

The 149th Kendall Cup was played on the weekend of the 17th and 18th July in Porto in which Lisbon won by 4 wickets.



Porto batted first and were bowled out for 99. Having started off slowly, opener Radford played through most of the innings before falling to Singh on 14, Chambers who was dropped on his first ball went on to score 17, while Butcher scored 23, the extras column being the top scorer with 24. The pick of the bowlers was Green taking 3 for 13, Pais who took 3 for 30 and Shahzad with 2 for 15. Buccimazza P. took the catch of the weekend with a diving catch to get rid of Burgess on 2. Ferreira having broken his thumb in an attempt to take a catch was substituted by Josh Winter.

Lisbon in chase of the total lost both openers without bothering the scorers, Pais and Shahzad having to stabilize the boat. Pais scoring a quick 45 and Shahzad chipping in with 50 before going out, Menezes came in to top score with a well played 59 not out. Rajani, Khan and Butcher all took 3 wickets each to restrict Lisbon to 224 with a lead of 125.

Porto lost their openers cheaply, but a better batting performance and a handful of drop catches helped them reach 213. Chambers scored 36, while Khan played a very good innings scoring 63 and Butcher once again with a handy 29. Winter A. and Deuchand each taking 2 wickets were the bowlers of note, leaving Lisbon a total of 89 runs to win.

In an attempt to finish off the game quickly, Lisbon lost wickets in regular intervals, with Pais's 31 and Menezes's 22 runs standing out, Rajani and Butcher taking 2 wickets each, in the end it was not enough to defend the small target, with Lisbon reaching 91 for 6 to retain the cup.