2006 San Francisco Tour Match Reports

Saturday 5 August

Honolulu Cricket Club versus the Marin Cricket Club Piper Park in Larkspur, California

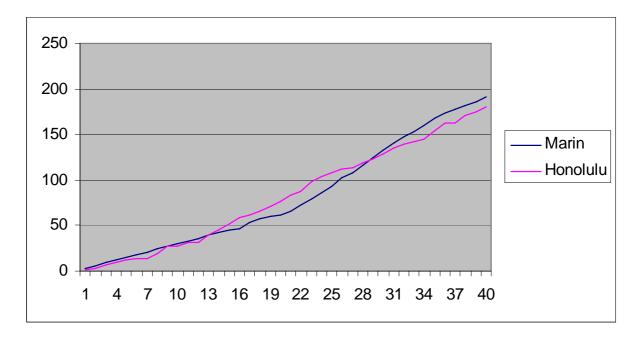
We won the toss and elected to put Marin into bat. They struggled to establish themselves and were 80 for 5 when Nirosh De Silva walked out to the wicket. Nirosh proceeded to bat aggressively and got away with a few rash shots which fell harmlessly between fielders. He went on to make 57 runs while extending Marin's innings to 191 from their 40 overs. Mihaly also contributed nicely to their total is 38 runs. Shahi was the pick of our bowlers. He did a great job of containing their batsmen while taking wickets. He finished with three wickets from nine runs. Also contributing with the ball, Ram took three wickets for 29 runs and Dustin one wicket for 27 runs.

Knowing that Honolulu does not have a brilliant history of run chases we knew that we needed a positive start to our innings. That is exactly what we received from Pankaj and Vinoo. By drinks we were 72 runs without loss from twenty overs. Pankaj went on to make 52 runs and Vinoo 35 runs respectively. We lost our way from overs 23 through 27 as our run rate dipped. Contributions of 20 runs from Shahi and 19 runs from mark were not enough in the end as we finished on 180 for 9 from our 40 overs at 4.5 runs per over.

Marin Cricket Club Social XI 191 all out

Shahi 7-1-9-3, Ram 6-1-29-3, Pankaj 6-0-30-1, Mark 5-1-21-1, Dustin 5-0-27-1, Catches: Owen, Trevor, Vinoo **Honolulu Cricket Club 180 for 9**

Pankaj 52, Vinoo 35, Shahi 20, Mark 19, Dustin 11, Ram 6, Robert 3*, Peter 2*, Nevin 2



Sunday 6 August

Honolulu Cricket Club versus the Kirigin Cellars XI Kirigin Cellars, Morgan Hills, California

After a two hour drive and the lessons from the previous days play we were ready to exercise our demons. Our host Dhruv was a wealthy Indian gentleman were purchased a winery and decided to incorporate a pair of beautiful cricket grounds into the facility. We won the toss and elected to bat first. Within ten overs we had slumped to 28 for six wickets as our top order batsmen had great difficulty with a bowler named Mushtaq and the wicket which was a bit slow and keeping a tad low. Under the watchful eye of our lower order the match turned back in our favour including 81 runs not out from Mark and contributions of 22 runs by Vinoo and 16 runs from Pankaj. Honolulu finished with 194 runs from our 40 overs at 4.85 runs per over. Mushtaq was the pick of their bowlers with 5 wickets from 20 runs supported by Kishan with 2 wickets from 20 runs.

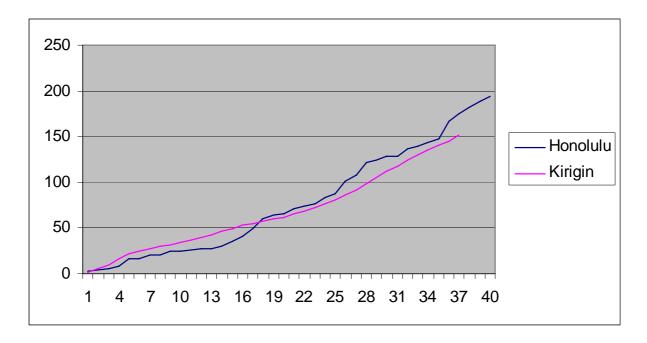
The lunch break was quite enjoyable with several bottles of wine complimented by offerings of smoked salmon, prawns, sandwiches, fruit, artesian cheeses and desserts. It was not long after going into bat that Kirigin Cellars found themselves in a similar position as us. We had them firmly on the back foot with good opening spells from Shahi, Mark and Nevin. We picked up the vital wickets of dangerous looking batsmen before they could get fully established at the crease. Dhruv came in and stabilized their innings and went on to make a top score of 38 runs before being brilliantly caught by Mebs. In the end our total proved to be too much from Kirigin and they were all out for 151 runs. Leading bowlers included Shahi with three wickets for 26 runs, Pankaj with three wickets for 29 runs and Mark with two wickets for 18 runs.

