
COLORADO ROCKIES T20 CHALLENGE - 2014 LABOR DAY CRICKET WEEKEND



Flyer used for the promotion. Cornerstone was host for multiple games including the grand finale. The Colorado Rockies cup

The Colorado Cricket League

hosted teams from Arkansas, Nebraska and a youth team from Dallas during the Labor Day Weekend for a T20 tournament. The tournament name was coined Colorado Rockies T20 Challenge with the hopes of repeating this event every year with Colorado being the host. T20 or Twenty20 is gaining popularity as a format of cricket in the USA mainly because of its a short version of the game.

The organizing committee had their fingers crossed because of all the rain this summer. We could not ask for a better summer day. It was gorgeous.

The format of the tournament was each team played each other once. Based on the points the top teams made to the finals. The other teams played for the 3rd and 4th position.

Because of overnight rain and flooding the venue was moved from Longmont to Lincoln Jr. High in Fort Collins.



The entire tournament was organized by the Colorado Cricket League (CCL) Executive Committee with volunteers from participating league clubs helping with ground setup, umpiring, scoring, first aid, water/gatorade, lunch etc. A big thanks to each of the clubs helping with these activities. We also wanted to thank SSPRD and Lincoln Jr. High for providing the venue. The visiting teams we awed by the beautiful view, cooler temperature and nice breezy conditions that existed during the tournament days.



Team Colorado during their warmups prior to the semifinal game



Team Colorado Pavilion (dugout area)

Because of overnight due conditions and wet outfield the games had delayed start but thankfully we got full day games. The visitors had travelled 16 hours on road to participate in the tournament. Hats off to their commitment and love of this game. The games were played with good spirit and Colorado Team XI won all their games convincingly including the Finals. They played Arkansas in the finals. Sandeep Reddy lead the team along with his deputy Jay Pathak. Sandeep lead the team not only by winning the tournament

“Thank you for hosting this tournament and promoting cricket. You guys have a beautiful ground”



Sandeep (Captain) receiving the cup from Murali the CCL League President

but carried his bat through in few innings to win the best batsman

award. Jay Pathak (<http://www.espnricinfo.com/ci/content/player/772487.html>) recent trip to Florida for the USA Selection was disappointing because of washed out games also got a chance to perform both with his bat and ball. He won the Man Of the Match Award for the Finals and also bagged the MVP of the tournament Title.

Other notable mention in the tournament was the Central West Youth Cricket. They were a bunch of 13-15 years old kids, fearless and wanted to play cricket. They showed some amazing bowling and fielding skills.

The League Executive Committee wanted to congratulate Team Colorado for this victory. Go Colorado, Go Cricket!!

