

BRILLIANT CENTURIES BY GURKIRAT MANN, UDAY KAUL,RAVIKANT SHUKLA AND TEJINDER SINGH IN 22ND ALL INDIA J.P. ATRAY MEMORIAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

PCC in their opening match against Minerva Cricket Academy were fully extended as they eked out a narrow four runs win at GMSSS Sector 26 Chandigarh. Winning the toss PCC opened with Manan Vohra and Pargat Singh and the duo added 36 runs before Pargat Singh was trapped in front by left arm spinner Anish for 27. Manan Vohra followed soon being trapped by Anish for 23. Mandeep Singh fresh from his stint with India – A did not last long and perished for one. Reducing PCC to 65 for 3. Thereafter Jeevanjot Singh (66) off 80 balls with 7 boundaries and Gurkeerat Mann added (106) runs for the 4th wicket before Jeevanjot Singh was caught by Tejinder Singh off Naved. At this stage Arush Sabharwal joined Gurkirat Mann and the duo added 93 runs for the 5th wicket before Arush Sabharwal was caught by Tejinder Singh off Gaurav Kumar for 46 off 33 balls with 6 boundaries and one six. Gurkirat Mann was the next to go when he was caught by Satyawan off Gaurav Sharma for a hard hitting century (130) off 112 balls spiked with 8 boundaries and six huge sixes. PCC scored 303 for 7 in 50 overs. For Minerva Cricket Academy Gaurav Sharma 3 for 45 and Anish Ahmed 2 for 68 shared the spoils.

Replying Minerva made a disastrous start as they lost their opener Nitin Saini who was castled by Manpreet Goni before he could open his account. Thereafter, southpaw Uday Kaul and Tejinder Singh took up the challenge in real earnest as they went about taking the PCC bowlers to the cleaners by stitching a 154 runs partnership for the 3rd wicket in just 20.2 overs. Raising visions of an upset win by Minerva. Tejinder Singh who played with great abandon blasted a furious century (101) off just 73 balls laced with 8 boundaries and six huge sixes before he was caught in the deep trying to force the pace. His whirlwind innings sent raptures in the holiday crowd. Uday Kaul carried on the challenge and in the process also completed his century before falling to the trap of Sandeep - Mandeep Goni combine. His innings of (104) came off 121 balls and was studded with 8 boundaries and one six. He was the sixth man out at 268 in 45.3 overs. Minerva batsman tried hard but eventually fell 4 short of the victory target to end up on the losing side. They were 299 for 8 in 50 overs. PCC got 4 points for this win while Minerva got zero. Gurkirat Mann for his brilliant hundred declared man of the match.

In the second match played at St.John School Sector 26 Air India defeated MPCA by 4 wickets to garner 4 points. MPCA won the toss and decided to bat and were bowled out for 202 in 49.5 overs. Saurav Dhaliwal scored a brisk 94 off 79 balls inclusive of 9 boundaries and 4 sixes and other notable contribution came from Monish Mishra 32. For Air India Harpreet Brar 3 for 35, Zia ul Haq and Sukhjinder 2 for 20 were the main wicket takers. In reply Air India scored 205 for 6 in 42.2 overs to carve out a four wicket win. Air India got 4 points for this win while MPCA got zero. Rajesh Sharma 48, Pritush Singh 57 not out were the main run getters for Air India. For MPCA Kuldeep Sen 4 for 70 was the main wicket take. Saurav Dhaliwal of MPCA declared man of the match.

In the third match played at Govt. College Ropar between Baroda and GDS XI, Baroda defeated GDS by 5 wickets in a low scoring match and garner four points. GDS batting first were bundled out for 95 with some incisive bowling by former test player left arm medium pacer Irfan Pathan 3 for 21 and right arm medium pacer Vijay Halali 3 for 8 sent GSD packing for 95 in 34.4 overs. Bhagmender Lather 21 was the highest scorer for GDS XI.

Replying Baroda also were in dire straits when they lost their first 5 wickets for a mere 45 runs on the board. Then Swapnil Singh unbeaten 28 and Irfan Pathan unbeaten 23 took the score to 97 for 5 in 19.3 overs. For GDS XI Jatinder Billa 3 for 21 and Sunny 2 for 50 were the main wicket takers. Irfan Pathan for his all round performance was named man of the match.

In the 4th match played at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Indian Oil Corporation Mumbai got the better of UPCA by 7 wickets. Winning the toss and opting to bat UP were restricted to 231 for 7 in 50 overs. Karanvir Kaushal 27 , Gaurav Tomar 25, Shubham Choubey 68, Upender Yadav unbeaten 69 off 79 balls with 8 boundaries were the main run getters for UPCA. Avesh Khan 3 for 40 and Khizar Dafedar 2 for 40 were the main wicket takers for Indian Oil. Indian Oil Corporation achieved the target by hitting 232 for 3 in 37.3 overs. Ravikanth Shukla who opened the innings remained unbeaten on hundred off 97 balls with 8 boundaries and 2 sixes and he was ably supported by Arish Alam unbeaten 77 off 76 balls with 8 boundaries and one six. The duo put on 142 runs for the unfinished 4th wicket. For his brilliant century Ravi Kanth shukla was declared man of the match. IOC got 4 points for their win while UPCA got zero. Prashant 2 for 23 was the most successful bowler for UPCA.

Tomorrows fixtures:

18.9.2016	HPCA vs Reliance I	GMSSS Sector-26 Chd.
18.9.2016	ONGC vs DDCA	Sector-16 Std.,Chd.
18.9.2016	Punjab Cricket Club vs Indian Oil Corpn.	I.S. Bindra Stadium Mohali
18.9.2016	UPCA vs Minerva CA	Govt.College Ropar