

Menara, Indorama CC register wins

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JAKARTA: Menara Cricket Club created a huge upset by defeating Bogor Cricket Club to start the New Year on a winning note in the matches played on Sunday (8th January 2012) in the Apple Coal JCA League 2011-12.

Man of the match Mohammad Ishaq's scintillating knock of unbeaten 50 runs off 19 balls, helped Menara beat Bogor by 6 wickets with 5 overs to spare at Cibubur.

Requiring 165 runs in a rain-curtailed game of 31 overs, Menara made 170/4 in 26.1 overs. Sent in to bat first in overcast conditions, Bogor batsmen were reasonably placed at 130/6 in 22 overs.

A couple of run-outs hastened the end of Bogor's innings and they were all out for 164 runs in 26.3 overs. Hanan Khalid (58) continued his good form with the bat and Fahim Muhammed with a powerful 42 runs were the main scorers for Bogor. Amit Bhat and Gajendra Asaliya picked up 2 wickets each.

Despite losing two early wickets, a third wicket partnership of 72 runs between Captain Mahesh Thadani (38 retired hurt) and Atul Kakkar (27) set the platform for Ishaq's onslaught, who blasted 6 sixes and 2 fours to seal the win for Menara. Faheem Muhammed and Shajahan Khan took 2 wickets each. This was Bogor's first loss and it ended its four-match winning streak.

"It was a great team effort. Our fielders backed the bowlers, who restricted Bogor's powerful batting line-up and our batsmen played according to plan", said Menara's Captain Mahesh Thadani.

At Purwakarta, hosts Indorama CC pulled off a convincing 6 wicket win over Challengers who were bowled out for a paltry 91 runs in 25 overs against some inspired bowling from Mohan and R Srikanth, both taking 3 wickets each.

Sunil Samtani made 20 runs.

Indorama CC romped home in 20 overs with Vishvanath Kaushlik top-scoring with 39 runs.

Ranjan Shankar took 2 wickets. This was Indorama's first win of the season.

The third game of the day between Senayan and TOPI XI was washed out due to rain at Karawaci.