

# POWERPLAY: SCC'S 3RD T20

*The Singapore Cricket Club will be hosting the country's landmark cricket tournament this month, once more defining its name with the game here.*

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**History, excitement and action will come together on the last** weekend in August as the Singapore Cricket Club (SCC) stages the 2012 SCC UFL Twenty20 Tournament. The SCC will play host to eight premier club teams from India, Sri Lanka, Australia, South Africa, Hong Kong and a Singapore Cricket Association (SCA) XI that recently gained promotion to Division Five of the ICC World Cricket League. The tournament culminates on Sunday August 26 with three games on the Padang, the SCC's home ground, with six of the nine teams qualifying to battle for top honours.

This year is the third edition of the tournament that began in 2009. Two clubs from Singapore, India and Hong Kong and one each from Sri Lanka, South Africa and Australia will set the standard. Of these, the Cricket Club of India from Bombay and Hong Kong Cricket Club are new to the competition with Singhalese Sports Club back to back winners and defending champions.

"For the 2012 SCC UFL Twenty20 Tournament, we aim to deliver a higher standard of cricket than in previous years while meeting the high expectations of all involved, be it the clubs, the players, the sponsors, the media who we thank for their generous support or the SCA," said Trevor Larbey, Co-Deputy Chair of the Tournament. "We aim to make this event one of the region's premier club cricket tournaments by bringing together people across cultures and countries through their shared passion for cricket," he said.

The SCC has secured title sponsorship for the second year running from United Future Legends (UFL) whose eco-friendly apparel enhances player performance. "Three distinct types of sustainable materials will be used in the clothing", explained Ashok Mahatani, Chairman of UFL. "An organic bamboo charcoal yarn known for its deodorizing, moisture wicking attributes, a corn derivative blended with nylon yarn called Sorona that has high tensile strength so clothes retain shape despite stretching,

and, a fabric blend that reduces temperature by one-two degrees, when in contact with the player's skin," he said.

Cricket has a long and fruitful history in Singapore, with the first game played on the Padang in 1837. Singapore Cricket Club, which celebrates its 160th year this year, has been an integral part the game's development. "Sharing our history, and by providing such a phenomenal backdrop for our visiting teams and their supporters, we will ensure this tournament enhances Singapore's continuing development as a cricketing hub in the region," said Singapore Cricket Club's convener of cricket Ash Raivadera.

The final day will also see junior cricketers involved in the action on Sunday afternoon, in the form of the Kwik Cricket Festival. This competition involves six international schools and two local schools. According to Larbey, promoting cricket in the community is an important part of the tournament. "It will also mean that over 100 children will experience playing cricket in the festival, or at the school coaching sessions at this exciting event," he said.

India Se readers can access the tournament website, Facebook page and Twitter feeds to learn more about this exciting event that is set to become a major landmark in the development of cricket in Singapore and beyond. **IS**

Singapore Cricket Club Padang		
Time	Team 1	Team 2
0745 hrs	Singhalese SC	SCA
1020hrs	CCI	Hong Kong CC
1315hrs	Singhalese SC	CCI
1600hrs	Melbourne CC	SCC

SCA Kallang Cricket Ground		
Time	Team 1	Team 2
0745 hrs	Kowloon CC	SCC
1020hrs	Melbourne CC	Madras CC
1315hrs	Kowloon CC	Rowlin CA
1600hrs	Madras CC	Rowlin CA

Group A	Group B
Singhalese SC	Melbourne CC
CCI	Kowloon CC
Hong Kong CC	Madras CC
SCA	Rowlin CA
	SCC

### Saturday 25th August 2012

Singapore Cricket Club Padang		
Time	Team 1	Team 2
0745 hrs	Melbourne CC	Rowlin CA
1020hrs	Rowlin CA	SCC
1315hrs	Melbourne CC	Kowloon CC
1600hrs	Madras CC	SCC

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0745 hrs	Kowloon CC	Madras CC
1020hrs	CCI	SCA
1315hrs	Hong Kong CC	Singhalese SC
1600hrs	SCA	Hong Kong CC

### Sunday 26th August 2012

Singapore Cricket Club Padang		
Time	Fixtures	
Bowl Final	0800 hrs	3rd Place's in - Group A v.s Group B
Plate Final	1110 hrs	2nd Place's in - Group A v.s Group B
	1400 hrs	Kwik Cricket Finals
Cup Final	1500 Hrs	1st Place's in - Group A v.s Group B

# SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB



## SCC UFLTWENTY 20

24, 25 & 26 August 2012

The Padang



Padang Fixtures

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Singhalese SC v SCA 7.45 am	Melbourne CC v Rowlin CA 7.45 am	Bowl Final 8 am
CCI vs Hong Kong CC 10.20 am	Rowlin CA v SCC 10.20 am	Plate Final 11:10 am
Singhalese SC v CCI 1.15 pm	Melbourne CC v Kowloon CC 1.15 pm	Kwik Cricket Finals 2 pm
Melbourne CC vs SCC 4 pm	Madras CC v SCC 4 pm	Cup Final 3 pm

