



Pondicherry, India – 03 Feb, 2026- The **Over 60s VCI National Tournament** was successfully conducted from **29th Jan to 03rd Feb 2026**, celebrating the spirit of veteran cricket. The tournament witnessed competitive and spirited performances from seasoned cricketers, reflecting skill, discipline, and sportsmanship at the highest level of cricket.

Competitive Performance

The Veterans Cricket League featured an exciting **round-robin format comprising 15 matches**, held at the Siechem CAP Grounds from **29th January to 3rd February 2026**. The tournament brought together top veteran teams, showcasing competitive cricket, experience, and remarkable sportsmanship.

The league began with a closely fought contest where **Western Lions** edged past **Northern Warriors** by just 4 runs. On the same day, **England Cricket Seniors** delivered a dominant performance, defeating **Southern Gazelles** by 79 runs, while **Central Strikers** secured a convincing 6-wicket victory over **Global Patriots**.

On **30th January**, **Northern Warriors** registered a commanding 99-run win against Southern Gazelles. **England Cricket Seniors** continued their strong run, defeating Global Patriots by 114 runs, while **Western Lions** recorded an impressive 104-run victory over Central Strikers.

The competition intensified on **31st January**, with **Global Patriots** claiming an 8-wicket win over Southern Gazelles. **England Cricket Seniors** maintained their consistency with a 7-wicket victory against Western Lions, while **Northern Warriors** secured a solid 92-run win against Central Strikers.

On **2nd February**, **England Cricket Seniors** continued their dominance with an 80-run win over Northern Warriors. **Central Strikers** edged past Southern Gazelles in a thrilling 1-wicket finish, and **Global Patriots** defeated Western Lions by 6 wickets in another competitive match.

The final day of the league stage on **3rd February** saw **Global Patriots** register a 5-wicket win against Northern Warriors. **England Cricket Seniors** once again impressed with a comprehensive 9-wicket victory over Central Strikers. The day concluded with a standout performance by **Southern Gazelles**, who defeated Western Lions convincingly by 107 runs.

Overall, **England Cricket Seniors** emerged as the most consistent side, finishing the league stage with **5 wins out of 5 matches**. **Global Patriots** followed with **3 wins**, while **Western Lions**, **Northern Warriors**, and **Central Strikers** secured **2 wins each**. **Southern Gazelles** managed **1 win** in the tournament. The league phase, comprising 15 matches in a round-robin format, highlighted competitive cricket with several closely fought encounters.

A total of **15 matches** were played across **30 innings**, producing **6752 runs** from **7366 balls**. Batters scored **646 fours** and **37 sixes**, with **32 half-centuries** and **7 centuries**, highlighting strong top-order contributions.

Top Performances for the Tournament

Top Run Scorers

1. Hyder Ali – 373 runs | Avg: 124.33
2. Virendra Bhoombla – 302 runs | Avg: 75.50
3. Ur Radhakrishna Phcc – 289 runs | Avg: 57.80

Top Wicket Takers

1. Ashok Vasudevan – 9 wickets | Eco: 5.65
2. Thyaga – 8 wickets | Eco: 4.12
3. Jaison Manjila – 8 wickets | Eco: 5.11

Match Fixtures & Result:

League Match				
Date	Fixture	Match Scorecard	Summary	Venue
29-Jan-26	Western Lions Vs Northern Warriors	WL 267/5 (45)-NW 263/6 (45)	Western Lions Won by 4 Runs	Siechem CAP Ground 2
29-Jan-26	England Cricket Seniors Vs Southern Gazelles	ECS 340/10 (44.5)-SG 261/6 (45)	England Cricket Seniors Won by 79 Runs	Siechem CAP Ground 3
29-Jan-26	Global Patriots Vs Central Strikers	GP 201/9 (45)-CS 202/4 (39)	Central Strikers Won by 6 Wickets	Siechem CAP Ground 4
30-Jan-26	Northern Warriors Vs Southern Gazelles	NW 295/6 (45)-SG 196/10 (29.5)	Northern Warriors Won by 99 Runs	Siechem CAP Ground 2
30-Jan-26	England Cricket Seniors Vs Global Patriots	ECS 332/4 (45)-GP 218/5 (45)	England Cricket Seniors Won by 114 Runs	Siechem CAP Ground 3
30-Jan-26	Western Lions Vs Central Strikers	WL 266/3 (45)-CS 162/10 (38.1)	Western Lions Won by 104 Runs	Siechem CAP Ground 4
31-Jan-26	Southern Gazelles Vs Global Patriots	SG 228/6 (45)-GP 229/8 (44.4)	Global Patriots Won by 8 Wickets	Siechem CAP Ground 4
31-Jan-26	Western Lions Vs England Cricket Seniors	WL 150/10 (37.2)-ECS 154/3 (25)	England Cricket Seniors Won by 7 Wickets	Siechem CAP Ground 2
31-Jan-26	Northern Warriors Vs Central Strikers	NW 313/7 (45)-CS 221/10 (40.1)	Northern Warriors Won by 92 Runs	Siechem CAP Ground 3
02-Feb-26	England Cricket Seniors Vs Northern Warriors	ECS 281/5 (45)-NW 201/7 (45)	England Cricket Seniors Won by 80 Runs	Siechem CAP Ground 4
02-Feb-26	Southern Gazelles Vs Central Strikers	SG 138/10 (30.4)-CS 142/9 (36.5)	Central Strikers Won by 1 Wicket	Siechem CAP Ground 2
02-Feb-26	Western Lions Vs Global Patriots	WL 248/8 (45)-GP 249/4 (44.2)	Global Patriots Won by 6 Wickets	Siechem CAP Ground 3
03-Feb-26	Northern Warriors Vs Global Patriots	NW 205/9 (45)-GP 206/5 (40.4)	Global Patriots Won by 5 Wickets	Siechem CAP Ground 4
03-Feb-26	Central Strikers Vs England Cricket Seniors	CS 201/10 (45)-ECS 202/1 (27.2)	England Cricket Seniors Won by 9 Wickets	Siechem CAP Ground 3
03-Feb-26	Southern Gazelles Vs Western Lions	SG 244/5 (45)-WL 137/10 (28.5)	Southern Gazelles Won by 107 Runs	Siechem CAP Ground 2

About Veterans Cricket India (VCI)

Veterans Cricket India (VCI) is the leading organization dedicated to promoting, organizing, and developing structured cricket for players aged (40s,50s,60s & 70s) and above in India, facilitating both domestic and international competition.

