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Gladiators claim first Shelburne Cricket Club championship

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In a thrilling finale to the 2024 Shelburne Cricket Club House League, the Shelburne Gladiators clinched their maiden championship title during an intense battle against the 2023 runner-up ? the Shelburne Samurais.

The Club organized a grand closing ceremony prior to the match with the teams marching onto the field proudly carrying flags of their countries of origin under the unifying Canadian flag. The display of best behaviour and discipline reflected the core principles that the club stands on.

In the final game, the Samurais won the toss and chose to bowl first.

The Gladiators, led by openers Hisaan and Rajmohan, started their innings on a steady note. Hisaan's composed 34 runs, supported by Rajmohan's 23, gave the Gladiators some early stability.

However, the team struggled to build on the foundation as wickets started falling after the first breakthrough in the 12th over.

Despite Captain Jajbir's 15-run contribution, the Gladiators could only muster 102 runs before being bowled out.

The Samurais' Ravi Gill and Pardeep Sidhu proved to be the wreckers-in-chief, each claiming three wickets.

The Samurais faced an early onslaught from the Gladiators' bowling attack.

Four of their top-order batsmen were sent back to the pavilion within the first five overs, leaving them reeling at four for 23.

Just when the match seemed to be slipping away, Captain Harpreet stepped up for the Samurais and launched a counter-attack. His half-century, scored in just 26 balls, revived the Samurais' hopes.

With only 21 runs needed in 12 overs, it appeared as though the Samurais were on course for a dramatic comeback.

Gladiators' Skipper, Jajbir, leading from the front, returned to bowl his final over and delivered a decisive blow.

Harpreet, the man of the moment, attempted a big shot but was caught by Hisaan ? a catch that shifted the momentum of the game.

The remaining Samurais batsmen crumbled under the pressure and were unable to chase down the remaining runs. They were bowled out for 88 runs, falling short of the target and handing the championship to the Gladiators.

The Shelburne Cricket Club takes immense pride when the youth of the club shine and make a significant effort for their team. Hisaan, one of the club's promising young talents, displayed remarkable composure as he opened the batting for the Gladiators, contributing a vital 34 runs. His crucial catch to dismiss Harpreet in the final overs proved to be a turning point in the game. The determination and skill shown by the youth players reflect the bright future of the club and the sport.

In the end, the Gladiators stood tall, lifting the trophy for the first time and etching their name into the history of the Shelburne Cricket Club. It was a match that will be remembered for its intensity, dramatic twists, and the Gladiators' perseverance in the face of adversity.