

Year-end wins for Ceylon, Senayan, India XI

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JAKARTA: Ceylon, Senayan and India XI ended the year on a winning note by beating Menara, Rebels and Emerio respectively in matches played on Sunday (18th December 2011) in the Apple Coal JCA League 2011-2012.

At Karawaci, an unbroken 158-run partnership between Geoffry Polonnowita and Nalaka Kodituwakku aided by the generosity of the Menara fielders, saw Ceylon rack up 226/3 after being sent in to bat first. Polonnowita continued his prolific form with an unbeaten century (105), while Kodituwakku scored his maiden half-century (67). Despite losing a wicket in the very first over, Menara's run chase was on track and they were well placed at 69/1 in 12 overs and 125/2 in 24 overs. But a middle order batting collapse to 183 all out gave Ceylon a 43-run victory. Rikesh Parikh scored 67 while Deepak Khullar made 23 runs. Geoffry Polonnowita and Dihan Silva picked up three wickets each.

"We are happy to end the year with a win and to regain the top slot," said Ceylon Captain Dihan Silva.

Purwakarta continued to be a lucky ground for Senayan, who posted its second consecutive win there by defeating defending champion Rebels by four wickets. Electing to bat first, Rebels made 174/8. Andrew Blackman top-scored with an unbeaten 79 runs. Javed Ansari took three wickets. Senayan batsmen paced their innings well and were 69/2 in 12 overs and 129/4 in 24, before achieving their victory target in the 34th over. Raju Ramani made 33 runs. Marten Eddy and Steve Barber took three wickets each.

At Cibubur, India XI massacred Emerio by 199 runs. Put into bat first, India XI piled up 309/7 in 35 overs, the highest score of the season. Gaurav Pathak blasted 79 runs. Lalit Balchandani (69), Sohail Modak (40) and Subhash Modgil (34) also enjoyed a run feast. Ramkrishna Muddam and Pradeep Singha took two wickets each. Emerio folded for 110 runs, with Dhiraj Nagpal and Gaurang Kapadia taking three wickets a piece. Vijay Inguva made 19 runs.