

MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v USA Cricket Association (20 overs)

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Match Report: Don Shelley

The penultimate match of the MCC tour to the USA was played at the Central Broward Regional Park, a purpose built cricket stadium. The ground has a lush outfield but the wicket which was totally devoid of grass, had a low, slow bounce. The Twenty20 match was played under the superb Central Broward floodlights.

After the USA Cricket Association won the toss and elected to bat, they lost an early wicket when Sahadeo was caught off Friedlander with the total on six. Sujubally and Ramesh added 46 runs for the second wicket before Ramesh was bowled by Ajaz Akhtar in the 6th over. Tom Bartram then proceeded to wipe out the middle order to finish with 5-17 from his four overs. Left-arm spinner, Paul Terry, took the last two wickets as the USACA were all out for 91 in the 14th over – they lost their last nine wickets for 39 runs.

MCC got off to a good start, scoring 16 runs off the first 11 balls before Montgomery was caught at cover. Friedlander fell in the following over and MCC lost a further three quick wickets to be reduced to 24-5 at the half-way point of the innings. Skipper, Michael Foster, and Karl Pearson added 43 in 7.4 overs before Pearson was caught for 21. Foster played superbly, but the task of scoring 24 runs from the remaining 14 balls proved beyond the MCC batsmen, especially when Foster was unable to face any of the last three balls of the match. The USACA team put in a disciplined all-round performance in the field to win the match by 4 runs.