

Akul Pandove and Rahul Kashyap engineer Chhatisgarh collapse in Cooch Behar trophy.

Punjab trounced Chhatisgarh by an innings and 157 runs to garner 7 points while Chhatisgarh got zero. Off spinners Akul Pandove and Rahul Kashyap scalped 4 wickets a piece to send Chhatisgarh packing for 123 in 33.5 overs after Chhatisgarh were made to followon while trailing by 280 runs on the first innings.

Resuming overnight 389 for 8 Punjab were bowled out for 396 in 94.2 overs. Rohan Taank 6 for 159 and Utkarsh Tiwari 4 for 109 being the main wicket takers. Replaying Chhatisgarh were bundled out for 116 in 54.5 overs with Prateek Yadav 49 off 105 balls with 7 boundaries being the principal run getter for Chhatisgarh. For Punjab off spinner Rahul Kashyap 4 for 7 and leg spinner Mayank Markande 4 for 25 and Off spinner Pandove 1 for 14 shared the spoils. Being forced to followon Chhatisgarh in their second innings also made a disastrous start losing half their side with 46 runs on the board in 12.1 overs with Akul Pandove and Rahul Kashyap bowling in tandem. Akul Pandove cleaned up opener Sanjiv Soni (4), Prateek Yadav (01) while Rahul Kashyap trapped Mayank Wadher (0) bowled Sanjit Desai (13) and Yash Thakur (13). Ashish Pandey waged a lone battle for Chhatisgarh as he smashed (61) runs off 68 balls inclusive of 12 boundaries and one six before being caught by Prabh Simran in the deep off leg spinner Mayank Markande. Akul Pandove wrapped up the innings by trapping Naman Dhruv in front for (7) and having got Rohan Taank caught by Rishab Bhagat for (04). Chhatisgarh innings ended at 123 in 33.5 overs. The four day match finished inside 2 days. This outright win enabled Punjab U-19 to move into the knock out stage of Cooch Behar Trophy.