

batters whose gameplay you are aware of. When I was with ATK, I was surrounded by a lot of guys from my homeland. We had Javi Lara, Tiri, Borja, etc., in our squad," added Gavilan, who shares a good rapport with fellow Spaniards.

Asked if having prior experience in ISL as an overseas player is of advantage, the 32-year-old said, "We know how the league works and the

one for all of us ahead of the season."

Commenting on how he joined the Chennai-based franchise, the former ATK man added, "I received a call from a member of the management. Then I got to know about the arrival of Caldi (Inigo Calderon). I spoke to him and later decided to join CFC."

Gavilan, who once rubbed

marked.

The Valencia-born player seems to be enjoying his off days at the 'Gateway of South India', spending his time going around the city. "I am having a really good stay here. People of Chennai are very welcoming. We have also had opportunities to visit a few tourist spots, shopping malls, theatre, etc.," signed off Gavilan.

Velammal Panchetti crowned U-16 champion



Velammal International Panchetti, winner of the Thiruvallur DCA U-16 tournament

CHENNAI: Velammal International Panchetti emerged victorious in the final of the Thiruvallur DCA-Apollo Tyres U-16 inter-school tournament beating DAV Mugappair by four wickets.

Riding on a splendid bowling effort by its bowlers, Velammal restricted DAV to

114 in 27.3 overs with Manav Patel (4/28) and P Saravanan (3/25) wreaking havoc. The only DAV batsman who could offer some resistance was V Srivathsan who scored 36. Velammal too struggled in its pursuit and lost six wickets before it could get past the finishing line. S Santhosh Kumar of Velammal scored the

only half-century of the match to help his team to chase down the target in the 29th over.

BRIEF SCORES: Final: DAV Mugappair 114 in 27.3 overs (V Srivathsan 36, P Saravanan 3/25, Manav Patel 4/28) lost to Velammal International Panchetti 118/6 in 28.2 overs (S Santhosh Kumar 51).