



Being DCC 2nd XI is a bit like being Sachin Tendulkar's younger brother (assuming he had one and also played cricket). Even if you do very well, it is never quite going to match the illustrious achievements of your older sibling and if you do poorly, it begs the question - how come there is a such a big talent level difference?!

That said, DCC 2nd XI narrowly missed qualifying for Division A in the upcoming season and they owe a lot of it to some sparkling performances from none other than Suhas Naik, who was among the top 5 batsmen of the erstwhile Div B. Rumour has it that Mr. Naik will be playing for their third team, DCC 3rd XI this season to try and groom the DCC stars of the future and that will surely be a blow to the 2nd XI's chances at least.

Trying to fill that void would be Naved Aftab, who has always been a cricketer who held a lot of promise with both bat and ball but has not quite fulfilled it. Perhaps the leadership that he will be required to provide to DCC2 this season will bring out the best in him. He will be ably supported by veteran campaigner, Shahab Abdullah, who when on song is easily one of the best leg spinners around. Delroy Ebanks, Stanley Tomlinson, Cap and Roy Labeach will be around as ever to provide experience and solidity to batting and bowling.

Sumit Ralli will try as honestly and truly as he always does while Tarang Sethia has improved his cricket by leaps and bounds of late and will be keen to make a statement about his talent to his buddy, one who goes by the name Rahul. Another bright talent that is awaiting his time in the limelight is Vish, whose lazy elegance reminds one of a right handed David Gower.

Sharat Kaul seems to be relishing his role as opener and has been anxiously waiting for a skipper who will let him bowl in a league match.

His former skipper Suhas was having none of it. Will Shahab be any different? Time alone will tell.

For DCC 2nd XI, comic relief will be provided by Ahmed Jeddy.