

Over 60s Pankaj Memorial Cup, Jamshedpur



Jamshedpur, India – 18 Dec, 2025- The **Masters Cricket Tournament – Pankaj Memorial Cup (Overs 60s)** was successfully conducted from **15th to 18th December 2025**, celebrating the spirit of veteran cricket and honouring the legacy of **Pankaj Memorial Cup**. The tournament witnessed competitive and spirited performances from seasoned cricketers, reflecting skill, discipline, and sportsmanship at the highest level of master's cricket.

Competitive Performance

The league stage of the **Pankaj Memorial Cup (Second Overs 60s)** featured a series of keenly contested encounters, highlighting the competitive depth and experience of the participating veteran teams. The tournament began with intense league matches where teams tested combinations and strategies under varying conditions at **Keenan Stadium and Telco Ground, Jamshedpur**.

South Zone Challengers (SZC) made an early statement in the league phase with a dominant performance against **Central Strikers (CS)**, piling up a massive **254/6 in 40 overs** and then bowling CS out for **137**, registering a commanding **117-run victory**. This emphatic win underlined SZC's batting strength and bowling discipline. SZC continued their strong run by chasing down **Maharashtra Warriors (MW)** comfortably, winning by **9 wickets**, further strengthening their position in the points table.

North-East Heroes (NEH) showcased resilience and match temperament throughout the league stage. In a closely fought encounter against **South Zone Challengers**, NEH edged out a thrilling **3-run victory**, demonstrating composure under pressure. NEH also displayed consistency by defeating **Central Strikers** by **6 wickets** and later overcoming **Maharashtra Warriors** in another competitive fixture, establishing themselves as serious title contenders.

Maharashtra Warriors (MW) combined aggressive batting with fighting spirit. They registered a convincing **54-run win over Central Strikers** after posting a strong total and later produced a solid all-round performance to defeat **North-East Heroes** by **5 wickets**. MW's ability to rebound after setbacks was evident, culminating in an **11-run victory over Central Strikers** in the **Third Place Playoff**.

The knockout phase saw the competition reach its peak. In the **Final at Keenan Stadium**, **South Zone Challengers** produced a disciplined and clinical performance to defend **134**, bowling out **North-East Heroes** for **108** and sealing a **26-run victory** to lift the **Pankaj Memorial Cup**. Their balanced contribution with both bat and ball, coupled with calm execution under pressure, proved decisive on the biggest stage.

Overall, the tournament stood out for its **closely fought matches, narrow margins, and high-quality veteran cricket**, with teams displaying tactical awareness, fitness, and competitive spirit throughout the event.

Top Performances for the Tournament

Top Run Scorers

1. Virendra Bhoombla (NEH) – 202 runs | Avg: 67.33 | SR: 73.45
2. Nitesh Gundecha (MW) – 134 runs | Avg: 44.67 | SR: 97.10
3. Subramanya Raju (SZC) – 125 runs | Avg: 41.67 | SR: 91.24

Top Wicket Takers

1. V M Prasad (NEH) – 10 wickets | Eco: 4.59
2. Thyaga (SZC) – 9 wickets | Eco: 3.29
3. Jandhyala Ramakrishna (SZC) – 8 wickets | Eco: 3.92

Match Fixtures & Result:

League Match				
Date	Fixture	Match Scorecard	Summary	Venue
15-Dec-25	South Zone Challengers vs Central Strikers	SZC 254/6 (40.0) - CS 137/10 (30.3)	South Zone Challengers Won by 117 runs	Telco Ground
15-Dec-25	North-East Heroes vs Maharashtra Warriors	NEH 209/10 (39.5) - MW 210/5 (36.3)	Maharashtra Warriors Won by 5 wickets	Keenan Stadium
16-Dec-25	North-East Heroes vs South Zone Challengers	NEH 173/8 (40.0) - SZC 170/10 (35.5)	North-East Heroes Won by 3 runs	Keenan Stadium
16-Dec-25	Maharashtra Warriors vs Central Strikers	MW 218/10 (37.5) - CS 164/10 (37.4)	Maharashtra Warriors Won by 54 runs	Telco Ground
17-Dec-25	Maharashtra Warriors vs South Zone Challengers	MW 141/10 (35.2) - SZC 144/1 (19.5)	South Zone Challengers Won by 9 wickets	Keenan Stadium
17-Dec-25	Central Strikers vs North-East Heroes	CS 165/10 (37.0) - NEH 166/4 (20.0)	North-East Heroes Won by 6 wickets	Telco Ground
Third Place Match				
18-Dec-25	Maharashtra Warriors vs Central Strikers	MW 122/2 (20.0) - CS 111/4 (20.0)	Maharashtra Warriors Won by 11 runs	Telco Ground
Final				
18-Dec-25	South Zone Challengers vs North-East Heroes	SZC 134/10 (35.2) - NEH 108/10 (29.0)	South Zone Challengers Won by 26 runs	Keenan Stadium

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