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Press Release

CBL-5: Tenacious Pride Chasers invincible at Karuvatta

Alappuzha, Nov 8: Pride Chasers proved invincible at Karuvatta as well by finishing first in the fifth season of the Champions Boat League (CBL-5) today, shocking reigning champions Tropical Titans yet again in the IPL-style competition for snakeboats organized by Kerala Tourism.

Rowing Veeyapuram chundan owned by Village Boat Club of Kainakary, Pride Chasers clocked 4:00.107 to out-row Tropical Titans (4:00.717) in a photo-finish, much to the excitement of the cheering crowd. Ripple Breakers (4:06.831) emerged third.

The three teams exhibited immense competitive spirit by surging ahead in the initial stretch, with Ripple Breakers (rowing Nadubhagam Chundan of Punnamada Boat Club) taking a slight lead until the first mark. Soon, Tropical Titans (Melpadam Chundan, rowed by Pallathuruthy Boat Club) gained an edge over their two rivals. Tropical Titans maintained the lead until the last quarter, but a dramatic leap by Pride Chasers in the last 50 meters made them the winners at Karuvatta.

Today marks halfway of the 12-race CBL-5 that concludes next month.

Finishing fourth this evening were Backwater Kings (Niranam Chundan of Niranam Boat Club), followed by Chundan Warriors (Naduvele Paramban of Emmanuel Boat Club). Thunder Oars (Karichal Chundan of KCBC) came sixth, while Backwater Warriors (Payipadaan of Kumarakom Town Boat Club) finished seventh. Eighth came Backwater Chargers (Cheruthana of Thekkekkara Boat Club). Wave Gliders (Champakulam of Changanassery Boat Club) came last.

Minister P Prasad inaugurated the race. The others at the ceremony included Block Panchayat President Rugmini Raju, Grama Panchayat President Sanal Kumar, Tourism Joint Director and CBL Nodal Officer Abhilash Kumar TG and Tourism Alappuzha Deputy Director Prabhath D.V., besides CBL Technical Committee members and representatives of the three-tier panchayats.

The club that wins the championship will receive Rs 25 lakh; the runner-up Rs 15 lakh. The third-place winner will receive Rs 10 lakh. The winners of each competition will receive Rs 5 lakh, Rs 3 lakh, and Rs 1 lakh for the first, second and third places respectively. Each team will also receive a bonus of Rs 4 lakh.



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