

# DFCC Bank Cricket Team Clinches 2023 Championship Title in Mercantile Cricket Division C League



*The DFCC Bank Cricket Team winners.*

DFCC Bank Cricket Team etched their name in history by clinching the Mercantile Cricket Association Division C League Championship for 2023. The grand finale witnessed a thrilling match between DFCC Bank and Nawaloka Hospitals, a battle that highlighted the true spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie on both sides. However, DFCC Bank's cricketing talents shone brightly as they secured a resounding 7-wicket victory, chasing down a target of 136 runs set by Nawaloka Hospitals.

Chamod Wickramasinghe, Captain of the DFCC Bank Cricket Team, remarked, "Our journey to achieving the Championship Title underscores the values that both DFCC Bank and cricket represent - dedication, teamwork, and the pursuit of excellence. This victory symbolises a cricketing triumph and a celebration of DFCC Bank's commitment to fostering achievements beyond the ordinary. We are thrilled and thank our opponents for their exceptional challenges, which tested our mettle and allowed us to prove ourselves and reach beyond what we thought was possible!"

The path to victory was paved with many memorable moments for DFCC Bank. These included a staggering 73-run triumph over Commercial Bank in the opening match, a closely fought battle against LOLC Holdings ending in a narrow

defeat by a mere one run, and a dominant victory secured by seven wickets against the Airport and Aviation team. This was followed by another impressive win by four wickets against Nawaloka Hospital, a spectacular triumph with a remarkable margin of 161 runs against Hemas Holdings, a comprehensive victory sealed by ten wickets against DPMC, and a spirited semi-final triumph secured by seven wickets against LOLC Holdings, finally culminating in the pinnacle of success in the grand finals with a glorious 7-wicket victory against Nawaloka Hospital, ultimately sealing the title!

Beyond securing the Championship title, the team also witnessed remarkable individual performances, with notable accolades awarded to Ravindu Rathnayake for emerging as the “Best Batsman” in the Division C League. At the same time, Nipun Premarathne garnered well-deserved recognition as the “Best Bowler.” Meanwhile, Ravindu Rathnayake shone as the undisputed “Man of the Series,” Nipun Premarathne earned the distinguished title of “Man of the Finals.”

Lakshitha Weerasinghe, Assistant Vice President - Manager of DFCC Cricket, said, “Our team’s victory is a testament to the dedication and passion our people bring to cricket, banking, and life. Our unwavering support for our team has paid off and allowed them to rise above challenges, step out of their comfort zones and achieve something that we can all be proud of, individually and collectively. We look forward to more standout performances from the team in the future and thank them for flying the DFCC flag high at the tournament.”

DFCC Bank is ranked among Business Today’s Top 40 Corporates in Sri Lanka.