

= British Asian Cup =

The British Asian Cup was a day / night Twenty20 cricket charity match played between the 2008 Indian Premier League ( IPL ) champion Rajasthan Royals and the 2008 Twenty20 Cup champion Middlesex Panthers played at the Lord 's Cricket Ground , London , England . A portion of the earnings of the match went to the British Asian Trust . It ended as the Royals defeated the Panthers by 46 runs .

Shaun Udal and Shane Warne were the captains for the Panthers and the Royals respectively . The Royals played a warm @-@ up game with the Middlesex Second XI before the match , and won it by 28 runs . The match attracted a crowd of 20 @,@ 000 people , but was delayed due to rain .

Winning the toss , the Panthers opted to bowl first . The Royals scored 162 runs for five wickets , and Swapnil Asnodkar and Mohammad Kaif top @-@ scored with 41 run each . Dawid Malan took two wickets for 23 runs . In reply , the Panthers made 116 runs for seven wickets , as the Royals won by 46 runs . Sohail Tanvir took three wickets for 20 runs , and Dimitri Mascarenhas was named the man of the match for his all @-@ round performance .

= = Background = =

On 14 May 2009 , it was announced that 2008 IPL champion Rajasthan Royals and 2008 Twenty20 Cup champion Middlesex Panthers will play a charity match on 6 July 2009 under the name of the British Asian Cup , a portion of the earnings of which will go to the British Asian Trust . The two teams would have played each other in the 2008 Champions League Twenty20 , but the tournament was cancelled due to security reasons . The then IPL chairman Lalit Modi said , " We have shown this year that the IPL truly has global appeal , and for one of our teams to be playing at the ' home of cricket [ Lords ] ' in front of the wonderfully passionate British fans is very exciting . " He also welcomed the association with the British Asian Trust . Marlyebone Cricket Club ( MCC ) chief executive Keith Bradshaw said , " It is a great honour to be hosting the first year of this competition , and demonstrates the MCC commitment to globalising our brand and venue . " It was planned that the British Asian Cup will be an annual series played between the IPL and Twenty20 Cup winners , and will consist of three matches in future .

= = Build up = =

Udal and Warne captained the Panthers and the Royals respectively . Tyron Henderson , who had played for the Royals in the IPL , decided to play for the Panthers . Sohail Tanvir played for the Royals after getting the permission of the Pakistan Cricket Board . Tanvir was not able to play in the 2009 IPL due to tense relations between India and Pakistan after the 2008 Mumbai attacks . However it was later decided to move the 2009 edition to South Africa due to 2009 Indian general election , but till then the Pakistani players were either terminated or suspended by their franchisees due to their unavailability . Kamran Akmal could not play for the Royals in the match because of Sri Lanka 's tour of Pakistan . It was also the last competitive game played by Warne at the Lord 's Cricket Ground .

The Royals played a warm @-@ up game with the Middlesex Second XI at Denis Compton Oval on 5 July 2009 . Captained by Mohammad Kaif , the Royals won the toss elected to bat first . The scored 139 runs at a loss of seven wickets , and Faiz Fazal top scored with 47 runs . Batting second , the Middlesex Second XI got all out at 111 runs in the last over . Munaf Patel took three wickets , and the Royals won by 28 runs .

= = Match = =

The match attracted a crowd of 20 @,@ 000 people and was a day / night event . The match was scheduled to start at 4 : 21 GMT , but it started raining heavily and the play was stopped . However

the rain stopped at 4 : 25 GMT and the toss took place . The Panthers won the toss and decided to bowl first . Fazal and Swapnil Asnodkar opened for the Royals and Gareth Berg bowled the first over . Murali Karthik came to the attack in the seventh over . In the first ball of the over , a shot by Ashnodkar was deflected by the wicket @-@ keeper 's helmet , and the Royals got five penalty runs . In the same over , Fazal and Asnodkar reached to a 50 runs partnership in 38 balls . However Karthik took the wicket of Fazal in the fifth ball . Fazal tried to hit play the ball towards extra cover , but it went high in the air and Billy Godleman took the catch . Fazal went out making 27 runs off 22 balls , hitting two sixes . Karthik slowed down the run rate , and no boundary was hit in the next six overs . Kaif and Ashnodkar added 50 runs in 45 balls for the second wicket , but Ashnodkar got dismissed in the very next ball . Dawid Malan bowled a full toss and Ashnodkar hit it towards deep mid @-@ wicket , however Shah took " well judged " catch . Ashnodkar made 41 runs off 40 balls . In the next over , Eoin Morgan dropped Naman Ojha on Shaun Udal . However Ojha got caught by Steven Finn on the next ball . Ojha made 10 run off 5 balls . In the next over , Malan bowled Justin Langer , who scored one run in two balls . The next over , bowled by Henderson , came out to be the most expensive over of the innings ; 15 runs were scored in the over . Mascarenhas hit a four and a six , and the Royals reached to 145 runs . The next over was bowled by Berg , who gave seven runs . In the last ball of the innings , Kaif got ran out on 41 runs . The Royals scored 162 runs at a loss of five wickets in 20 overs . Mascarenhas remained not out on 32 runs off 16 balls . Malan took two wickets for the Panthers giving 23 runs .

The Panthers opened with Godleman and Neil Dexter . The first wicket felt in the fourth over ; Tanvir bowled Godleman , who went on four runs . Mascarenhas took the important wicket of Owais Shah in the next over , as Shah went for one run . In the first ball of the seventh over , Ojha dropped Dexter , however Mascarenhas bowled him on 26 runs on the third ball of the same over . Mascarenhas took two wickets for 24 runs in his four over spell . Malan and Morgan scored 45 runs for the fourth wicket partnership , before Ojha caught Morgan on Tanvir . Morgan went out making 15 runs on 19 balls . Henderson got out in the same over , getting caught by Mascarenhas ; he went out scoring one run . Ojha stumped Malan on Warne in the next over , and he went for 34 runs . The Panthers required 79 runs in the last four overs . Berg , who scored 26 runs , went out in the last over as Fazal caught him on Abhishek Raut . The Panthers could only manage to 116 runs for even wickets , and the Royals won by 46 runs . Tanvir took three wickets for 20 runs . Mascarenhas was named the man of the match for his " all @-@ round effort " .

= = = Scorecard = = =

On @-@ field umpires : Trevor Jesty ( England ) , David Millns ( England )

Third umpire : Stephen Gale ( England )

Toss : Panthers elected to field first

Result : Royals won by 46 wickets

Key

\* ? Captain

? Wicket @-@ keeper

c Fielder ? the batsman was dismissed by a catch by the named fielder

b Bowler ? the bowler who gains credit for the dismissal

b ? the batsman was dismissed by bowled

lbw ? the batsman was dismissed leg before wicket

Total runs are in the format : score / wickets