

## Anurag Watts and Pukhraj Mann put Punjab in Driver Seat against J&K in Vijay Merchant Trophy.

Winning the toss Punjab put JKCA into bat at Cricket Stadium Sector 16 and bundled them out for 116 in 30.1 overs. Leg spinner Anurag Watts with a haul of 5 for 42 and left arm spinner Madhav Pathania 3 for 17 alongwith medium pacer Shahwaz Singh 2 for 19 made repeated inroads into the JKCA batting line up., JKCA started with a flourish scoring 36 for the first wicket. Thereafter they kept on losing wickets at regular intervals and at one stage were 88 for 7 in 21.4 overs. Muhmmad 32, Abdul Samad 26, Raghav Sharma 20 were the main run getters for JKCA.

Punjab started their reply with Pukhraj Mann and Anshul and the duo put on 102 runs for the first wicket before Anshul was caught by Murutwan off Javed Ahmed for 50 off 92 balls inclusive of 7 boundaries and one six. Thereafter Pukhraj Mann was joined by Surya Yadav and the duo were involved in a 2nd wicket unbroken partnership of 159 runs. Pukhraj Mann completed a brilliant unbeaten century (114) off 157 balls inclusive of 13 boundaries and 3 sixes while Surya Yadav was unbeaten on 84 off 105 balls inclusive of 14 boundaries. Punjab were 261 for 1 in 59 overs at end of 1st days play. Javed Ahmed 1 for 53 was the only successful bowler for JKCA.

ON THE 2ND DAY OF COOCH BEHAR TROPHY BETWEEN PUNJAB AND TRIPURA , AT DHRUV PANDOVE STADIUM PATIALA , Punjab scored 333 for 4 in 100 overs in reply to Tripura's score of 161. Openers Arjun Verma 47 off 98 balls with 7 boundaries and Prabhsimran Singh 64 off 94 balls with 9 boundaries and one six added 110 runs for the first wicket before Arjun Verma was lbw to J.J.Deb. Prabhsimran followed suit as he was run out by S.A.Gan. Thereafter Gurjot Singh 87 off 210 balls with 11 boundaries and Anmolpreet Singh 99 off 155 balls with 12 boundaries added 175 runs for the 3rd wicket before Anmolpreet Singh was run out one short of his century. Thereafter Gurjot Singh was trapped in front by T.R. Mandal with the score reading 316 for 4. At close of play punjab were 333 for 4 in 100 overs.