

Senayan, Challengers, TOPI play top cricket

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JAKARTA: Senayan edged out Menara in a thriller, while the Challengers and TOPI beat the Rebels and Tigers in one-sided matches played on Sunday (27 Nov 2011) in the Apple Coal JCA League 2011-2012.

At Purwakarta, a match-winning unbeaten 74 by Amar Kapadia saw Senayan reach the victory target of 213 runs in the last over of the match. He was ably supported by Faisal Hashmi (42). Put in to bat, Menara started aggressively and scored 49 without loss in seven overs before Senayan bowlers lead by Ashit Mehta chipped in with quick wickets and had Menara at 126/5 in 24 overs. Some lusty hitting by Atul Kakkar (55 n.o.) in the last overs saw Menara post a competitive 212 runs in 35 overs. Rahul Thukral made 47 runs. Senayan batsmen started cautiously and kept their cool under pressure and sealed the victory by six wickets.

At Karawaci, an all-round performance by Sunil Samtani helped the Challengers beat the defending-champion Rebels by five wickets after bowling them out for 132 runs in 29 overs. Matt Hoare scored 35 runs. Sunil, Sushil and Jagan took two wickets each. In reply, the Challengers made the required runs in just 24 overs, with Sunil making 53 and Ramalingam making unbeaten 40 runs. Manish Tiwari took two wickets.

In the third match of the day, at Cibubur, TOPI XI cruised to an easy 113 run win over KMV Tigers. Powered by Gutsell's 65 runs, Kookie's 42 and veteran Robert Baldwin's 41, TOPI made 221/6 in 35 overs. Melven took two wickets. The Tigers went down without a fight and folded up for 108 runs in 26 overs. Lucky Angaa made 31 runs. Evan Stead's five and Gutsell's four wickets sealed the win for TOPI.