

Hartford's Riverside does it again.

For the second year in a row, Hartford's Riverside Cricket Club emerged victorious in the Cricket Hall of Fame's annual Six-a-Side tournament held at Keney Park over the Labor day weekend. A regular participant in the tournament, Riverside led by some big hitting from right-hand batsman Everton Nelson, swept aside all its opponents powering its way to victory without losing a match.

Riverside amassed the highest aggregate in the tournament, 475, and also had the highest total in a match, 98 runs. Nelson, who was easily the AMan of the Tournament, scored 164 runs, over the two-day tournament, his highest score being 53 in five overs against Collins, a team out of Stamford, Connecticut.

Of the nine teams registered for the tournament, only five showed up for the start of play on the first day. This caused the tournament to get off to a late start as the organizers had to rework the format. However, as if by design, the round-robin format boiled down to the two strongest teams, Riverside and Primrose, coming together in the final and decisive match.

After winning the toss, Primrose sent Riverside in to bat and were rewarded in the very first over with the wicket of S. Hussain, who went bowled by C. Edwards for a duck. However, Tony Kallicharran and Nelson took the score to 43 before Nelson departed for 16 runs. S. Rishi, the next batsman in, continued the hitting spree and when the overs ran out, Riverside had posted the respectable score of 71 runs. Kallicharran with 32 runs was the top scorer.

Primrose made a gallant effort at the start of their innings giving the impression that they may get the required runs, but after V. Fyyfe was run out for 11 runs, it seemed to have taken the fight out of the team and when the overs ran out Primrose had only managed to score 43 runs.

At the presentation which followed the end of the competition, all the teams stated that they had enjoyed the tournament and expressed the desire that they will be back next year. However, Cricket Hall of Fame's director, Michael Chambers, while thanking the teams for taking part, hinted that because of the poor support of the other teams, this year's tournament could possibly be the last one. Other teams that took part in the tournament were Caribbean out of New York and Groton/New London.

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