

The Cricket Books

The Taranaki Tournament



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On the 1st of October 2012, Oli Tuzeti was in the Taranaki Tournament draft for cricket. Then suddenly Commissioner Jackson said, “With the 8th pick in the Taranaki Tournament, the Bellington Sixers select, Oli Tuzeti from Stanwood School”. After the draft, the teams got together and did cricket practice.

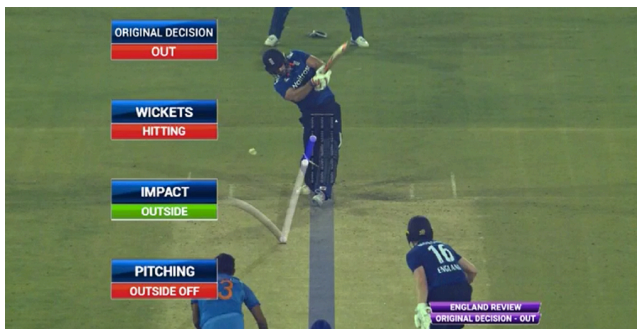


The team was in a huddle. “Now everyone, we are playing against the Wolle Wickets. They are very good at batting and bowling so we need to train hard and win the game to move on. OK. Asked Coach Roy. OK said the team. James micky added “Plus if we win this game, we could play against the Vogeltow hitters. However, we probably lose because the favourites are in that team”. After 1 in a half hours it was 5:30pm so they had to get to

Hotel Cricket which was luxurious as a sports car to stay and have a rest before the game started at Eden Reserve at 8:30pm sharp. At 8:15pm, Oli Tuzeti got to Eden Reserve in the nick of time to do the toss with the Wickets captain, Daniel Rinzeler. Heads called Daniel. It was tails. “We’ll bat first”. Said Oli. As 8:30pm struck the game was on. First ball was pitched short and was a bouncer for the batsman but he hit for 2. In over 15 out of 20 Bellington was five wickets down. The opener had to get 1 more run for his half-century. On the next ball the opener smashed it so hard that he hit it out of Eden Reserve. So he had a half-century. On the next ball he was bowled out.



Oli Tuzeti had his turn to bat. First ball for Oli was hit into the gap for 4. At the end of the innings Oli was on 12 not out. The sixers made 163 runs and lost 6 wickets. So the Wollie Wickets had to make 164 runs to win and eliminate the sixers. Oli bowled his first ball in the 9th over of the match. He marched to pitch, his heart was pumping, and Oli was ready for anything. He ran up to bowl he bowled the ball at 100km per hour. Oli's shoulder popped out of its socket for a split second then slotted back in. The ball swung around leg side. It was a reverse swing. It hit leg stump causing the bails to fall off. Oli has got the sixers first wicket for the 2012 Taranaki Tournament! On over 17 the score was 3 for 156. Oli was bowling to a very good batsman. He bowled the ball. "Howzat", he shrieked. The umpire said "Third Umpire". The ball was pitching in line and would of hit middle stump if the batsman's leg



wasn't in the way. On the big screen it said OUT! In the 20th over, with 2 balls to go the

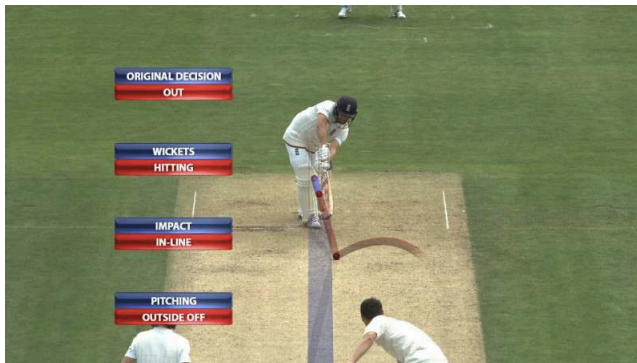
Wolle Wickets where 4 for 161. Next ball was a miss. The last ball was looking like it was going for 6. Oli said “we’ve lost”, but just then James Mickey caught the ball to make the sixers win by 2 runs and move on in the Taranaki Tournament.

