

21.02.2019 Results

It was an entertaining day of tennis on the quarter-final day of the MCC-SR Subramaniam Memorial AITA Men's Tennis Championship being played at the Madras Cricket Club tennis courts in Chennai . The top seed Niki Poonacha of Andhra Pradesh found a tough opponent in Dalwinder Singh of Punjab. Both players served with precision to hold their serve till 5-all. Niki then held serve convincingly to go ahead 6-5. Dalwinder was serving 40-15 when he got tense and slowed down the game. The experienced Poonacha took advantage to win the next four points in a row to clinch the set. From then on it was Niki all the way as he romped home 6-1 in the second set to move into the semi-finals.

In the morning 35 year old V M Ranjeet of Tamil Nadu the fifth seed out played fourth seeded Prajwal Dev of Karnataka, 23 year old in straight sets. Ranjeet used his experience to move Prajwal to all parts of the court and finally won 6-4 6-2. In the third quarter-final the lanky talented 19 year old Dhakshineswar Suresh proved to be too good for Vignesh Veerabadran who had knocked out the second seed Suraj Prabodh yesterday.

In the longest match of the tournament 20 year old Nitin Kumar Sinha of West Bengal out lasted 29 year old Kaza Vinayak Sharma of Andhra Pradesh in three sets of scintillating baseline tennis. The young Nitin who was junior national finalist a few years ago came back from a 1- 3 deficit in the first set to go ahead 5-3 but then let the advantage slip away and the set moved to a tie break. In the tie break Kaza showed signs of nerves while Nitin played positively to take the tiebreak 7-4 and the first set. In the second set Kaza came back strongly to win it 6-0. Though score line was one sided there were long rallies and the set lasted 45 minutes. The long match was taking its toll on Kaza but he was determined to hang on. Both players exchanged a service break and held 4 games to take the score to 5 all. In long eleventh game Nitin broke Kaza on the sixth deuce to go ahead 6-5 and then served out the next game at 40-15 to win the game set and the match. He will meet Dhakshineswar in the semifinal to be played at 2 pm tomorrow which should be an interesting game.

In the doubles Vijay Sundar Prashanth and Ihsan Hussain served well and played solid tennis to beat Parminder Singh Bajwa and Gokul Suresh in straight sets to set up a title clash with Jatin Dahiya and Dhakshineswar Suresh who overcame Aramaan Bhatia and Hardeep Singh in a third set tie break.

Results: Men's Singles – Quarter Finals:

1	Niki K Poonacha S-1	AP	beat	Dalwinder Singh S-8	PB	7-5 6-1
2	Ranjeet V.M S-5	TN	beat	S.D.Prajwal Dev S-4	KA	6-4 6-2
3	Nitin Kumar Sinha S-3	WB	beat	Kaza Vinayak Sharma S-6	AP	6-7(4) 6-0 7-5
4	Dhakshineswar Suresh	TN	beat	Vignesh Veerabhadran	TN	6-2 6-2

Doubles Semi Finals:

Vijay Sundar Prashanth/Ihsan Hussian (TN) beat G Suresh (TN) / PS Bagwa (CH) 6-1 7-5

Jatin Dahiya (DL)/Dhakshineswar Suresh (TN) beat Aramaan Bhatia (MH)/Hardeep Singh(PB) 6-1 6-7(1) 10-7