

## **Brilliant bowling by leg spinner Anurag Watts for Punjab In Vijay Merchant Trophy**

The under 16 match between Punjab and Himachal ended in a draw with Punjab logging 3 points for their first innings lead while Himachal got one. Resuming at overnight 99 for 7 , Himachal were bundled out for 139 in 88.1 overs. Leg spinner Anurag Watts led the Punjab attack with a haul of 4 for 37 while Shewaz singh bagged 2 for 22 and Deepak Kumar 2 for 36. Purav Raj 33 was the highest run getter for Himachal.

Forced to follow on Himachal opened with Kushal Pal and Raghav Angra and the duo put on 33 runs for the first wicket before Raghav Angra was caught plumb in front by left arm spinner Madhav Pathania for 19. Himachal kept on losing wickets at regular intervals and at one stage half their side was back in the pavilion with the score reading dismal 66 in 38.4 overs. Thereafter Vikram Thakur and Lakshay Verma put on 25 runs for the for the 6<sup>th</sup> wicket taking the score to 91 in 68.3 overs. Right arm leg spinner skipper Anurag Watts bowled an intimidating spell of 23 overs capturing 4 wickets for 27 runs. He was ably supported by left arm spinner Madhav Pathania 3 for 24 and Deepak Kumar 2 for 21. The match took an exciting turn when Himachal lost three quick wickets at the score of 92 and were just able to keep the Punjab bowlers at bay thereby sneaking a draw. Himachal were 92 for 9 in 73 overs when the match ended.