Honolulu Cricket Club 194 for 10

Mark 81*, Vinoo 22, Pankaj 16, Owen 13, Shahi 10, Ram 6, Nevin 2*, Peter 2, Robert 2, Mebs 1

Kirigin Cellars XI 151 all out

Shahi 8-0-26-3, Pankaj 8-0-28-3, Mark 5-0-18-2, Nevin 8-0-33-1, Dusty 4-0-13-0 Catches: Mebs, Dusty



Monday 7 August

Honolulu Cricket Club versus the Marin Cricket Club Piper Park in Larkspur, California

After winning the toss again we elected to bat first. The decision proved to provide mixed blessings. The ground was damp and thus the outfield was extremely slow and the ball became heavy and hard to handle. Marin fielded several of members of their first eleven and we found the bowling to be difficult to get away. Mark anchored the innings and went on to retire after making 41 runs not out. Shahi played a significant role from the middle order and amassed 85 runs not out from only 65 deliveries. From our allotted 35 overs Honolulu made 178 runs at a run rate of 5.09 per over. The bowling star for Marin was Faraz with three wickets for 18 runs.

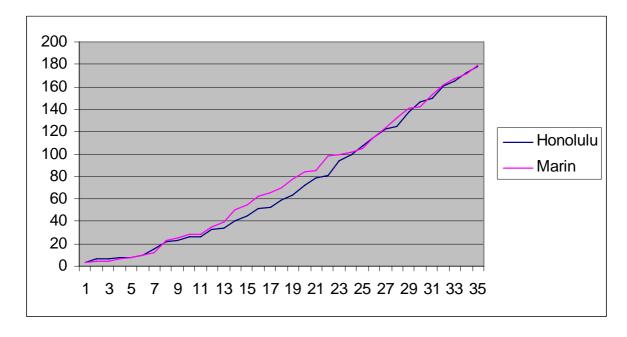
The team was keen to finish the tour on a winning note and we provided our best performance in the field. Nevin and Ram opened the bowling and provided two solid spells of tidy bowling which pinned Marin back. Marin would themselves in deep trouble at 60 runs for 6 wickets. Ozair Nana, former USA cricket player came to the crease and changed the course of the match. We had ample chances to win the match however we managed to drop Ozair four times. He went on to make 87 runs from only 50 deliveries. Ozair made the winning single in the final over to seal our fate. In the end Honolulu was not able to take the chances required for victory. Top bowling performers included Mark with three wickets for 28 runs, Shahi with three wickets for 31 runs and Nevin with two wickets for 22 runs.

Honolulu Cricket Club 178 for 4

Shahi 85*, Mark 41*, Pankaj 13, Mebs 9, Ram 6*, Vinoo 1

Marin Cricket Club 1st XI 179 for 9

Mark 7-1-28-3, Shahi 7-0-31-3, Nevin 7-1-22-2, Ram 7-0-38-0, Pankaj 6.2-0-55-1 Catches: Ram (2), Nevin, Owen



2006 San Francisco Batting Statistics

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	4's	6's	Average
Berwick, Mark	3	2	141	9	3	141.00
Bhanot, Pankaj	3	0	81	8		27.00
Cowie, Robert	2	1	5			5.00
Field, Nevin	2	1	4			4.00
Ganapathy, Vinoo	3	0	58	3		19.33
Mapson, Dustin	2	0	11		1	5.50
O'Callaghan, Owen	3	0	13		1	4.33
Page, Trevor	1	0	0			0.00
Ramsarran, Bishnu	3	1	18			9.00
Shahi, Ambrish	3	1	115	7	2	57.50
Virji, Mebs	3	0	11			3.67
Watson, Peter	2	1	4			4.00