



U. Varsha scores fastest ever half century in Women's Blind Cricket, Karnataka starts their championship defence with a dominating win

Bengaluru, 09 January, 2023: Karnataka captain U. Varsha scored the fastest ever half century in Women's Blind Cricket when she scored her half century of just 15 balls and also went on to score a brilliant century to help Karnataka start their championship defence with a thumping win over West Bengal by 174 runs in the IndusInd Bank Women's T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2023 played here at the Altiore Sports Green Park Ground. Previous edition's runners up Odisha also started their campaign with a dominating 10 wicket victory over Haryana. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi & Tamil Nadu also started their campaigns with victories. All the morning 4 matches were played with reduced overs due to dew on the grounds.

Karnataka, asked to bat scored 238/3 in 17 overs. Varsha scored an unbeaten 118 runs and she supported by Kavya NR and Ganga who scored 46 and 30 runs respectively. In reply West Bengal could only score 64/7 in 17 overs. Ganga picked 4 wickets while Deepika took 2 wickets. In the other match at the same venue Madhya Pradesh overcame Gujarat by 28 runs. Batting first Madhya Pradesh scored 135/7 in 17 overs. Gujarat could not finish their quota of overs in reply as they were bowled out for 107 runs in 11.5 overs.

At the Sachin Tendulkar Ground Odisha thumped Haryana by 10 wickets. Batting first Haryana scored 45/8 in their 17 overs. Odisha achieved their target in just 3.5 overs. In the other match at the same venue Rajasthan beat Jharkhand in a nail biter of match by 11 runs. Batting first Rajasthan scored 147/8 from 16 overs. Jharkhand fell short of the target by 11 runs in their reply ending the innings at 136/6 from 16 overs.

At the Cricbiz Cricket Ground, Chandapura, Andhra Pradesh thumped Maharashtra by 9 wickets. Batting first Maharashtra scored 103\2 in their allotted 17 overs. Andhra reached their target in just 11 overs with the loss of just a wicket. In the other league match at the same venue Chandigarh beat Telengana by 21 runs. Batting first Chandigarh scored 146/5 in 20 overs. In reply Telengana were bowled out for 125 in 19 overs.

In Cricbiz Ground, Bannerghatta, Delhi beat Kerala by 67 runs. Kerala could only manage 102/6 in their 17 overs chasing a target of 170 runs set by Delhi. Delhi had scored 169/3 in their 17 Overs. In the other match at the same venue Tamil Nadu thumped Assam by 111 runs. Tamil Nadu batted first and scored 177/4 from their 17 overs. Assam could only manage 66 runs and lost 8 wickets in their 17 overs.

8 matches will be played tomorrow in the four venues across the city. The tournament is organized by Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled under the aegis of Cricket Association for the Blind in India.