

Punjab in Driver's Seat Against Vidarbha in Col.C.K. Nayudu Trophy

Resuming at overnight 347 for 3 Punjab lost their 4th wicket in the morning at 365 when wicket keeper A.R.K Malhotra was caught by A.B. Wadekar of Lalit after compiling a well made half century (65) off 93 balls studded with 7 boundaries and 2 sixes at Nagpur. The 4th wicket stand between Anmolpreet Singh and ARK Malhotra realized 131 runs. Anmolpreet who has been holding one end up added another 34 runs with Nikhil Chaudhary before holding out to R.K.Chaudhary of P.R. Rakhde for a sedate century (130) off 216 balls inclusive of 20 boundaries and one six. At this stage Punjab were 411 for 5 in 104.1 overs. P.R. Rakhade struck soon after having skipper Karan Kaila caught by A.G.Aggarwal for 01. Arpit Pannu also did not last long as he was caught by A.G. Aggarwal off R.K.Chaudhary for 11 reducing Punjab to 434 for 7. Then Nikhil Chaudhary in company of Vinay Chaudhary added 46 runs for the 8th wicket before Nikhil Chaudhary was caught by R.K. Chaudhary off Lalit for a strokeful 76 off 97 balls studded with 10 boundaries and 2 sixes. Punjab lost the last three wickets at the score of 480 losing Nikhil Chaudhary in 122.5 overs. Sukhwinder Singh 122.6 and Vinay Chaudhary 123.1 overs. Punjab were bowled out for 480 in 123.1 overs. For Vidarbha Lalit 4 for 81, R.K. Chaudhary 2 for 98 P.R. Rakhade 2 for 108, Zorein 1 for 29, S.O.Kataria 1 for 48 sharing the spoils.

Replying Vidarbha opened with S.R. Ramaswami and S.K. Wath. They made a sedate start putting on 37 runs for the first wicket before skipper and left arm spinner Karan Kaila trapped S.K. Wath in front of the wicket for 17 off 43 balls inclusive of 3 boundaries. Karan Kaila struck again and caught S.R. Ramaswami in front of the wicket for 19 off 46 balls with 3 boundaries. Next in A.G.Aggarwal was trapped in front by Karan Kaila on the very next ball before the batsman could open his account, reducing Vidarbha to 38 for 3 in 15.3 overs. Thereafter S.O.Kataria and A.V. Wadekar got together to repair the Vidarbha innings and put on 119 runs for the 4th wicket before A.V.Wadekar was also trapped in front by left arm spinner Vinay Chaudhary for a well compiled half century (62) off 104 balls inclusive of 7 boundaries. Next in Zorein was run out by Probhjot Singh for 07 sending half the Vidarbha side back into the pavilion for 171 in 54.4 overs. At close of second days play Vidarbha were 179 for 5 in 59 overs, still 301 runs behind on Punjab's first innings. For Punjab Karan Kaila 3 for 56 and Vinay Chaudhary 1 for 61 shared the spoils.