

## Activity report of Muthoot ECC A & B / Muthoot Honda for the season 2010 - 2011

### Summary

Muthoot ECC ended this season on a high note with our A team becoming the runner up in the just concluded Ernakulam District Cricket Association "A" division league which was played under the new format with two day two innings matches. Our players showed utmost enthusiasm and commitment through out the season which resulted in near success.

Muthoot ECC B fielded with our own players who were nurtured by and graduated from our academy. They became the champions in "B" division league and entered the premier "A" division league. This is a highly competitive league in that if a team loses a single match, it cannot qualify for the A division. **This will be the first time in the history of EDCA league that two teams of a corporate banner has entered the A division league which consists of only eight elite teams of EDCA clubs.**

Our season started in August 2010 with a conditioning camp at our net facility at Edapally High School ground. It was truly the effort of our club members that we were able to run the practice sessions in the morning and evening, without fail. The practice sessions were professionally conducted under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Sunil Pallan.

As part of the coaching activities Ananthakuttan, former senior state player was appointed as the Coach cum player for the new season. Under his guidance the academy has more than 40 students, actively making use of our facility. We are proud to say that we were able to produce players who were able to represent various categories. Few of the same includes

- 1) P U Anthaf : **Selected first time for Kerala Renji and senior team**

- 2) Jiyas : Represented Kerala u-19 tem which got entry into Elite group
- 3) Sreeraj : Represented Kerala u-19 tem which got entry into Elite group
- 4) Anoop Mohan : U-19 Zone team

Under the coaching of Anandakuttan, our U-17 team is also getting noticed at the state level. The enquiries for joining the academy are in great number from all over the India. New recruits for the junior level are selected after a selection process which is being carried out by a cricket committee.

We are proud to state that due to your support our teams were able to perform at state level competitions and they were able to use good cricketing gears. Our club is actively involved in the state and can claim to be the only club in the state to field 5 teams including 2 Professional teams. The teams are (1) Muthoot ECC "A" (2) Muthoot ECC "B" (3) ECC "A" (4) ECC "B" & (5) Muthoot Honda. Apart from these teams we have one Veterans Team and one junior team under the banner of the MPG Cricket Academy.

This year also we were able to sign new contracts with talented players like Praveen Achuthan; Kerala State player, Rahul Dev; the Current u-19 state player etc. The list of members of Muthoot ECC players under contract is given below

1. P U Anthaf	Current Ranji Player
2. Jiju Janardhanan player	Junior India West Zone
3. Praveen Achuthan	Senior state player
4. Rahul Dev	Under 19 state player
5. Sreeraj	Under 19 State
6. Jiyas	Under 19 State
7. Ananthakuttan	Senior state

8. Subin Babu	Former Junior state
9. Manmohan Ram	Former Junior state
10.M M Pradeep	Senior zone player
11.Nithesh	Junior zone player
12.Uwais	Junior zone player
13.Dijin	Junior zone
14.Sujith P S	Junior zone
15.Taufeeq	Junior zone
16.Badruddin	Junior state(camp)
17.Kiran Ramachandran	Junior state zone
18.Aji Asokan	Junior state zone

### **Muthoot ECC A Team in EDCA league**

Our A team played seven A division leagues of two day matches for 14 days in which we won two out-right wins, two first innings lead, two draws and one loss. Jiyas was awarded the highest wicket taker and Praveen Achuthan the top scorer for our team in "A" division league. We finished as Runners Up.

### **Muthoot ECC B team in EDCA league**

Muthoot ECC B team had a successful run for the season in B division league led by Rakesh Menon which won all their league matches i.e. - six out of six, **became the B division champions** and was elevated to "A" division for the next season. Vivek Nair became the top scorer and Damien Nair the highest wicket taker for our team.

### **Muthoot Honda in EDCA qualifying league**

At the time of submitting this report, Muthoot Honda who plays the qualifying league has played only one league and rest of the matches yet to be scheduled.

## Muthoot ECC for Under 16 league

The aim of our academy is to produce national level players to follow the foot steps of our own Indian Cricketer Sreesanth. Muthoot ECC junior (Under 16) team members, who were selected from the MPG Cricket Academy, won one match out of two and lost the other and unfortunately failed to qualify on the shortage of net run rate. This year the team consisted of 18 members and most of them have started showing promise at different levels. The academy was able to conduct many practice matches between other teams in the district.

### Tournaments

**1) 60<sup>th</sup> All India Pooja Knockout tournament, Tripunithura**

- Muthoot ECC lost in the quarter final.

