

Sussex U19s Top of Their Group in Women's ARCH Trophy

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The Sussex under 19s continued their campaign to reach the first Women's ARCH final on Saturday, with their second win against Wales in a day night match.

On the hottest day so far in the UAE since arriving, the girls travelled to Dubai to play in their first day night game and were asked to field.

Opening bowlers, Izi Noakes and Paige Scholfield kept the bowling tight from the start and Wales openers struggled to get it away. The pitch was ideal for batsman but the Sussex bowlers bowled in good areas and the Wales batsman struggled to score regularly.



Paige Scholfield

Chiara Green came on with her off spin, while Jade Elphick bowled at the other end with her medium pace in swingers and continued like the openers did, keeping it tight throughout and putting pressure on the opening pair, which worked as Elphick made the break through with the help of a catch from Paige Scholfield at cover.

Green soon got in the action taking the wicket of Moorcroft with a caught and bowled, and Wales were 60 for 2 off 20 overs.

Sam Wright and Rebecca Silk then joined in with the wickets, with Wright bowling Hopkins and Silk taking 2 wickets near the end. Wales were on 94 at 33 overs, but Gwen Davies took on the bowlers at the end of the innings and scored 58 not out to help get Wales to 144 for 6.

The pick of Sussex bowlers were Silk 2 for 28, Wright 1 for 12, Green 1 for 15 and Elphick 1 for 19.

The floodlights came on and it was the first time Sussex have played under floodlights, but openers Georgia Adams and Chiara Green adjusted well and continued where they left off the day before in their partnership.

They both batted with intelligence and confidence, manipulating the ball and working it into gaps and running well. They put pressure on the field and struck the ball well to the boundary.

They put on a partnership of 73 before Adams was caught at Square leg for 37, but Sophie Parnell joined Green and both built a partnership and kept up with the rate.

Green played with ease and pierced the field several times and soon reached her 50 and was seeing Sussex to victory until she was caught on 57 with just 4 runs required.

But it was Parnell and Carla Rudd that lead the team home in the 28th over, with Parnell playing some impressive strokes off her legs and finishing on 31 not out.



Sophie Parnell

Sussex are now top of their league with one game remaining against Scotland on Thursday at the Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi and winning this match will secure their place in the final on Saturday.