SKIPPER IKJOT SINGH THIND (94) HELPS PUNJAB GAIN VITAL FIRST INNINGS LEAD AGAINST RAJASTHAN IN COL. C.K. NAYUDU TROPHY MATCH

Resuming from overnight 105 for 5 in 37 overs Punjab riding on a 97 runs 6th wicket stand between Mayank Sidhu and Ikjot Singh Thind posted a total of 278 in 91 overs before being bowled out after carving out a 30 runs vital first innings lead to garner 3 points to Rajasthan's one point. The rear guard action by Punjab Skipper Ikjot Singh Thind in company of Mayank Sidhu brought cheers in the Punjab camp after their top order batsmen Vishwapartap Singh (5), Jashanpreet Singh (05), Abhishek Sharma (05) and Prabh Simran Singh (04) failed to enter the double figures. Thereafter Ramandeep Singh came up with a gritty knock of 47 off 77 balls laced with 6 boundaries. Skipper Ikjot Singh Thind, who shouldered the responsibility of salvaging his team from a murky situation was unlucky to miss his coveted century by 6 runs when he was castled by right arm medium fast bowler A.A.Khan for 94 off 148 balls studded with 16 brilliant hits to the fence. Ikjot Singh Thind fell at team's total of 234 in 80.5 overs still 16 runs short of Rajasthan's first innings total of 250. Thereafter Abhinav Sharma 18 off 49 balls with one boundary saw the team reach 251 before holing out to mid-wicket of the bowling of A A Khan for 18 off 49 balls with one boundary. Jass Inder Singh unbeaten 21 off 26 balls with one boundary and two sixes saw the team reach 278 in 91 overs before being bowled out. A.A. Khan with a haul of 6 for 60 and S S Dhiwan 2 for 71 and A.M. Gigna 2 for 7 were the most successful bowlers for Rajasthan.

Brief scores:

Rajasthan

250 all out in 79 overs

Deepak 48, Pankaj Yadav 26, Shiva Chauhan 30, R.N. Tomar 30, R.A. Chaudhary 33, S.S. Dhiwan 52

Ikjot Singh Thind 2 for 41, Gurwinder Bhullar 3 for 58, Abhinav Sharma 3 for 42

Punjab

278 all out in 91 overs.

Ramandeep 47, Mayank Sidhu 60, Ikjot Singh Thind 94, Jass Inder Singh 21 not out

A.A. Khan 6 for 60, S S Dhiwan 2 for 71 and A.M. Gigna 2 for 7

Punjab play their next match against Andhra at I.S. Bindra Stadium PCA Mohali from 19-22 Dec.,2019.