

# Westside story, all the way

## Jaffer & Co Thump East By 218 Runs

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**Cuttack:** It seemed Wasim Jaffer couldn't put a foot wrong on Wednesday. From the moment he won the crucial toss in the morning, the West Zone skipper had everything going his way as his team lifted the Deodhar Trophy for the ninth time with a resounding victory over East at the Barabati Stadium here on Wednesday.

After putting up the highest-ever Deodhar total of 362



**ALL SMILES:** The jubilant West Zone team after winning the Deodhar Trophy for the ninth time

for 5 in 50 overs, West bowled out their opponents for just 144, thus winning by 218 runs—the biggest margin of victory in the tournament so far.

The foundation for West's huge total was laid again by Jaffer himself. He went on to get 116 after tiding over a period that saw his team reduced to 40-2 by the ninth over. Cheteshwar Pujara gave good support as the two built a 158-run fourth-wicket partnership to take the match away from East.

The final nail in the coffin was hammered in by Ravindra Jadeja and Abhishek Nayar

who starred in a quickfire 99-run unbroken partnership for the sixth wicket off just 47 balls. Jadeja hit 61 with the help of four sixes and five fours while Nayar made 54 with one six and eight fours. Jaffer's innings was a treat. He paced it well while playing some delightful strokes all around the park. East, however, paid the price for dropping him twice, at 25 and 49.

### SCOREBOARD

West Zone: A Rahane b Dinda 2, P Patel

c Saha b Bose 12, W Jaffer c & b Bose 116, R Solanki run out (Goswami/Mohanty) 17, C Pujara c M Tiwary b D Sharma 94, R Jadeja 61 n.o., A Nayar not out 54; Extras (w 5, nb 1) 6  
Total (5 wickets; 50 overs) 362  
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-40, 3-85, 4-243, 5-263.

Bowling: R Bose 10-0-54-2 (2w), A Dinda 10-0-81-1 (1nb, 1w), D Goswami 9-0-68-0 (1w), R Mohanty 10-0-54-0, M Tiwary 6-0-68-0, D Sharma 5-0-37-1 (1w)

East Zone (target 363): W Saha b Odedra 2, N Behera lbw Odedra 12, H

Das b Trivedi 0, I Jaggi b Trivedi 8, M Tiwary run out (Trivedi/Patel) 24, S Tiwary run out (Jadeja) 2, D Sharma lbw Nayar 7, R Mohanty lbw Nayar 26, D Goswami not out 40, A Dinda b Jadeja 16, R Bose c Patel b Jadeja 0; Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 2) 7  
Total (39.4 overs) 144

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-11, 3-15, 4-47, 5-47, 6-49, 7-78, 8-106, 9-144, 10-144.  
Bowling: S Trivedi 8-2-27-2 (1w), J Odedra 10-0-32-2, I Abdulla 10-1-29-0, A Nayar 6-0-30-2 (1w), R Jadeja 34-0-16-2, K Makvana 2-0-5-0.

## No telecast of final

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**Cuttack:** There was no live coverage of the 36th Deodhar Trophy final played between West Zone and East Zone on Wednesday.

Neo Cricket was supposed to telecast the final, but a satellite uplinking problem prevented it from going live. It was learnt that the recording will be shown at a later date.

### 'Home' umpire for West

Amish Saheba standing as one of the umpires in the final has raised a few eyebrows. With Saheba representing the Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA), which falls under West Zone, it turned out to be a unique case of someone officiating when his own team is playing.

The explanation offered by BCCI convenor of umpires sub-committee, Sanjay Jagdale, is that the posting of umpires was done before the finalists were confirmed. "Saheba was posted keeping in mind his experience. He's an international umpire and hence given the responsibility," he said.