

## Menara and Indorama win

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JAKARTA: Menara beat Emerio at Cibubur Cricket Ground while Indorama thumped TOPI XI in Purwakarta in rain affected matches on Sunday (19 February 2012) in the Apple Coal JCA League 2011-12.

Menara overcame a spirited Emerio fight-back to beat them by eight runs, in a reduced game of 30 overs. Sent in to bat first in heavy outfield, Menara lost quick early wickets and were pegged at 58/4 in 15 overs.

A watchful 33 runs by Deepak Khullar along with a quick 26 from Harshad Bhat, set the launching pad for Amit Bhat, who played a cameo of 41 runs in 29 balls, and was man of the match. Menara added 99 runs in the last 15 overs and ended up at 157/7 in 30 overs. Ramkrishna Muddam took two wickets for 15 runs. The game looked evenly balanced when Emerio needed 28 runs in 24 balls with David Singha still at the crease.

But excellent death bowling by Gajendra Asaliya and Atul Kakkar restricted Emerio to 149/7. David Singha top scored with a fighting 53 runs. Earlier, a miserly spell of 1/18 in six overs from Rikesh Parikh had restricted Emerio to 60/3 in 15 overs.

In Purwakarta, Indorama continued their winning streak against visiting teams, when they thumped TOPI by six wickets. Chasing 157 for victory in 30 overs, Indorama reached the target in 27 overs losing only four wickets. Sandeep Boora made 32 runs, while Govind Sodhani remained unbeaten on 25. Evan Stead took two wickets. Earlier, sent in to bat first, TOPI made 156/6 with Tim Gutsell top scoring with 40 and Dick Slaney 32 not out. Govind Sodhani & Nitin Joshi picked up two wickets apiece.

The third match of the day at Karawaci was called off due to rain. WISCI may consider themselves unlucky as they had to share points with GMIS XI.

Menara has now jumped to third spot in the League table with 65 points with Ceylon still leading with 75 points and WISCI placed second with 74 points