

Ceylon brushes aside GMIS XI

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JAKARTA: Rain was not enough to prevent outright wins in both games in the latest round of the JCA Apple Coal 2011-2012 Cricket League played in the capital on Sunday.

GMIS XI's decision to send Ceylon in to bat after winning the toss at Karawaci cricket ground proved to be a futile one, as Ceylon ran up a huge 278 all out in 34.3 overs.

Ceylon's James Davis and Geoffry Polonnowita came together with the score at 132 for 4 in 23 overs and tore the GMIS XI attack apart with some lusty hitting, plundering an incredible 127 runs in just 9 overs. Davis blasted 89 runs with 15 fours and 3 sixes and Polonnowita was equally devastating with a quick-fire 65.

Earlier, Gaurav Kapoor (49) and skipper Dihan Silva (31) set the pace with some aggressive batting that laid the foundation for the assault by Davis and Polonnowita. GMIS XI had some late success with the ball as the Ceylon players went for the runs with Shannon Court (4 for 47) and TP Suraj (3 for 38) getting amongst the wickets in the last few overs.

In reply, GMIS XI was always behind the asking rate but made a brave but insufficient reply of 191 for 8 in their 35 overs.

TP Suraj top-scored with 40 with Shubham Patni (37), Jalaj Chaturvedi (28 n.o.) and Shannon Court (34) chipping in with some noteworthy contributions. Geoffry Polonnowita capped a good all-round performance by taking 3 for 38 supported by Kavinda Nanayakkara who took 2 for 28.

After GMIS XI lost a couple of early wickets, the result was never in doubt as Ceylon ran out easy winners by 87 runs.

In another fixture, Challengers were bowled out for just 106 after being put in to bat by Menara in Cibubur.

From a steady position of 68 for 2, the Challengers lost their way and crumbled in the second session of their innings with only Sunil Samtani (37) and Dhanashekar Ramalingam (21) offering resistance with the bat, while Amit Bhat (2 for 4), Harshad Bhat (2 for 8) and Ravinder Singh (2 for 15) were outstanding with the ball for Menara.

Needing just 107 for victory, Menara was well placed at 60 for 2 in 13.4 overs when much-awaited rains finally hit Cibubur forcing a temporary stoppage of play.

When play resumed, Menara was set a revised target of 82 in 27 overs and quickly knocked off the remaining runs, finishing with 84 for 3 in 17.5 overs to win by 7 wickets. Rikesh Parikh was Menara's top-scorer with 31 runs, and Rahul Thukral made 18. Sunil Samtani had 2 for 9 for the Challengers.

After the latest round of games, Ceylon, Bogor and Menara are on 24 points each with Ceylon topping the table by virtue of a superior run-rate.