

Sussex U19 Women Start ARCH trophy tournament with a Win

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The Sussex U19 Women's team started their season and the first game of the Women's U19 ARCH trophy with a win against Lancashire at the Zayed International Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

With overcast conditions early on, but the temperature about 26 degrees, Sussex were put into bat by Lancashire and openers, Georgia Adams and Chiara Green started the innings with intent and set the tone for the Sussex innings.

Fours came easy to Adams and Green, striking the ball well and seeing the ball go like lightning to the boundary, due to a quick outfield. Adams stroked the ball off her legs with ease and after just 5 overs Sussex were 35 for 0 and putting pressure on the bowlers and fielders.

Adams and Green continued to play with ease and both pierced the field at regular times of the game, hitting the ball straight back over the bowler's heads and continuing to be attacking throughout.

Adams soon reached her 50 in the 18th over, before Green was given out LBW for 38 and putting a first wicket score of 120 on the board.



Georgia Adams

Adams followed Green the next over after being bowled for 59, but both players put Sussex in a good position to continue the innings.

Sophie Parnell and Carla Rudd came in and continued to rotate the strike and keep the scoreboard ticking over, before Parnell was bowled for 19 and Rudd soon followed for 13.

Daisy Pamment (7) came in and kept rotating the strike and put in a solid performance, while Izi Noakes (10) and Sam Wright (10) came in and took on the bowlers.

Alicia Caillard and Rebecca Silk finished the innings off by striking the ball with a lot of power from the start and running well together seeing Sussex reach 245 for 7 off 40 overs.

The conditions changed when Sussex went out to field, the overcast conditions had gone and the temperature was increasing, but the team had adapted well to the conditions and after the second over, Jade Elphick took the first wicket bowling the opening batsman.

Sussex were keeping the runs down with some impressive fielding, in particular from Georgina Monk and Rebecca Silk, who were diving around and stopping the single as well as chasing the ball to the boundary and putting in some outstanding stops to stop it going for four.



Rebecca Silk

At the 11th over, opener Izi Noakes took the second wicket with a catch at slip from Georgia Adams, Lancashire were 36 for 2. Adams took a second catch in slip soon after off the bowling from Freya Davies.

Sussex took all their chances with Adams taking 2 catches along with Sam Wright taking 2 at mid on, off the bowling of Davies and Silk who both took 2 wickets a piece.

Sussex bowling and fielding was solid and they restricted Lancashire to 149 for 6 off their 40 overs.

Sussex take on Wales today in a day/night match in Dubai, which is a crucial match as Wales comfortably, beat Scotland yesterday to be top of the league with a slightly better NRR. A win today would see Sussex get ever so closer to Saturday's final at the Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi.