

### Dhakshineswar creates upset

The local lad Dhakshineswar Suresh upset the seventh seed Jayesh Pungliya of Maharashtra in straight sets in the first round of the Main Draw of the MCC-SR Subramaniam Memorial Aita Men's Tennis Championship being conducted at the Madras Cricket Club Tennis courts in Chennai.

The tall and lanky Dhakshineswar served with precision and returned consistently with depth and power to score rather comfortable win over Jayesh. Jayesh tried hard but was no match for his opponent who grew in confidence throughout the match. He will now meet second seeded Suraj Prabodh of Karnataka in the second round to be played tomorrow.

Top seed Niki K Poonacha of Andhrapradesh started brilliantly to win the first set 6-0 against Yugal Bansal of Delhi. In the second set Yugal Bansal played consistently, while Niki had lapsed of concentration. The result was that Yugal won the set 6-4 and took the match to a third set. In the Final Set Niki found his form once again and wrapped the up the set 6-2 and the match. He will now play the young Ajay Malik of Haryana who also required three sets to down Sahil Gaware of Maharashtra.

In another exciting encounter Shivam Dalmia of Delhi edged out PC Vignesh of Andhra Pradesh in a third set tie break 8-6 to move into the next round.

#### Results:Men's Singles – First Round Main Draw (32)

1	(Q) S- 1 Niki K Poonacha	AP	beat	Yugal Bansal	DL	6-0 4-6 6-4
2	Ajay Malik	HR	beat	Sahil Gaware	MH	6-3 3-6 6-3
3	Shivam Dalmia	DL	beat	P.C.Vignesh	AP	6-7(5) 6-1 7-6(6)
4	(Q) Dalwinder Singh S-8	PB	beat	(Q) Jatin Dahiya	DL	6-3 6-2
5	S.D.Prajwal Dev S-4	KA	beat	Armaan Bhatia	MH	6-4 7-6(3)

6	Gokul Suresh	TN	beat	Guhan Rajan	TN	6-4 6-4
7	Prithvi Sekhar	TN	beat	Paramveer Singh Bajw	PB	7-5 6-4
8	Ranjeet V.M S-5	TN	beat	Yuvraj Singh	HR	6-0 6-1
9	(Q) Kaza Vinayak Sharma S-6	AP	beat	Yash Yadav	MP	6-3 6-2
10	Nikshep Balleke	KA	beat	Amit Beniwal	HR	6-3 6-2
11	Faisal Qamar	RJ	beat	Ominder Baisoya	HR	6-3 2-6 6-3
12	(Q) Nitin Kumar Sinha S -3	WB	beat	Eklavya Singh	JH	6-4 6-0
13	(Q) Dhakshineswar Suresh	TN	beat	Jayesh Pungliya S-7.	MH	6-3 6-2
14	Rishi Reddy	KA	beat	Mohammed Fahad	TN	6-3 6-2
15	Vignesh Veerabhadran	TN	beat	Anurag Nenwani	DL	5-7 6-3 1-0 retd
16	(Q) Suraj R Prabodh S-2	KA	beat	Jagmeet Singh	HR	6-3 7-5