

Brilliant Centuries by Sharad Lumba and Navneet Virk for Amritsar

Batting first Amritsar were bowled out for 163 in 62.3 overs on the first day. Ludhiana in reply were 89 for 7 in 40 overs at close of first days play. Resuming at 89 for 7 Ludhiana were bowled out 172 in 58.4 overs and took a crucial 9 runs first innings lead. They were helped in their cause by a blistering unbeaten knock of 64 off 55 balls inclusive of 2 boundaries and 4 sixes by Nikhil Chaudhary. For Amritsar left arm spinner Vinay Chaudhary 6 for 80 and Dipanshu Chadha 3 for 49 were the main wicket takers. Amritsar in their second essay declared the innings at 327 for 7 in 61.5 overs. Trailing by 9 runs on the first innings Amritsar rode on the back of brilliant century knock by Sharad Lumba 115 off 135 balls with 16 boundaries and one six and Navneet Virk 102 off 75 balls inclusive of 11 boundaries and four huge sixes. Sukhjinder Singh 3 for 49 and Simranjit Singh 2 for 60 were the main wicket takers for Ludhiana. Chasing a target of 319 Ludhiana were 55 for 3 in 20 overs at close of 2nd days play. Shivam Sharma 2 for 9 was the main wicket taker for Amritsar while Sunny Pandey scored 27 runs for Ludhiana