**2) Santhosh Memorial All Kerala Tournament, Cherpu**

- Muthoot ECC A and Muthoot Yamaha MCC combined to field a team in the name of latter and became the champions
- Muthoot ECC B played in the name of Muthoot Honda, won three matches to reached quarter final.

**3) 24<sup>th</sup> BPCL KRL All India Tournament, Ambalamugal**

- Muthoot ECC A reached the semifinals of the first phase
- Muthoot ECC B members played in the name of Muthoot Honda lost in the second round.

**4) Celestial Trophy all Kerala Cricket tournament, Thiruvananthapuram**

- Muthoot ECC lost in the quarter final

**5) Pavoo Memorial All Kerala Tournament, Trichur**

- Muthoot ECC B members played in the name of Muthoot Honda reached semifinal and lost to eventual winners SBT Thiruvananthapuram

**6) Cricket Academy Tournament Trichur**

- Muthoot ECC B members played in the name of Muthoot Honda reached quarter final

**7) Trophy All Kerala Cricket Tournament, Ernakulam**

- Muthoot ECC A team and Muthoot Yamaha MCC combined in the name of former and reached the semifinals.
- Muthoot ECC B lost in the pre quarter final

**8) Muthoot Pappachan T20 All Kerala Tournament**

- Muthoot ECC A lost in the phase II league.
- Muthoot ECC B runners up In the Phase I

**9) M S Nair Memorial all Kerala Tournament, Perinthalmanna**

- Muthoot ECC reached the semifinals and lost to SBT, the eventual champions.

**10) MANI Memorial All Kerala T20 Tournament**

- Muthoot ECC B members played in the name of Muthoot Honda. Match washed out and lost in a spin of coin.

**11) Kollam**

- Muthoot ECC B members played in the name of Muthoot Honda lost in Semifinals.

**12) Mini Muthoot T 20 Tournament, Thiruvalla**

- Muthoot ECC A lost in the quarter final.

**Apart from our own contracted players we were able to field professional players as guest players for the team which included Sreekumaran Nair, Former Kerala Renji Trophy Captain etc.**

**Other Activities**

**Net Practice**

Regular Net Practice started on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010 and continued upto 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011. Sunil Pallan, Vinod Menon and Ananathakuttan were taking care of the young talent who joined the Club during the period.

**5<sup>th</sup> Muthoot Pappachan T 20 All Kerala Tournament**

Our prestigious Tournament which became the first T 20 tournament in Kerala to have completed 5 consecutive years was conducted in a grand manner in two venues. This edition we introduced the presence of DJ and

Cheer girls for the second phase matches. The tournament was conducted from 14 March 2011 to 28 March 2011. Due to the publicity the matches were eagerly watched by spectators in numbers.

SBT Thiruvananthapuram defeated BPCL KRL, Ambalamugal in the final. In spite of the hectic world cup schedule, all the leading print and visual Media, both Malayalam and English reported the matches on a day to day basis. Special mention is the coverage provided by Deccan Chronicle English daily which provided exclusive coverage along with photos on their sports page.

### [MPG Sports Academy Summer Cricket Coaching Camp.](#)

Annual coaching camp announcement was welcomed with a big response with more than a thousand calls from across the state were attended and the admission had to be closed within a week of notice. We restricted the strength to 90 students which was split into two sessions (Morning & Evening). Mr. Robin Menon was the head coach who was well supported by Anandakuttan, Praveen Achuthan, Anthaf and Uvais. They carried out the camp in a highly professional way. **Indian Cricketer Sreesanth attended the camp**, created high enthusiasm among the students. From the camp, the academy selected 7 players for further coaching in the next season

### [Scholarship](#)

- ❖ We continued our social commitment by rendering a scholarship to Bibin Baby.

### [Employment](#)

- ❖ Sunil Pallan – Continued to serve Muthoot as cricket manager
- ❖ P U Anthaf was officially absorbed by Muthoot Pappachan Group under sports quota; he became the first Ranji Player from our MPG Academy.
- ❖ Ananthakuttan – was appointed as player cum coach for the season.

### [Number of activity days](#)

- Nets - 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2010- 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011
- No of matches played: 50+ Days
- Muthoot T-20 Tournament: 15 Days
- MPG Summer Coaching Camp: 17 Days

## Conclusion

This season was very productive and was able to retain one among the top 5<sup>th</sup> team position in the state. Our activities are closely followed by the media and find a space regularly on their sports pages. Members of the club were part of many other activities like umpiring, members of selection committees, member of One Day International and IPL organizing committees etc. Many of our players were part of IPL practice bowler's team. They received huge experience by being part of the Kochi Tuskers, Kerala practice session attended by very senior international players and Coach Jeff Lawson, former Australian fast bowler. We conclude this year by aiming to achieve more milestones next year.

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