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Jain make semis

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Manipal: Two South zone teams made it to the last-four stage of the all-India inter-university men's tennis tournament here on Saturday.

Jain University defeated Panjab University while Osmania University got the better of Kurukshetra in the quarterfinals.

Jain will take on Delhi while Osmania face Gujarat for berths in the final. While Gujarat beat SRM in a last-eight tie, Delhi got into the last four without playing the quarterfinal as the teams for the pre-quarters, Aligarh and Indore, did not show up.

Jain University, winners of the South Zone meet, had to battle past Panjab players before booking their last-four berth. Jain's star players Vi-

nod Gowda and Kiran Nandakumar even dropped a set each before winning. Vinod lost the opening set to Suraj Benjwal 3-6, but came back strongly to win 6-1. In the humdinger of a third set, Vinod prevailed 6-2.

Results: Quarterfinals: Gujarat University beat SRM University 3-0 (Vaidik Munshaw bt S Prithvi 6-0, 6-2, Sameep Mehta bt P Manikandan 7-5, 7-5, Vaidik Munshaw/ Sameep bt Prithvi/Manav 6-3, 4-6, 10-7); Osmania University beat Kurukshetra University 3-1 (Pradeep Reddy bt Resham Singh 6-1, 6-1, Pradeep Deswal bt Dinesh Goel 6-3, 6-2, Dinesh/Resham bt Eashwar/Ajith 6-2, 7-6 (4) and Pradeep Reddy bt Dinesh Goel 6-2, 6-1); Jain University beat Panjab University 3-0 (Vinod Gowda bt Suraj Beniwal 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 (Kiran Nandakumar bt Gurinder Singh 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Sagar/Vasanth bt Suraj/Gurinder 6-1, 6-2). Pre-quarters (played on Friday): Panjab University beat BMU Varanasi 3-0; Delhi University beat Pune University 3-1; and SRM University beat Mumbai University 3-1.