

Punjab enter Vijay merchant Trophy under-16 Tournament final

Punjab entered the finals of Vijay Merchant Trophy on basis of their 1<sup>st</sup> innings lead of 45 runs against MPCA in the semi finals played at wankhede stadium Mumbai. Batting first Punjab scored 370 in 151.2 overs. Aditya Partap Singh (62) and Harnoor Singh Pannu (56) put on 105 runs for the first wicket in 49.5 overs. Gagan verma(52) , Jashan Pannu (49), Anurag Watts (36) and Kritik Gosain unbeaten (25) were the other contributors with the bat. For MPCA tripuresh singh 3 for 92 Abhishek Mavi 2 for 32, Shivang Kumar 2 for 69 were the main wicket takers. Replying Madhya Pradesh were bowled out for 325 in 169.4 over. Shubham Kushwaha (55), Akshat Raghvanshi (34) , Nihaar bhatt (67), Sumit Kushwaha (39), Abhishek Mavi (41) were the principal run getters for MPCA. For Punjab Right Arm leg spinner Anurag watts scalped 5 for 99. He was ably sported by Ayush Goyal 2 for 67 and Kritik Gosain 2 for 48. Punjab in their second innings were 67 for 1 in 24 over4s. when the match ended. Aditya partap singh remained unbeaten on (34).

Punjab will meet UPCA in the four day finals to be played at wankhede Stadium Mumbai from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>Feb 2018 . UPCA defeated Haryana in the other semi final.