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Cricket CPL Twenty20

Loyola brush aside Surana challenge

Hariraj's unbeaten 82 guides team into next phase

BANGALORE: Loyola College, Chennai came up with a superb all-round performance to outplay Surana College, Bangalore by nine wickets, and enter the league round of the all-India College Premier League T20 tournament at the St John's Medical College grounds here on Wednesday.

Electing to field, Loyola bowlers restricted Surana to a meagre 105 for eight in the stipulated 20 overs. Francis was the pick of the bowlers scalping three wickets for 15 runs including a double wicket maiden when he claimed Surana's Akarsh and Vinay in the fifth over.

Thabarak, Rajnikanth and Ashwin picked a wicket apiece to cripple the Surana batting line-up with only Bhuvanesh chipping in with 27. Chasing an easy 106 for a win, Loyola completed formalities in the 14th overs of the match with eight wickets in hand.

Loyola opens Hariraj and Ashwin went on the rampage smashing 59 runs in four overs. The former, especially, was in a belligerent mood tearing apart the Surana bowlers mer-



cilessly with some clean hitting. Surana's Sujay was taken up by Hariraj for some special treatment with the Loyola lad smashing him for two huge sixes over the long on fence.

Ashwin also struck three boundaries off Surana's opening bowler Chandan to join the run-feast.

Hariraj got to his 50, hoisting Surana's Mohit for a straight six over the bowler's head in the seventh over of the Loyola innings. Surana captain Vinay had run out of ideas by then and pushed right-arm off-spinner Raghu in as a last ditch effort.

The only consolation for Surana was the wicket of Ashwin who was caught by Vinay at covers off Raghu. But Hari-

raj was unstoppable slamming boundaries and sixes at will to finish with 82 off 28 balls in what was a sensational innings.

Victory came in the ninth over for Loyola as Hariraj swept Raghu for a six on the on-side and with that the Chennai team joined Bangalore's St Joseph's College, Jain College and Vijaya College in the league round.

In the day's other match, Vijaya College scored a thumping 102-run win over a listless Amrutha College of Engineering.

Batting first, Vijaya amassed a mammoth 200 for nine in their allotted 20 overs with Sri Krishna AS (37) and Santhosh Gowda (34) chipping in with useful contributions.

Chasing a daunting target, Amrutha collapsed to 98 all out in 18 overs.

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Brief scores: Surana College: 105/8 In 20 overs (Bhuvanesh 27; Francis 3-15) It to Loyola College, Chennai: 110/1 In 8.2 overs (Hariraj 82 n.o; Raghu 1-29).

Christ University: 106/6 In 20 overs (Jasmeet 65; Karthik 2-17; Srinath 2-15) It to SBMJCE: 107/2 In 14 overs (Abhishek HR 37 n.o; Pradeep Jha



TAKE THAT: Loyola's Hariraj hits a boundary during his unbeaten 82 against Surana College in the College Premier League Twenty20 match on Wednesday. **DH PHOTO**

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ing: 98 all out in 18 overs (Anirudh 33; Zonal 4-11, Anil IG 3-15, Sri Krishna AS 2-18).
St Joseph's College w/o Reva Institute of Technology.