

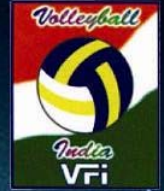
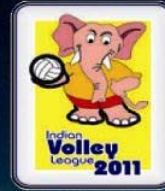


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## MATCH SCHEDULE – 01.06.2011



Match No	Logo	Team	Vs	Logo	Team	Time
<b>DAY 4 : 01.06.2011 - WEDNESDAY</b>						
10		HYDERABAD CHARGERS	Vs		YANAM TIGERS	15.30hrs
11		CHENNAI SPIKERS	Vs		KERALA KILLERS	17.00hrs
12		KARNATAKA BULLS	Vs		MARATHA WARRIORS	18.30hrs

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## POINTS TABLE AS ON DAY-3 (31.05.2011)

RK	Logo	Teams	Match			Points	Score Won/Lost	Score Quotient	Set Won/Lost	Set Quotient
			Played	Won	Lost					
<b>1</b>		<b>Yanam Tigers</b>	3	2	1	5	215/190	1.131	6/3	2.00
<b>2</b>		<b>Chennai Spikers</b>	3	2	1	5	271/254	1.066	8/4	2.00
<b>3</b>		<b>Hyderabad Chargers</b>	3	2	1	5	329/310	1.061	8/6	1.33
<b>4</b>		<b>Maratha Warriors</b>	3	2	1	5	238/247	0.963	6/4	1.50
<b>5</b>		<b>Kerala Killers</b>	3	1	2	4	273/297	0.919	5/8	0.62
<b>6</b>		<b>Karnataka Bulls</b>	3	0	3	3	251/279	0.899	2/9	0.22

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## DAY 3 RESULTS – 31.05.2011 (TUESDAY)

Match No.	Team	Beat	Team	Set Score	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5	Total	Duration (Min)
7	Yanam Tigers	Beat	Kerala Killers	3-0	25-17	25-19	25-15	-	-	75-51	60
1st Referee:Mr.M.S.Balaji Prabhu (KAR)				2nd Referee:Mr.J.K. Sridhar (KAR)				Scorer:Mr.Y.K. Choudapur(KAR)			

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8	Chennai Spikers	Beat	Maratha Warriors	3-0	25-22	25-13	25-18	-	-	75-53	60
1st Referee:Mr. A. Anandan (KAR)				2nd Referee:Mr.D. Ramesha (KAR)				Scorer:Mrs.Shimy Catherine(KER)			

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9	Hyderabad Charges	Beat	Karnataka Bulls	3-1	29-27	30-28	23-25	25-16	-	107-96	117
1st Referee:Mr. Vinod Nair (CTG)				2nd Referee:Mr. J.K. Sridhar (KAR)				Scorer:Mr. Martin M Das (KAR)			

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Sanjay Kumar of Karnataka Bulls smashes during their match against Chennai Spikers during the Indian Volley League 2011 at Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Monday  
Mohan Kumar BN

## Warriors announce their arrival with a big win

Maratha Warriors tame Yanam Tigers in straight sets, Karnataka Bulls' losing streak continues

DNA Correspondent

Maratha Warriors beat Yanam Tigers 25-22 25-21 25-22 in an easy match to claim their maiden win in the inaugural edition of the Indian Volley League being held at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in Bangalore on Monday.

Despite being on a high after their convincing 3-0 win against hosts Karnataka Bulls in their opening game on Sunday, the Yanam Tigers failed to repeat their enthralling performance against Maratha Warriors on the second day of the league.

Going by the Tigers' well-rounded performance against Karnataka

especially with former India captain Tom Joseph, a win against them was supposed to be a difficult one. However, a spirited game by attacker Omvir Mann, blocker T Azeez and all-rounder S Selva Prabhu kept the Tigers under leash all through their game.

Yanam Tigers were put under pressure from the beginning. A missed pass at the start put the setters on a hot seat and it wasn't helpful with Yanam's potential game changer John failing to make a big impact. Tom, too failed to live up to the expectations. Marathas, on the other hand, capitalized on the Tigers' errors to clinch an easy straight sets win.

