

Wet blanket on key IPL match

The unseasonal rain continued Thursday, putting a big question mark on the Delhi Daredevils versus [Kolkata](#) Knight Riders IPL match scheduled in the capital Thursday evening. The match is crucial to both teams who are fighting for the last spot in the semi-finals.

A senior official of the Delhi Daredevils team said Thursday morning the match was unlikely unless the rain stopped and the sun came out 'at least for a few hours' as the outfield was wet.

The teams will get a point apiece if the match is washed out, which will do neither any good. Delhi Daredevils are in the fifth spot on the eight-team league table, while Kolkata Knight Riders are sixth. [Mumbai](#) Indians, in fourth place now, will be the beneficiary of a washout.

Though water logging led to the usual traffic jams in the capital, flights were on time, said an airports official.

On Thursday morning, meteorologists held out little hope for a break in the weather. Their forecast warned of thunder squalls and hail storms all over north India for the rest of the week, thanks to a mini-cyclone that was sitting over the India-Pakistan border.

To add to that, 'a fresh western disturbance is likely to affect western Himalayan region and adjoining plains of northwest India from Friday', said a met official.

Thunder squalls and hail storms have also been forecast over the east and northeast of the country.

Meteorologists expect a low pressure area to form over southeast Arabian Sea around Friday. They have forecast rain or thundershowers at a few places over Kerala, Lakshadweep and south coastal Karnataka.

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