Here are the official results if you want to see

Wol 5 for 161	Vog 2 for 181	Oma 8 for 156	Man 9 for 121
Bel 6 for 163	Str 106 all out	Ore 4 for 158	Wog 1 for 123

Bellington Sixers VS Vogeltow Hitters

On the 8th of October 2012, Oli Tuzeti was in a team huddle at cricket practice with the Sixers. “We need to win this game to move on in the Taranaki Tournament and we probably wont because we are versing you now who”, Said Coach Roy. “AWWWWW”, said the team. “But we may somehow win so don’t give up and do your best”, Said Coach Roy. “Can we beat the Vogeltow Hitters”, Said Coach Roy. “YES!” yelled the team. After practice, the team went to Basie Stadium. When the toss happened the Hitters said “Tails”, they won the toss and chose to bat first. On over 10 the Hitters were 0 for 147. Just then, Oli came into bowl. Oli bowled the ball. The ball was a reverse swing. It swung around leg stump and the ball made leg stump fly out of the ground. Next ball was hit to long on and the person there caught the ball. Oli was sitting on a hat trick. He bowled the ball. “HOWZAT”, Screamed Oli. The umpire signalled third umpire.



The ball was pitching in line as straight as a pencil. The umpire raised his finger. On the big screen it said OUT. Oli just had his first hat trick in a cricket match. At over 19 there was one more ball to bowl. The last ball was a wide so they had to bowl another one. The ball was hit for 1 run. At the end of the innings the Hitters score was 3 for 200, so the Sixers had to get 201 runs to win. At over 6, a very fast bowler came in to bowl again. For the whole 6 balls he took 4 wickets and had a maiden over. The sixers total after 7 overs was 4 for 86. At over 15, Oli came into bat. First ball was a leg spin but Oli hit it for 2 runs. At over 17, the very fast bowler came back in to bowl. The first ball he bowled shattered Oli's bat into a billion pieces. On over 19 the Sixers were 8 for 197. The first ball of the over was a wide then the next ball was hit for 2. "The Sixers are now needing one run to win", the commentator said. The third ball was a Chinaman – that's a type of spin bowling in cricket. Oli missed it.

The next ball was a top spinner. Oli missed it completely. 2nd to last ball was a Doosra. Oli missed again. Last ball was a googly. “Oh no”, said Oli. I missed again. But this ball was a slower ball so Oli played the shot before the ball went past him. Hang on, if the ball hadn’t reached me where is it. Oli noticed that the ball was about to go over the boundary for 6. “We did it”, said Oli. So the Sixer is going to play either the Woglee Runners or the Oree Magic in the final.

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Bel 8 for 206	Ore 102 all out
Vog 3 for 200	Wog 3 for 121

Bellingham Sixers VS Woglee Runners

On October the 15th 2012 The Bellingham Sixers skipper Oli Tuzeti is at Edison Gardens doing the toss with the Runners captain, Jeff Green. "Heads!" called Oli. It was heads so Oli elected to bat first. First ball was an Off break, Oli hit it for 4. In over 4, wickets started to fall and we lost 3 batsman including Kaden Macman, Jack Cave and Aden Markmood. In over 12 we lost another batsman all because of Finn ungarter. He took 4 wickets for 4 runs! He was bowling off spin. Our batsman was not hitting it at all! A star player in our team called



Flynn Paton got 106 not out! On the last ball of the innings Flynn smashed the ball for 6. At the end of the innings the Sixers got 4 for 196. In the second innings the Runners were on 0 for 37 in the last ball of the 4th over. The last ball of the 4th over, Oli

bowled out Jonty Atkinson. Their score was 5 for 76. In over 13 Oli got two more wickets to put the Runners score to 7 for 102. On the big screen it said The Runners would win by a 1%

chance. On Over 19, the Runners were 7 for 117. At the end of the innings the runners got 7 for 106 so the Sixers won the Taranaki Tournament 2012!