Meanwhile, in the most awaited match of the day between a strong Chennai Spikers unit and Karnataka Bulls, the home team suffered their second consecutive defeat as Chennai outclassed them 25-20 23-25 26-24 19-25.

With Arjuna awardee KJ Kapil Dev, setter R Kamuraj and tallest junior Indian team blocker Navjit Singh pitted against them, the Bulls had their task cut out. A relentless fight, led by Sanjay Kumar with support of blockers N Jagadeesh and N Shelton Moses, saw the team winning the second set thus keeping their hopes alive in the match.

However, Chennai held their nerves and proved to be a better squad with a swell over-all per-

formance through the match. Though Sanjay scored most points for Bulls, he was rusty with his serves which favoured the opponents.

Captain Ravikumar too didn't play to his potential. Libero Dharshan took the spectators by surprise with his strong defence but in vain.

### RESULTS

Maratha Warriors beat Yanam Tigers 25-22 25-21 25-22  
Kerala Killers beat Hyderabad Chargers 30-23 18-25 25-19 28-30 15-30  
Chennai Spikers beat Karnataka Bulls 20-25 25-23 26-24 25-19

## Sanjay Kumar: Back from the brink

Sanjay Kumar, Indian international and an icon player at the Indian Volley League, tells DNA he had almost given up the game due to injury

Nandini Kumar

It was in the summer of 2004 when Sanjay Kumar hit a road block in his flourishing international volleyball career. The tough-looking Haryana all-rounder had suffered a serious shoulder injury, despite being an accomplished player with a series of appearances for the senior Indian team, the federation barely took responsibility for his treatment.

Sanjay was kept out of action for almost 15 months and getting back to the Indian contingent seemed like a distant dream for the lanky lad. "It was the most difficult phase of my life. It was as though I had perished because nobody even considered that I could make a comeback," recalled the 26-year-old universal playing for Karnataka Bulls.

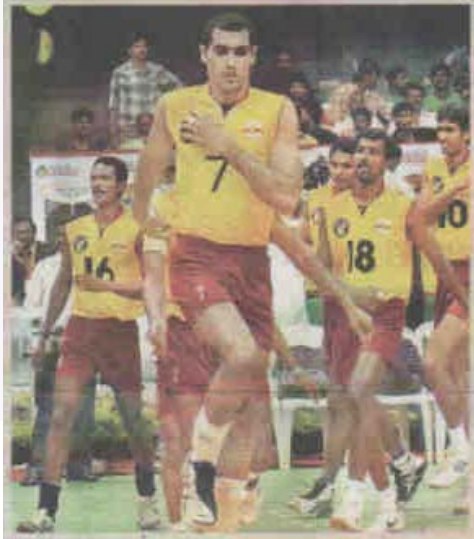
It was only his determination and his two elder brothers, former players for Army who tirelessly backed Sanjay financial and emotionally to pursue his career in volleyball. "If not for my family's backing, I think I would have quit long ago," admits the Bhiwani-born player.

Today, Sanjay is one of

the most sought-after Indian players in the international league in UAE and Iran. Having played three seasons in UAE, Sanjay is the highest paid foreign player in the Indian League. "People's apprehension about me being able to play again only made my determination stronger and I worked more than I ever did to get back into the squad," he adds.

Sanjay made a comeback in the 2006 SAF Games and followed it up with the Doha Asian Games appearance. Since then on, there was no looking back for him. He captained the Indian team and even became the best scorer in the Asia Cup 2010 and the Commonwealth Championship. He returned from the International league to turn out for the Indian squad and was hand-picked by Nandakumar, secretary of the Karnataka Volleyball Association to play for the local unit in the IVL.

"What sets Sanjay apart from the other players is his calm nature as opposed to his aggression on field. I have known him since the time he played for Junior India team and he was keen on playing for Karnataka," says Nandakumar.



