

Rebels beat India XI, WISCI tie with Senayan

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JAKARTA: As part of this year's JCA Apple Coal League, defending champions the Rebels brushed aside India XI while WISCI allowed Senayan to sneak a tie on Sunday (16 Oct 2011).

The matches were similar, except for slight twists in both the end. Both witnessed a first innings story of one team winning the toss, opting to bat first in dry conditions, proceeding to rack up 150 plus runs by the 24th over and then looking set to finish with a minimum of 250 runs in 35 overs. The similarities didn't end there, as both matches witnessed teams lose their momentum and, in last 11 overs, finish below 220 runs. The second innings story of both matches involved a disastrous pursuit for runs, the loss of eight wickets within 24 overs and an early lunch. However, lower order batsmen in both matches had different ideas. Whereas India XI's lower order played for pride, Senayan's tail-enders almost pulled off an improbable victory with the final ball of the match, before justice prevailed with a tie.

At Karawaci, the Rebels put up 216 runs, with Cox making 49 and being ably supported by Mat Hoare and Marten Eddy. Santosh picked up three wickets with Rajeev and Kishore picking up two each. In reply, India XI were soon reeling at 53 for eight wickets before Lalit fought cramps and dehydration to make 54 runs and Gurang remained unbeaten on 37 to take India XI to a respectable score of 149 runs. Marten Eddy picked up three wickets for 18 runs with Hoare and Amardeep picking two wickets apiece.

"We are happy to register our first win of the season, with our earlier two outings resulting in a loss and a tie", said Rebels captain Marten Eddy.

At Cibubur, WISCI were all out for 211 with Steve Callaghan the top scorer with 59 runs and Tin Watson blasting 28 runs. Javed Ansari was the pick of the bowlers, capturing five wickets. In reply, Senayan were down and out at 127 for 8 wickets in 24 overs before Jimmy and Rajeev Ramnarayan staged a remarkable fight back. With eight runs needed from the last over, and two runs needed off the last ball, Senayan fell a single run short of victory and the match was tied. JP Le Riche took four wickets.