Royal Challengers break the Chepauk jinx

Beat Chennai Super Kings by 50 runs to end 17-year wait for a victory

PTI, CHENNAI: Skipper Rajat Patidar's fortuitous 50 received excellent support from an unerring set of bowlers as Royal Challengers Bengaluru snapped a 17-year winless streak at Chepauk with a huge 50run victory over Chennai Super Kings here on Friday.

Having fought their way to a competitive 196/7, RCB applied the perfect squeeze on CSK with early strikes and the five-time winners crumbled without any resistance, making 146/8.

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versal at home thus far. The value of the victory could have gauged from the wide smile on the face of old warhorse Virat Kohli, the only one man in this RCB line-up who was part

RCB's win came courtesy a heady mix of orthodox game of giving it all with the bat and stifling the opposition with regu-

of that distant 2008 victory.

lar wickets. But the Royal Challengers also had to thank CSK's shocking lack of gumption as the home side never landed a punch in reply.

CSK never recovered from a poor start which saw them losing skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad (0) of the IPL in 2008 and it among three wickets inside the first two overs.

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The slide began in the second over when Rahul Tripathi (5) lobbed an easy catch to short midwicket off Josh Hazlewood (3/21) while attempting a pull.

Hazlewood dealt a body blow to CSK on the final

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ball when he had in-form

Gaikwad caught at deep

square leg for a four-ball

duck, off a top edge which

soon when Deepak Hooda

edged one behind off Bhu-

CSK slipped to 8/3

flew high in the air.

at home thus far

BCCI RESCHEDULES KKR VS LSG MATCH

PTI, KOLKATA: The BCCI on Friday rescheduled the IPL match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Lucknow Super Giants from April 6 to April 8 at 3.30 pm owing to Ramanavami festivities here. While the match will be played a couple of days later as against the original schedule, it will be held in Kolkata itself and not in Guwahati.

vneshwar Kumar while looking to guide the ball to third man, which left the five-time champions in

not whittle down the asking rate, which swelled to Rachin Ravindra (41, 31 13 runs an over.

balls) and Sam Curran (8)

did well to arrest the slump

but in bargain they could

SCOREBOARD

Royal Challengers Bengaluru: Philip Salt st Dhoni b Ahmad 32, Virat Kohli c Rachin b Ahmad 31, Devdutt Padikkal c Gaikwad b Ashwin 27, *Rajat Patidar c Curran b Pathirana 51, Liam Livingstone b Ahmad 10, Jitesh Sharma c Jadeja b Ahmed 12, Tim David not out 22, Krunal Pandya c Hooda b Pathirana O. Bhuvneshwar Kumar not out O. Extras: 11. Total: 196-7. Fall of wickets: 45-1, 76-2, 117-3, 145-4, 172-5, 176-6, 177-7 Bowling: Khaleel Ahmed 4-0-28-1, Ravichandran Ashwin 2-0-22-1 Sam Curran 3-0-34-0, Noor Ahmad 4-0-36-3, Ravindra Jadeja 3-0-37-0, Matheesha Pathirana 4-0-36-2. Chennai Super Kings: Rachin Ravindra b Dayal 41, Rahul Tripathi c Salt b Hazlewood 5, *Ruturaj Gaikwad c (sub) Bhandage b Hazlewood 0, Deepak Hooda c Sharma b Bhuvneshwar 4, Sam Curran c Pandya b Livingstone 8, Shivam Dube b Dayal 19, Ravindra Jadeja c Salt b Hazlewood 25, Ravichandran Ashwin c Salt b Livingstone 11, MS Dhoni not out 30, Noor Ahmad not out 0. Extras: 3. Total: 146-8. Fall of wickets: 8-1, 8-2, 26-3, 52-4, 75-5, 80-6, 99-7, 130-8. Bowling: Bhuvneshwar Kumar 3-1-19-1, Josh Hazlewood 4-0-21-3, Yash Dayal 3-0-18-2, Liam Livingstone 4-0-28-2, Suyash Sharma 4-0-32-0, Krunal Pandya 2-0-26-0. Man-of-the-match: Rajat Patidar

With semis berth at stake, Bengaluru host Mumbai City in knockout tie

PTI, BENGALURU: Former maining semifinal spot. Cup winners Bengaluru FC, powered by the evergreen Sunil Chhetri, would look to secure a place in the Indian Super League semi-finals when they host Mumbai City FC in a high-stake knockout clash, here, on

Saturday. The veteran forward Chhetri, who recently came out of International retirement, has already converted four penalties this season and could become the first player to score 10 goals against Mumbai City FC in ISL history.

