

Ramesh slams 35 ball century in Florida

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Team India's indomitable 24 year-old classy right-handed batsman Sai Sitaram Ramesh slammed an undefeated 111 off Barbados at the Lauderhill Sports Park on Sunday March 6th.

Opening the innings for India in reply to Barbados' 164 all out, Ramesh took apart the hapless Barbados bowling attack blasting 14 scorching fours and 7 towering sixes to set on fire the Lauderhill sports Park. Team India reached their target of 165 for the loss of just 1 wicket in only 9.5 overs.

Ramesh's scorcher during seventh round of the ongoing Sims Cup competition is the fastest century ever in a leading SFCA cricket competition. He reached 100 in just 35 balls and despatched 13 fours and 6 sixes as his opponents watched in awe.

Ramesh is a former India Under-19 player who also played in the TN CA division for Sanmar Chemplast and also represented Delhi at Under-16 level and Tamil Nadu at Under-21 level. Ramesh was also the South Zone Universities Captain in India.

In last year's SFCA Sims Cup, Ramesh was the leading run-getter with an aggregate of 498 runs in six innings, including 3 centuries for an average of 71.14. His highest score was a scintillating knock of 153 off a strong Jamaica team. In the Central Florida league 2010 season, he was the highest run-getter scoring 635 runs and the highest wicket-taker bagging 26 wickets with his tantalizing off-spin. In the 2010 USACA championship, he took 9 scalps for South East.

Jeff Miller, a former USA fast bowler who was on the cricket field representing Barbados said: "It was just about the best innings I've ever seen and by far the fastest in South Florida. This fellow played every shot one could imagine while literally tearing the bowling to pieces, it is an innings that beats all others."

Richard Louis, the Barbados captain, also a former USA medium-fast bowler had this to say: "Having played in Orlando, I've seen Ramesh before and know of his batting ability. This 35 ball hundred was a brilliant one, and we all saw in Ramesh that with a change of attitude, (we have) a possible star of the future."

