

JCA league: Menara and Senayan march on

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Menara Cricket Club defeated GMIS XI, while Senayan beat GMIS Cricket Club in the Jakarta Cricket Association (JCA) Apple Coal JCA League played last Sunday (29 January 2012).

At Cibubur in East Jakarta, an unbeaten 50-run innings by man-of-the-match Atul Kakkar saw Menara romp home with a comfortable five-wicket margin, and prolonged GMIS XI's agony, with the team yet to record a win. After being sent into bat, GMIS started well and were 86/3 after 12 overs, with Bharat Dholakhandi reaching a half-century.

Menara clawed their way back into the match, and after Rikesh Parikh and Harshad Bhat contributed 3/28 and 3/31, respectively, GMIS XI were bowled out for 177 in just 28 overs. Chasing 178 runs off 35 overs, Menara were set a revised target of 133 runs off 26 overs, due to a rain delay.

Despite losing two quick wickets inside three overs, Menara were always ahead of the required run rate, and at the half way mark were 72/3 after 13 overs. Menara reached five wickets and 11 balls to spare. Rahul Thukral also contributed with the bat, making a respectable 32 runs.

In the other rain-delayed match at Karawaci in Tangerang, Banten, Senayan beat GMIS CC by a narrow 22 runs. Sent in to bat first, Senayan started solidly, making 54 without any wickets falling in the first 12 overs, before recording 132/3 after 24 overs, and finishing on a respectable 209/7.

Raju Ramani scored the highest number of runs with 46, while Harsih Tomar totaled 3/21. After being set a revised target of 186 runs off 31 overs, GMIS CC folded for 164 runs. Amar Kapadia's all-round performance, taking four wickets with the ball and scoring 41 with the bat, sealed the victory for Senayan.

Ceylon is still sitting in a commanding lead at the top of the League table with 74 points, followed by WISCI on 56 and Menara on 53. — JP