

MATCH REPORT

Skipper Chanaka and veteran Sanath smash Osaka Kings and records

Chanaka Dushmantha smashed an unbeaten 149 and added a record 219-run second wicket partnership with Sanath Fernando as Osaka Lions powered their way to 105-run win over Osaka Kings in their first Japan Cup match of the season.

Japan Cup Kansai 27-Feb-2022 Kaizuka cricket field.

Osaka Lions 220/1 (Chanaka 149*, Sanath 50*) beat Osaka Kings 115 /6 (Asad 32, Muhammad 15*, Sanath 3/8)

[Scorecard and ball-by-ball details](#)



Chanaka and Sanath after their record-breaking innings

Chanaka Dushmantha became the first batsman to make two centuries in Japan Cup Kansai and his unbeaten 149 is also the highest individual score in Japan Cup Kansai. His 50 came from 23-balls, 100 off 55-balls and finished the innings unbeaten with 149 off 71-balls. He hit 11 fours and sent 10 sixes flying all around the ground.

Chanaka was supported by Sanath who made unbeaten 50 off 49-balls including two fours and two sixes.

At the start Osaka kings captain Syed Ajaz won the toss and elected to field in a wet-slippery pitch.

Sanath Fernando and Chamara Cooray opened the innings for Lions and Basit Abbasi removed Chamara in his fourth ball for a duck. Abbasi was fast and furious in his first over until Chanaka joined Sanath from the fifth ball of the match and both played calm until the beginning of sixth over. After five overs, Lions were 34/1. Then Chanaka changed his gear and smashed Kharal Nawaz for 22-runs in the sixth over. The pair also scored 26-runs off Touqeer Ahmad in the nineteenth over before they finished the innings with 220/1 off 20 overs on the board. For Kings Abbasi ended up with 1/31 off 4 overs.

Basit Abbasi and Touqeer Ahmed opened the batting for Kings and put 33-runs partnership for the first wicket. Suminda Sanjaya got the first wicket for Lions with his second ball of the match. Touqeer was the first to go with 7-runs off 13 balls. Asad Khan joined Abbasi and the pair add 28-runs for the second wicket before Sanath Fernando bowled Abbasi for 11-runs off 20 balls. Kings score at 79, Sahen Silva took a brilliant catch off Chamara Cooray's bowling to send Asad back to pavilion. Asad's 32-runs off 25 balls was the highest score for Kings. Next over Farooq Ali got out for 6-runs off 16 balls, and then Marzook was bowled by Sanath for a duck with the score remaining at 79. Kings captain Syed Ajaz came to bat at number 6 and managed to get just 3-runs off 7 balls before being bowled to Chanaka. At the end of 20 overs, Kings were 115 for 6 wickets with two veterans; Muhammad Khawaja 15 off 24 balls and Arshad Bhutta 12 off 13 balls being not out at the crease. For Lions, Sanath bagged 3/8 off 4 overs.

Thanks to both umpires Umair Zulfiqar and Dani Danish from Kobe Hawks, who has done a great job.