

No automatic Semi-finals spots for Fairfield United and Racecourse after low-run-rate Quarterfinals victories in SDC/Wray and Nephew National Community T/20 Cricket.

The Chedwin Park field in St Catherine has proven to be a safe haven for bowlers following another set of low scoring games at the second day quarter final matches of the SDC/Wray and Nephew National Community T/20 Cricket Competition on Sunday November 7.

Unlike the previous day, Sherwood Forest and Fairfield had commenced their quarterfinal in bright sunshine at Chedwin Park. But that was the only bright aspect on the day as both teams struggled with conditions and the heavy under footing.

It was Sherwood Forest who batted first but found runs hard to come by as their innings stalled before coming to a screeching halt at 94 for 8. Only two batsmen were able to push-on to double figures with Carl Brissett making 20 runs and Lerone Tyrell getting 19 runs.

So uncharacteristic was the Sherwood Forest innings that there were only 2 fours and 5 sixes in the 20 overs. Ryan Edwards was however in inspirational form with ball in hand, ending with 2 wickets for just 19 runs in his 4 overs. Sanjay Walker also had 2 wickets for 20 runs while Sherdon Allen claimed 1 wicket for 3 runs.

With only 95 runs to get Triston Coleman ensured there would be no slip-ups from his team as he took them home to victory at 94 runs for 4 wickets in 15.4 overs. Coleman was left unbeaten on 43 runs.

Allen returned to give some brief support as he contributed 19 runs with national senior representative Jamie Merchant scoring 10. The Fairfield innings was bolstered by a combined 5 sixes and 3 fours.

Given the conditions the win was less than convincing and not enough to earn them an automatic qualification to the semifinals.

The fourth quarterfinal was almost a mirror of the third as Racecourse earned a hard fought 5 wicket win over Johnson Mountain.

It was Johnson Mountain who batted first and surprisingly failed to see out their 20 overs with their innings coming to a close at 77 runs all out in 19 overs. Just like the Sherwood Forest innings, only two batsmen managed to reach double figures with Gavaska Malichai top scoring with 29 and Gavon Brown 19. The next best was Jason Shaw with 8 runs in an innings consisting of only 2 fours and 2 sixes.

Albert Gopie did the business for with the ball for his team as he bagged 3 wickets for 22 runs from his 4 overs. Dwight Stewart was immaculate in his two overs finishing with figures of 2 wickets for 5 runs.

Racecourse in their run chase achieved victory in only 11.1 overs but the win was far from being comfortable. They lost 5 wickets on their way to victory with the innings made up of an identical 2 fours and 2 sixes. Wayne Davis mastermind the path to victory with a composed 36 which proved to be the backbone of innings as no other batsman got to double figures.

Malachai returned to take 2 wickets for 4 runs from 1.1 overs for his team.

With the results from Sunday's game, three of the four teams remain in contention for a semi-final place as they will be back in action in the National Play-Offs on November 14.

Fairfield United from Manchester will play Portland's Sherwood Forest Cricket Team who lost by 8 wickets to Links United on Saturday.

The other Play-Off pairing will see Racecourse Cricket Team taking on Johnson Mountain Cricket Team. The winner of both games will join St. Anns' Links United and Paradise Cricket Team from Westmoreland in the SDC/Wray and Nephew National Community T/20 Cricket Competition Semi-final.