

Rishab Bhagat – Akul Pandove engineer Odisha's collapse in Cooch Behar Trophy at Bhuvneshwar

Punjab's medium pacer Rishab Bhagat 7 for 57 and off spinner Akul Partap Pandove 3 for 24 bundled out Odisha for a parltry 142 in 57 overs in their cooch behar trophy match being played at Vikash Cricket Ground Bhuvneshwar. Winning the toss and opting to field Punjab struck the first blow when Rishab Bhagat cleaned up Raghunath Malla for 10 with the total reading 17. Thereafter Swastik Samal and Amrit Khatua put on 32 runs for the 2nd wicket before Amit Khatua was snapped by wicket keeper Mayank Sidhu off Rishab Bhagat for 5 with the total reading 49 for 2 in 14.3 overs. Swastik Samal was the next to go being caught by Mayank Markande off Rishab Bhagat for 35 off 44 balls. At this stage off spinner Akul Partap Pandove came into the fray and had Mrityanjanjaya Sharma snapped by the wicket keeper Mayank Sidhu for 14. Akul Partap struck again when he had Satyajit Sabat caught by Rishab Bhagat for 28. Girija Mishra was Akul Partap Pandove's next victim when he was caught by Mayank Markande for 13 Rishab Bhagat then polished of the tail by cleaning up Sanjay Dass for 07, having Krishan Palai caught by Anmolpreet Singh for 14 and knocking of Preet Singh Chauhan before the batsman could open his account. Odisha finished at 142 for all in 47 overs.

Replying Punjab also ran into rough weather and were precariously placed at 95 for 6 in 31 overs. Punjab opened with Arjun Verma and Parbhsimran Singh and the duo put on 43 runs for the first wicket and both the batsmen fell at the same total. First Prabhsimran was caught by Amrit Khatua off Satyajit Sabat for 21 while Arjun Verma was caught by Girja Mishra off Preet Singh Chauhan for 18. Punjab at one stage were looking down the barrel with half the side back in the pavilion with score reading 64 for 5 in 17.2 overs. At close of play Anmolpreet Singh unbeaten 20 and Mayank Sidhu zero were at the crease with the Punjab score reading 95 for 6 in 31 overs.