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Prabhakaran (left) of Chennai Spikers smashes past Karnataka Bulls defenders in Bengaluru on Monday. —R. Samuel

## Chennai spike past Bulls

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May 30: Consistency is the key and the Karnataka Bulls learnt it the hard way. For most part of the match, the hosts held the upper hand, but failed to convert it to their advantage as they succumbed to Chennai Spikers, their second defeat on the trot.

Both the teams had lost their openers but buoyed by the handful of supporters at the Sree Kanteerava indoor stadium, the Bulls started on a strong note. But the home team failed to sustain the momentum during the course of the match and slumped to a 25-20, 23-25, 24-26, 19-25

loss against the Spikers on Monday.

The Chennai outfit, on their part, cashed in on the errors from the Bulls and the second defeat left them at the bottom of the points table.

In a keenly-contested encounter, the Bulls showed great resilience but unfortunately displayed their killer instinct only in the first set.

In the second and third sets, they managed to snatch the lead at crucial junctures and were in a strong position to claim the sets. But defensive lapses let them down after they had levelled at 22-22 in the second and were up

24-21 in the third.

On their part, the Spikers were led by a spirited performance from Navjith Singh and Kapil Dev. The latter, in setting up some good points for the attackers.

The Spikers' Prabhakaran and Rohit made the most of the chances that came their way as they went all out in the fourth set as the Bulls resembled a pale shadow of the fighting outfit that they were earlier.

Skipper Ravi Kumar and Sanjay Kumar came up with stellar performances, but

libero Darshan Gowda proved to be the weak link in their defence and eventually cost them the match.

### Warriors move to top

Meanwhile, the Maratha Warriors, the only team to register two victories, moved to the top of the table with an easy 25-12, 25-21, 25-21 win over the Yanam Tigers.

In other match of the day, Kerala Killers held on to their nerves to pip Hyderabad Chargers 30-28, 16-25, 25-19, 30-28, 15-10 to register their first victory.

**Today's matches:** Kerala Killers vs Yanam Tigers 3:30 pm; Chennai Spikers vs Maratha Warriors 5 pm; Hyderabad Chargers vs Karnataka Bulls 6:30 pm.



## Karnataka Bulls Go Down To Chennai Spikers



Action from the match between Karnataka Bulls and Chennai Spikers in the Indian Volley League in Bangalore on Monday | Ragish Pothal

by Sunil Subbalak

**Bangalore:** Despite sparring efforts from Sanjay Kumar, Karnataka Bulls slumped to their second straight defeat in the Indian Volley League. On Monday at the Sree Kanteerava indoors, Chennai Spikers rallied from a set down to beat the Bulls 20-25, 25-23, 26-24, 25-19 to take two points.

It was yet again the poor defence which came back to haunt the Bulls. After a seesaw battle, the Bulls managed to spike with panache midway through the first set but failed to raise their level when it mattered most. Attacker Sanjay Kumar deadily smashes down the line and Shelton Muzes' swerving serves got them four points

in a row in the second set. But it wasn't enough as the Spikers' attackers called the shots, shattering the Bulls' defence to win the next three sets and the match.

### Killers Prevail

After a disappointing start on Sunday, Kerala Killers used all their experience to get past Hyderabad Chargers 30-28, 16-25, 25-19, 30-28, 15-10 to open their account. The Killers rode on the experience of Shameen KF, Naveen Raja Jacob and Justin Varghese to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. The match lasted 115 minutes.

The Chargers looked charged right through but it was the inaccurate serves and erratic smashes at crucial junctures that did them in.

To add to their cup of woes, niggling injuries to Chargers key players in Lohi, Kumar and skipper Ulka Panigyan put them at the receiving end.

Chargers came back strongly to dominate the second and won 25-16. Kerala took the lead once again but conceded the fourth. In the decider, Killers started off well to seal victory (15-10).

