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RUARAKA TAKES ON SWAMIS, GYMKHANA HOSTS KANBIS

Leading run scorer Dhiren Gondaria and Ruaraka's run machine Sachin Gill will be the man to watch as the NPCA Super Division 50 Overs League enters its third week on Sunday.

Gondaria's knack for batting will definitely see the Kanbis opening batsman and skipper attempt the unthinkable hat-trick of centuries in the championship that serves up great moments ahead for cricket lovers.

In just two-innings, Gondaria has racked up a total of 208 runs and will be hoping to replicate his form when his side Kanbis A visits Nairobi Gymkhana on Sunday.

Gondaria's century helped Kanbis A vanquish Sikh Union A by 4 wickets at their Eastleigh High School backyard last weekend.

"My second century in back to back matches has obviously elevated my confidence levels," quipped Gondaria, adding "This kind of form doesn't come every time. As a team, we just need to continue with what we are doing. We just need to work hard and continue to score."

But the match of the weekend will pit Ruaraka A against Swamibapa A at Ruaraka Sports Club. Sachin and his teammate Pushkar Sharma will be the key suspects for the Thika Road troops whilst Rushabh Patel and Maurice Ouma will be at it again for T-20 champions Swamibapa. Swamibapa played last weekend's match minus their captain Rushabh Patel who was away attending to a personal issue.

Having dismissed Obuya Academy in their previous fixture, leaders Ruaraka are all set to face their opponents with the much-needed gusto and determination.

Looking at the NPCA 50 overs league's 2023 points table, Ruaraka is standing at the summit with Kanbis and Swamibapa with 8 points. But Ruaraka tops the log with a superior run rate of 6.607. Kanbis and Swamis have since posted run rates of 3.262 and 2.104 respectively.

Stray Lions sit fourth on the log with four points after two matches ahead of Cutchi Leva also with four points but with a lesser run rate.

Stray Lions A will be hoping to continue with their winning ways after beating Nairobi Gymkhana last week when they host Obuya Academy A at Nairobi Jaffrey's. Obuya Academy had a disastrous last match in which they were bowled out for a paltry 38 runs against Ruaraka A. Collins Obuya will have to rally his troops for a much better performance against a well-balanced Stray Lions A team

Sikh Union A will be looking to open their account after defeats in their first two games. Captain Sukhdeep and Jasraj Kundi will be looking to spearhead their batting against a vastly improved SCLPS YL A side which has already beaten Stray Lions A on the opening weekend.

NPCA SUPER DIVISION 50 OVERS LEAGUE

Nairobi Gymkhana A vs Kanbis A (Nairobi Gymkhana)

Obuya Academy A vs Stray Lions A (Nairobi Jaffery's)

Ruaraka A vs Swamibapa A (Ruaraka Sports Club)

SCLPS YL A vs Sikh Union A (Sikh Union)

NPCA DIVISION ONE 50 OVERS LEAGUE

Goan Institute A vs Ngara A (Goan Institute)

SCLPS YL B vs Stray Lions B (SCLPS)

Kongonis A vs Kanbis B (Eastleigh)

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