

BARODA – ONGC SET UP TITLE CLASH OF 22ND ALL INDIA J.P. ATRAY MEMORIAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT.

In the semi finals played Cricket Stadium Sector 16 ONGC got the better of CAG while in the second semi finals at GMSSS Sector 26, Baroda defeated Reliance-I. Baroda winning the toss and electing to bat first opened with Kedar Devdhar and Aditya Wagmode and the duo put on 23 runs for the first wicket before left arm medium fast Rush Kalaria castled Aditya Wagmode for 10. Thereafter, Kedar Devdhar and Dhiren Mistry started the repair work and in the process added 102 runs for the 2nd wicket before Kedar Devdhar was caught by Apoorav at long off the bowling of off spinner Yogesh Nagar for 88 off 90 balls studded with 6 boundaries. Thereafter Dhiren Mistry was caught by Rishab Pant of the bowling of right arm medium fast Deepak Punia for 40 off 75 balls inclusive of one boundary. Bishnu Solanki and Ketan Panchal then put on 46 runs for the 4th wicket before Bishnu Solanki was stumped by Jitesh Sharma of the bowling of off spinner Yogesh Nagar for 24 off 29 balls inclusive of 3 boundaries. Ketan Panchal was next to go when he was caught by Unmukt Chand off Kunal Pandeya for 28 off 36 balls with 3 boundaries. Abhijit Karmakar was then caught by Rishab Pant at long on off Hardik Pandeya for 28 off 30 balls with 3 boundaries. Baroda were finally bowled out for 253 in 49.4 overs. For Reliance-I Hardik Pandeya 3 for 49, Kunal Pandeya 2 for 39 and Yogesh Nagar 2 for 48 were the main wicket takers.

Replying Reliance - I opened with Unmukat Chand and Rishab Panth and the duo added 21 runs for the first wicket before Rishab Pant was caught by Karamakar off Vijay Halai for 02. Jitesh Sharma and Unmukat Chand then added 24 runs for the 2nd wicket before Jitesh Sharma was caught at long on by Kedar off Vijay Halai for 16. Akashdeep Nath and Unmukt Chand then had a 21 runs partnership for the 3rd wicket before Unmukat Chand was caught by Bishnu at extra cover off Swapnil Singh for 40 off 50 balls inclusive of 7 boundaries. Reliance-I then lost Akashdeep Nath (18) Hardik Pandeya (06) Kunal Pandeya (17) and Yogesh Nagar (08), Pawan Negi (0) reducing Reliance-I to 125 for 8 in 31.3 overs. Then Apoorva Wankhede and Deepak Punia added 38 runs for the 9th wicket before Apoorva Wankhede was caught at long on off Karmablekar for 37 off 44 balls inclusive of 2 boundaries and 2 sixes. Reliance-I were bowled out for 165 in 41 overs and lost the match by 88 runs to make the exit from the tournament. For Baroda Soib Tai 3 for 42, Swapnil Singh 2 for 16 and Vijay Halai 2 for 18 were the most successful bowlers. Kedar Devdhar of Baroda was named man of the match.

In the second semi final match played at Sector 16, ONGC winning the toss and opting to bat, opened with Under 19 World Cup captain Ishan Kishan and Sandeep Sharma and the duo put on 75 runs for the first wicket before Ishan Kishan was caught by Gurinder Singh off Gokul Sharma for 43 off 42 balls studded with 8 boundaries. At this stage Nitish Rana joined Sandeep Sharma and the duo put on an enterprising partnership of 78 runs for the 2nd wicket before Sandeep Sharma was caught by Gokul Sharma off left arm spinner Gurinder Singh for 58 off 95 balls inclusive of 7 boundaries and one six. Nitish Rana soon followed suit as he was caught by Gaurav Uppadhya off Gobind Poddar for 61 off 60 balls inclusive of 4 boundaries and one six. ONGC innings ended at 261 for 7 in 50 overs. For CAG Ishwar Pandey 1 for 66, Ankit Sharma 1 for 46, Gokul Sharma 1 for 30, Gurinder Singh 1 for 38, Gobind Poddar 1 for 11 and Bipluv Samantrai 2 for 32 shared the spoils.

Replying CAG opened with Bandeep Singh and Gokul Podar who added 19 runs for the 1st wicket before Bandeep Singh was run out by Nitish Rana for 11. CAG batsman then lost the plot and fell in a heap to reduce the team to a despicable 51 for 8 wickets. Thereafter Gurinder Singh (37) and Ishwar Pandey (13) added 42 runs for the 9th wicket. Gurinder Singh made a brisk 37 off 19 balls with 2 fours and four lusty sixes. CAG finally folded for 108 in 24.4 overs. Leaving ONGC victors by 153 runs and a place in the finals. For ONGC Parveen Gupta 4 for 34, Sumit Narwal 2 for 14, Zishan Ansari 2 for 32 and Munaf Patel 1 for 12 were the main wicket takers. For his all round performance Parveen Gupta was named man of the match.

The day and night final between Baroda Cricket Association and ONGC Delhi will be played at I.S. Bindra Stadium PCA Mohali from 1.30 p.m. Mr. Viswajeet Khanna, IAS will inaugurate the match.