

LOBATS Team Profile
2015
Phuket Sixes

LOBAT is a team that plays in a competitive league in the northwest of Sydney - a suburb called Baulkham Hills. The team consists of mainly old boys that started their failed cricketing careers in the subcontinent. Team LOBAT's strategy is to make the lower order do all the scoring and the wicket taking, while relying heavily on the opposition to capitulate for no good reason.



The players:



Charuka (Godfather) Abhayawickrama is the team captain....on and off the field. All decisions are passed through him. He has been masterminding the team selection and strategy for the past 8 years. He also contributes with the bat and behind the stumps on the field. He is a Sri Lankan turned Aussie lad who gets batting tips from his two little girls and bowling tips from his little son. His favourite shot is the pull shot - first ball. His favourite way of getting out is forward defence and then being caught on the boundary.



Atif (Stifler) Bashir is the team poster boy who after playing the LOBAT debut season in 2007-08, was poached by a cashed up club in Singapore. Stifler is renowned for his Hollywood lifestyle, long flowing looks and equally long bowling run up. Stifler will be reuniting with the LOBATs after 5 long years and no doubt yearning to take up the bowling attack from both ends. In his spare time, Stifler dabbles in the world of high finance and can be seen hob nobbing in elite circles around the globe.



Chaminda (Wendell) Thirimanna joined the LOBATs in season 2013-14, taking on the captaincy and leading the club to a premiership in his debut season. A big hitting all-rounder, Wendell is meticulous about planning and spends his entire off season strategizing. In preparation for his debut tour to Phuket, Dell has no doubt compiled team plans, opposition player analyses and key strategies....all of which shall be ignored by his team mates. In his spare time, Dell can be found tinkering with his camping gear and no doubt thinking about the season ahead. A true team man, Dell's versatile skills will no doubt be relied up on heavily on this tour...both on and off the field.



Nirav (Ravster) Goradia debuted for the LOBATs in season 2007-08 and lead the team to a premiership in the team's foundation year. After tasting success in his first couple of seasons with the LOBATs, Ravster decided to take a hiatus from cricket using up every excuse in the book for not turning up to games, young family yada yada yada.....we all knew it was to protect his averages. He soon saw the error of his ways though and is back chucking down left arm pies every other week with the LOBATs. This is Ravster's maiden tour to Phuket and indeed his first away tour with the LOBATs.



Ricky Kapoor is the team mascot. He is always padded up and ready to bat any time and at all times. In fact he has been spotted at Phuket's Bannana club with his pads on. He's also the team's most noticeable fielder - in all places at once - and never where he should be. As one of the few young boys on the side, his harem keeps the team appropriately entertained.



Lasith (Las) Waniganayake, the youngest but perhaps the most mature member in the LoBaT squad, is a superb top order batsman with one of the best cover drives in the business. Renowned for his ability to pull off the most impossible catches in the outfield (and spill the easy ones), Las is also extremely handy with the ball off the long run. Not the most talkative member of the team (Rickster wins that one hands down) unless there is a posse of women in the crowd, Las has an incredible memory and can bamboozle his lesser team mates with facts and figures like no one else. A truly versatile team member, Las' skills on and off the field will be called up on heavily during this gruelling tour.