

Nirmal, Ruhaan stay on top

Chennai's Nirmal Umashankar continued his winning spree and retained the top spot in the Senior Category of X-30 class of the JK Tyre-FMSCI National Karting Championship in Bengaluru on Sunday. Nirmal finished first in 3 out of 4 races on Saturday, only to falter the following day, when he finished fifth in his first race of the day. Nirmal has a total of 137 points. In the Junior category, local boy **Ruhaan Alva** picked up 33 points, followed by a perfect 40 on Sunday, thanks to his first-place finishes in all four of his Round 4 races. He has a total of 130 points.

Results: Cadets: 1. Ishaan Madesh (B'luru, 153 points); 2. Shriya Lohia (Pune, 107); 3. Sai Shiva Makesh Sankaran (Pune, 89).

Juniors: 1. Ruhaan Alva (B'luru, 130); 2. Arjun Nair (B'luru, 101); 3. MR Rishon (B'luru, 74). **Seniors:** 1. Nirmal Umashankar (Chennai, 137); 2. Debarun Banerjee (Delhi, 81); 3. Aditya Swaminathan (B'luru, 79).

Yash makes impressive F4 debut: Debutant **Yash Aradhya** claimed his first podium in the FIA Formula-4 South East

Asia in Round 5 of the championship held over the weekend in Chennai. Yash,

who qualified second for the first race, finished the race in second spot covering the 13 laps in 21:40.799 seconds. In Race 2, Yash started from the eighth spot but quickly moved to the third spot by the end of



the first lap. He then tried to catch up with the leaders but failed to advance and settled for the third spot, quelling Malaysian driver Muizz Muhyaffia's challenge. In both Race 3 and 4, Yash settled for the seventh place. While he got a 20-second penalty in the third, the young driver faced an incident in the fourth.

Pathak sparkles for Gopalan: Riding on Siddhant Pathak's all-round show (73 n.o. & 2/1) and Pranav's four for 18 effort, Gopalan National School scored a 102-run win over Cathedral High School in the U-14 category of the Cottonian Shield inter-school cricket tournament in Bengaluru on Monday. Elsewhere, Mallya Aditi IS routed FAPS by nine wickets while Baldwin Boys' High School drubbed Cambridge Public School by six wickets.

Brief scores: U-14: Gopalan National School: 165/6 in 20 overs (Siddant Pathak 73 n.o.; Mehta 4-31) bt **Cathedral HS:** 63 all out in 18 overs (Pranav 4-18, Siddant Pathak 2-1, Arhan 2-2).

Cambridge Public School: 119/8 in 20 overs (Sharadh Krish 30, Tarun Kumar 27; Muadh 2-15, Arnav 2-22) lost to **Baldwin Boys' HS:** 120/4 in 19 overs (Darshan 63, Krishna 28; Ram Venkateshan 2-17).

FAPS: 59/7 in 18 overs (Kaivalya M 2-15) lost to **Mallya Aditi Intl. School:** 63/1 in 5 overs (Samit Dravid 47 n.o.).

U-16 semifinal line-up (On Tuesday): Bishop Cotton Boys' School vs St. John's HS; Gopalan NS vs Cathedral HS.

BDSA 'A' stun KSBA 'A': BDSA 'A' scored a shock 2-0 win KSBA 'A' in the 36th Captain George Mathias memorial handicap snooker tournament in Bengaluru on Monday.

Results: BDSA 'A' bt KSBA 'A' 2-0; Cosmopolitan Club bt BDSA 'B' 2-1; Indian Gymkhana 'B' bt Malleswaram 2-1; Catholic Club 'C' bt BCI 'B' 2-0.