

TCSL ONE DAY TAPED BALL CRICKET TOURNAMENT – SEASON 4: Tournament Day report

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Hello All,

We all missed playing together in 2020 due to COVID situation. We salute the health professional all around the world in helping us get back on the feet and making a much awaited tournament happen this year.

As we conclude the 4th season of this tournament, we thank all who participated in this tournament in some shape of form. We have always believed in bringing communities together through game of cricket, and I am convinced it has continued to grow our communities. We would also like to thank HORSHAM TOWNSHIP for letting us use their parks 4th time in a row.

This year we had 18 teams signed up within 3 weeks of start of registration. However due to extraneous situation one club couldn't participate. Our heart goes out to the team and pray to the almighty to give them strength to come out of the situation.

25th September started with a beautiful autumn weather, ideal cricket conditions. Our first game started at 7 AM dot.

After fierce fighting between the 17 teams and 16 games for 6 hours with games running simultaneously on 3 baseball diamonds at Lukens Park, we had our top 10 teams identified to move into the Pre QF/QF stage.

Lethal Lansdale, two time champions, lead the pack, followed by Finishers 11. CEC Masters at 3rd rank followed by defending champions Thod Phod. Philly Challengers, moved several positions up with both of their teams finding a spot in top 10 – namely 5 and 9. Runners up of Season 3, Chalfont Champions (aka CCC) had Spot 6th and 7th to their names. Bengal Tigers – young and dynamic talent hailing from Bangladesh at 8th and Eagle Hunt getting in at the 10th spot by a whisker.



Teams and supporters awaiting results from league matches

Spectators were for another treat as QF saw another round of intense fight between 1> Lethal Lansdale and Bengal Tigers; 2> Finishers 11 and Chalfont Champions 1; 3> CEC Masters and Chalfont Champions 2 and 4> Thod Phod vs Philly Challengers Royals

Bengal Tigers and Chalfont Champions 1 got better of Lethal Lansdale and Finishers 11 respectively to move into Semi Finals. They were joined by CEC Masters and Thod Phod Avengers. Semi Finals was played between 1> Bengal Tigers and Thod Phod and 2> CEC Masters and Chalfont Champions 1.

Chalfont Champions 1 cut the CEC Masters chase by putting in a mammoth total of 75 runs on the board, and CEC balking under the pressure. Semi Final 2 saw Thod Phod defending a small total of 40 runs with all their might against Bengal Tigers. Boy, was this Diesel revving up? (For the uninitiated, Thod Phod loves to call themselves as Diesel engine, starting slow, but once they get momentum, they are unstoppable)

Introduced first time in this tournament – a 3rd spot match was played between CEC Masters and Bengal Tigers. CEC Masters was easily able to overpower Bengal Tigers and became the first team to pick up a 3rd Spot Trophy.

The Finals saw the clash of Titans from the previous outing in 2019. Thod Phod was going to face the same opponent Chalfont Champions 1. Will Defending champions repeat the feat of Season 3? Will they demolish Chalfont Champions? Thod Phod, choosing to bat first, made their intentions very clear hitting 2 sixes in the first over, but the momentum soon slowed down ending their inning at 38. Will the bowling power be enough to defend relatively small total. Devender, Bilal, Avinash and Kaleem led ferocious attack with the ball, but this time CCC had their lessons learnt. No freak shots, keep to the basics and keep the score board ticking with 1s and 2s. At the end, they had 3 balls and 2 runs to go, when a wide ball brought the score equals and in the next ball an easy singled sealed the fate for Thod Phod. CCC brought home the trophy with just 2 balls left. What a nail biting finish!! There was never a moment when one of the teams could be ruled out. A nail biting finish, a photo finish, a cliff hanger, hard fought, nip and tuck – we can use any number of adjectives, but all of them will fall short of what the audience witnessed in that match. While CCC won the Champions trophy, both the teams won the hearts with their grit and resolve.



Podium Moment (L to R): Ashit Captain of CEC Masters with 3rd Place, Ravi Captain of Chalfont Champions 1 with 1st place and Biony Captain of Thod Phod Avengers with 2nd place trophies respectively



Chalfont Champions Club (CCC) with Champions Trophy



Thod Phod Avengers Team with Runners Up Trophy



Cricket Enthusiast Club (CEC) with 3rd Place trophy

Prasad was adjudged Man of Tournament. His patience and grit through-out the tournament made sure Chalfont Champions sailed through any total that was given to them. Man of the Tournament was sponsored by [VEDA](#).

Again introduced for the first time, the Runners Up Man of the Tournament trophy was lifted by Devender. He ensured Thod Phod got his expertise in batting as well as bowling department, a true all round performance. Runners up Man of the Tournament was also sponsored by [VEDA](#).



Prasad receiving his Man of Tournament trophy and prize



Devender receiving Runners up Man of tournament prize money

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Thank you for all your support, our sponsors: (L to R) – India Grille, Best Western, Veda, Sanskriti Fashion and Michael Freiman. A special thank you to Rajesh for donating a cricket bat to the cause

Our sincerest acknowledgement to the volunteers at the food booth. With the introduction of Tamarind Rice, Coconut cake, Chole and Bagels, and the usual suspect like Chicken Biryani, Samosa, tea, rice, everyone had something to keep them energized through a very hectic day.



Thank you very much for keeping us up and running through the day (L to R): Shipra, Rishita, Rashmi, Nutan, Anisha, Sonam

Last but not the least, the family and supporters of all the teams who came out in big numbers to cheer their teams and making this a grand success.



Proud kids holding the trophy



Philly Challengers and their supporters enjoying a great tournament under beautiful weather

That brings us to the conclusion of TCSL ONE DAY TAPED TENNIS BALL CRICKET TOURNAMENT – SEASON 4 – 2021

Till next year, with another exciting tournament.



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