



Winner vs Chairman's XI:
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MEDICA CRICKET LEAGUE 2018



WONDER BOYS: Rancho Team

8 TEAMS

- ◆ Rancho Rockers
- ◆ Kolkata Challengers
- ◆ Siliguri Sunrisers
- ◆ Kolkata Riders
- ◆ Patna
- ◆ TSMH Kalinganagar
- ◆ MPPL
- ◆ Jamshedpur+Dhanbad

THE PERFECT PITCH!

Heart stopping moments, heart breaking moments, euphoria, cheers and jeers... Medica Cricket League 2018 had it all. The first inter-hospital cricket tournament of the group had 8 teams pitting their skills and wits against each other and taking on the unprecedented Kolkata winter with sizzling on-field displays. The quarter finals threw up the first surprise with dark horse Kolkata Challengers joining the elite semi finalists club of Rancho Rockers, Siliguri Sunrisers and Kolkata Riders. Teams Patna, Kalinganagar, MPPL and Jamshedpur + Dhanbad exited after putting

up a brave fight. The Semi Finals saw the game going up several notches with the four contenders throwing in everything they had for a place in the much anticipated Finale. It turned out to be a day of the underdogs as Kolkata Challengers yet again proved their mettle by defeating the perhaps a tad over-confident Siliguri Sunrisers, and the second match saw a completely focused Rancho Rockers overcome the more fancied Kolkata Riders.

The day of the Finale dawned with all eyes on the coveted trophy. Winning the toss, Rancho chose to field – a

strategy that had seen them winning all their matches. Though the Challengers began fairly well with a good mix of big shots and quick singles, Rancho's tight fielding, which had been their hallmark throughout the tournament, saw them contain the score to a healthy but achievable 118. With an asking rate of eight runs per over, Rancho kept pace with a mix of flamboyant and conservative batting. Kolkata Challengers turned on the heat from the other end with tight bowling that saw them picking up wickets at regular intervals. Keeping the motley

audience on the edge of its seat, the game was taken to the wire with the winning runs coming in the last over of the match with just a wicket to spare.

Congratulations to
MCL 2018

Champions
Rancho Rockers!



Therapeutic Intervention!



Over-the-top dis-play

As the first chapter of MCL unfolded on the field, our lensmen, **Parthasarathi Roy** and **Roman Chakraborty**, prowled the grounds with their fingers on the shutter to capture the hits, misses, dives, jibes and more. The story in picture...

Moments that made Magic..

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Know your cricket!

- Beamer:** A ball that does not bounce and passes the batsman at head height
- Belter:** A pitch that heavily favours the batsmen
- Blob:** A score of 0, also called a duck
- Bunny:** A player who cannot bat, selected as specialist bowler or wicket keeper
- Bunsen:** A pitch favouring the slow bowlers
- Chinaman:** A left arm leg spinner
- Cow corner:** An unconventional fielding position
- Jaffa:** A delivery that leaves the batsman helplessly groping at thin air
- Long hop:** A ball which pitches short, sits up and 'begs' to be hit

**The winner takes it all...
...but the loser also stands tall!**



The Storytellers!

Building the excitement off field was our team of commentators led by 'Master Wordster' Savio Abraham, who kept the audience entertained and clued in to the game with his hyperbole. Chipping in with some brilliant repartee were Dr Saumitra Bharadwaj, Komal Dashora and Virendra Pathak



▲ 'Footwork' off the pitch

▲ Little Master

HOWZAT!

In a classic duel between the bat and the ball, the effort of the fielders usually goes unnoticed. Kudos to all those men on the field who made MCL 2018 memorable with their dives, slides, brilliant saves and catches, turning on the excitement both on and off field



▲ And the spirit of the game lives on...

► Bird's eye view

▼ Sniffer squad in action!



Scores

FINAL
Kolkata Challengers: 118/8 Vs Ranchi Rockers: 119/9

SEMI FINAL 1
Kolkata Challengers: 132/9 Vs Siliguri Sunrisers: 125/9

SEMI FINAL 2
Kolkata Riders: 119/9 Vs Ranchi Rockers: 120/3

QUARTER FINALS
Siliguri Sunrisers: 116/3 Vs Jamshepur+Dhanbad: 112/8
Ranchi Rockers: 141/8 Vs Patna: 87/10
Kolkata Challengers: 101/7 Vs MPPL: 79/10
TSMH Kalinganagar: 117/7 Vs Kolkata Riders: 118/5



Exhibition Match: Chairman's XI vs Ranchi Rockers

More than just Cricket!



With the serious business of winning the Champion's Trophy out of the way, it was time for some light hearted banter on the field. The Champs took to the ground again, this time for a face-off against the 'formidable' Chairman's XI, a group of gentlemen whose dalliance with the bat and ball resulted in some of the tournament's most entertaining and memorable moments. Proving they were no less than their more seasoned counterparts, the team of Doctors and administrators gave it their all on the field with some inspired batting and bowling. Keeping the spirit of the game alive, the tournament champions added their bit to the fun match and at the end of it all, it was the on and off field camaraderie that was the Champion!

Here's looking forward to MCL 2019!



Hit nor miss



Panning the cricket arena, the camera captured some moments to cherish on and off field...rising temperature and tempers on field did not deter the game watchers from having some fun off it!