Chhetri has scored eight goals in ISL playoffs -- more than any other player in the competition's history -- as he would once again look to make a difference.

With goals in three of his last four playoff appearances, the Indian legend remains a major threat to the Islanders' backline.

Bengaluru finished third in the league standings with 38 points from 24 matches, courtesy of 11 wins and five draws. Mumbai City FC, on the other hand, managed to scrape into the playoffs with a sixth-place finish after a decisive 2-0 victory over the Blues on the final matchday.

The top two teams --Mohun Bagan Super Giant and FC Goa this season -- at the end of the League stage will automatically qualify for the semi-finals. Teams finishing between third and sixth will feature in a single-leg knockout to determine the other two semi-finalists.

NorthEast United and Jamshedpur FC finished fourth and fifth in the league stage and they face against each other on Sunday in Shillong to seal the last re-

Historically, City FC have dominated this fixture in recent times, winning four of their last

five matches against Bengaluru. However, the hosts will take confidence from their dramatic penalty shootout victory over the Islanders in the 2022-23 semi-finals, the only previous playoff meet-

ing between the two sides. Mumbai City have been rock-solid at the back, keeping four consecutive clean sheets against Bengaluru FC while scoring eight times in those matches.

Having recorded the second-most clean sheets this season (10), head coach Petr Kratky will rely on his defensive setup to frustrate Bengaluru's attack.

Bengaluru FC, on the other hand, have averaged a shot every 35.2 passes in ISL 2024-25, the highest ratio among all teams this season. Mumbai City FC will need to disrupt their rhythm and deny them space in key attacking zones.

Mumbai City FC have won each of their last four playoff matches -- the longest such streak in ISL history. A victory on Saturday would extend that record and send them into the semi-finals yet again.

Kratky already has three playoff wins under his belt. If his team wins, he will tie Sergio Lobera for the second-most playoff wins in ISL history (four), trailing only Antonio Lopez Habas (six wins).

In terms of head-to-head record. Mumbai City are way ahead with 10 wins from 18 meetings, with Bengaluru FC managing six to their name. The remaining two were draws.

Maradona was 'in agony' before death, says autopsy expert

AP, BUENOS AIRES (ARGENTI-**NA):** One of the forensic experts responsible for performing Diego Maradona's autopsy said the Argentine soccer great suffered agony for at least 12 hours before he died and noted that 'any doctor' should have noticed symptoms several days earlier.

Carlos Cassinelli, director of Forensic Medicine at the Scientific Police Superintendency, on Thursday provided details of the autopsy performed the day of Maradona's death - November 25, 2020 - during home hospitalisation in a house located in the Buenos Aires munici-

"The heart was completely covered in fat and blood clots, which indicate agony," the specialist said

DEATH OF A STAR

- Diego Maradona died on November 25, 2020 at the age of 60. The cause of death was declared to be a heart attack
- Two weeks before his death, he had had a successful surgery to remove a blood clot from his brain
- He was found dead in a

during the homicide trial for seven health professionals.

The autopsy concluded that Maradona died from acute pulmonary edema secondary to congestive heart failure.

"This is a patient who had been collecting water over the days; that's not acute. This

medical care, which allegedly led to his death was something that was foreseeable," Cassinelli said. "Any

doctor examining a patient

rented Buenos Aires address

where he was convalescing

A neurosurgeon, a psychia-

trist, a psychologist, doctors

Maradona during his conva-

and nurses who were caring for

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after the surgery

would find this." According to the prosecution, the accused professionals — a neurosurgeon, a psychiatrist, a psychologist, doctors, and nurs-- who were caring for Maradona during his convalescence failed to provide adequate medical care, which allegedly led to During the investigation, sev-

eral witnesses testified that they noticed Maradona's face and abdomen were excessively swollen. Among those on trial are

Leopoldo Luque, Maradona's personal physician for the last four years of his life and psychiatrist Agustina Cosachov, prescribed medication that Maradona took the time of his death.



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