### Warriors On Song

Earlier, Maratha Warriors continued their winning run in the tournament with a comfortable 25-12, 25-21, 25-21 over Yanam Tigers. The Warriors now have four points while the Tigers have two after their opening victory over Karnataka Bulls on Sunday.

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YANAM TIGERS ROUT KARNATAKA BULLS ON THE OPENING DAY OF INDIAN VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

# Volley-mania hits Bangalore

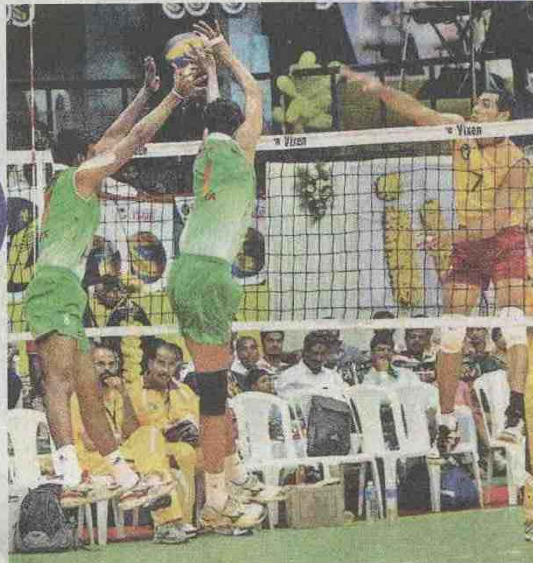
**Nandini Kumar**

If cynics were to be believed, there would be few takers for the Indian Volley League (IVL) in a cricket crazed country. However, the Volleyball Federation of India's most ambitious venture is headed in the right direction to prove their critics wrong. Amidst glitz, glamour and most importantly a grand display of talent, the opening day of the IVL saw a packed stadium, giving a thumbs-up to the league.

The Sree Kanteerava Stadium, which otherwise lacks the pageantry, exuded a festive air as the inaugural season was declared open on Sunday.

The volleyball extravaganza, which will witness some of the country's top players turn out for six region-based franchises, was kicked off with a heart-racing match between Maratha Warriors and Kerala Killers in the morning session that went into a decider. The Warriors overcame a 1-2 deficit to out punch the Kerala unit with a 26-24 22-25 22-25 25-21 15-13 victory.

Post the inauguration ceremony, when the Karnataka



Action during the Karnataka Bulls-Yanam Tigers match at the Indian Volley League being played at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium on Sunday Mohan Kumar BN

Bulls took on Yanam Tigers in their opening match, the odds would have favoured the home team. Considering the fact that the Bulls, put together by a three-man selection panel comprising A Ramana Rao, GE Sridharan and Shyam Sundar Rao, had the tournament's biggest star Sanjay Kumar.

The Indian senior team

universal, who competes in the Iranian league, could have fought off the Yanam Challenge with ease with support from Karnataka's young guns TD Ravikumar, Imtiyaz Ahmed and Anup D' Costa. But that was not to be. Tom Joseph, former India captain, turning out for Yanam as a pivotal attacker cracked the host's nerves with his thun-

derous smashing and blocking abilities. He proved why he was one of India's best all-rounder as the hosts went down without a fight in straight sets.

At no point did the Karnataka unit look like an attacking side. Though Sanjay's efforts matched his opponent's grit, it made no amends for

Karnataka. It was only in the third set that the hosts played out a rally that won everybody's heart. When Sanjay's hard smashes were being returned by the Yanam Universals, Vikram's quick smash from the front line outwitted the visitors to help the home side earn 13-10 lead.

The Bulls kept their hopes alive as they led 21-19 but a gritty fight back by Tigers sealed the set and the match with 25-22 win.

For the next five days, all six teams will play each other after which the league will shift base to Chennai, Yanam and Hyderabad.

### RESULTS

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Yanam Tigers beat Karnataka Bulls  
26-24 25-18 25-22  
Hyderabad Chargers beat Chennai Spikers  
25-16 22-25 23-25 25-22 15-12

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