wickets for 7 runs in 4 overs.

The most exciting match to watch was between India Blues and Pakistan Greens. India Blues scored 130 runs in 20 overs. Pakistan Greens had to score 131 runs in 14 overs to have a better net run rate to qualify for the final. Pakistan Greens reached the target due to fine batting performances of Muhammad Tayyab, Ashar Mehdi and Ahmed Butt scoring 39, 35, and 30 not out respectively.

Waheed Akhtar and Faisal Baig scored 74 and 39 runs respectively against the Canada Maple Leafs and West Indies Masters.

Parveen Sharma and Sukhjinder Rana claimed 4 wickets each against USA Stars and West Indies Masters in the Group "A" round robin matches.

Highlights of West Indies Masters round robin matches were fine all round performances of Curtis Springer and Camilus Alexander. Curtis scores 53 runs against USA Stars and got 2 wickets for 16 runs. Camilus scored 33 runs and got 3 wickets against Canada Maple Leafs. John Joseph scored 33 runs in the final.

Highlights of Pakistan Greens were magnificent performance with the bat and ball from their young all rounder Muhammad Tayyab through out the tournament. Tayyab got 4 wickets in the final. Rehan Bokhari and Kashif Javed played a critical role for the 6<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership scoring 32 not out and 30 runs respectively. Muhammad Tayyab was declared man of the match for the final.

Camilus Alexander, of the West Indies Masters, was declared MVP of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Diversity Cup Cricket tournament..

Waheed Akhtar, of the USA Stars, was declared best batsman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Diversity Cup Cricket tournament.

Irfan Aziz, of the India Blues, was declared best bowler of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Diversity Cup Cricket tournament.

Kashif Javed, of the Pakistan Greens was declared best fielder of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Diversity Cup Cricket tournament.

Ashar Mehdi, of the Pakistan Greens was declared best wicket keeper of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Diversity Cup Cricket tournament.

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