

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 50-run 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.

CSK's defeat to RCB in their own "Anbuden" (Den of Love) was their first since the inaugural edition of the IPL in 2008 and it was also their biggest re-

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 of that distant 2008 victory.

RCB's win came courtesy a heady mix of orthodox game of giving it all with the bat and stifling the opposition with regular 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 Rituraj Gaikwad (0) among three wickets inside the first two overs.

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

ball when he had in-form Gaikwad caught at deep square leg for a four-ball duck, off a top edge which flew high in the air.

CSK slipped to 8/3 soon when Deepak Hooda edged one behind off Bhu-

vneswar Kumar while looking to guide the ball to third man, which left the five-time champions in deep trouble.

Rachin Ravindra (41, 31

balls) and Sam Curran (8) did well to arrest the slump but in bargain they could not whittle down the asking rate, which swelled to 13 runs an over.

SCOREBOARD

Royal Challengers Bengaluru: Philip Salt st Dhoni b Ahmad 32, Virat Kohli c Rachin b Ahmad 51, 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 0. **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** not out 0. **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, *Rituraj 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

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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 Ramnavami 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.

TODAY'S IPL FIXTURE

Gujarat Titans vs Mumbai Indians at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, 7.30 pm

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

AP, BUENOS AIRES (ARGENTINA): 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 municipality of Tigre.

"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

rented Buenos Aires address where he was convalescing after the surgery

■ A neurosurgeon, a psychiatrist, a psychologist, doctors and nurses who were caring for Maradona during his convalescence are being prosecuted for failing to provide adequate medical care, which allegedly led to his death

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

was something that was foreseeable," Cassinelli said. "Any doctor examining a patient would find this."

According to the prosecution, the accused professionals - a neurosurgeon, a psychiatrist, a psychologist, doctors, and nurses - who were caring for Mara-

dona during his convalescence failed to provide adequate medical care, which allegedly led to his death.

During the investigation, several 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, who prescribed medication that Maradona took until the time of his death.



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