

Sport

A strange showdown

BIRMINGHAM, June 11: The Geoff Allott vs. Lance Klusener showdown was given top billing going into the first round of the Super Six clash between New Zealand and South Africa.

A head-to-head between Klusener, who holds the distinction of being the hardest batsman ever to dismiss in one-day cricket, and Allott, who has taken more wickets in one World Cup than any other bowler, failed to materialise.

South Africa secured their World Cup semifinal berth with a 74-run win over the hapless Black Caps.

The only celebration in the Kiwi camp was for Allott, whose dismissal of Herschelle Gibbs gave him 15 wickets in the tournament and the honour of being the most prolific wicket-taker in any World Cup.

But despite bowling at more than 90 miles (146 kilometers) per hour, Allott produced his least emphatic performance in this campaign and returned 1-42 off 10 overs.

Allott joined the trio of India's Roger Binny, Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott and current Pakistani skipper Wasim Akram, who have each grabbed 18 wickets in a single World Cup.

Klusener's world record one-day batting stretch also came to an end but the lucky bowler was Gavin Larsen, not Allott - despite the fact Klusener was promoted up the batting order to No. 3 to make the contest more interesting.

South African skipper Hansie Cronje said obviously Klusener would be disappointed he'd been dismissed but from a team perspective it came at the best time.

"He didn't thank me (for promoting him in the order). I think Lance was disappointed he got out," Cronje said after Thursday's game. "But, as I say, if he's going to fail it's better to be on a day like today where everyone else chipped in."

Klusener belted a four to take his tally between outs to an even 400 before he was bowled by Larsen. He didn't get to face a ball from Allott, who had dismissed him last on Feb. 17 in Christchurch.

Going into the Edgbaston clash, the 27-year-old all-rounder was unbeaten with 396 runs in nine innings.

After his fifth unbeaten innings in this World Cup - a match-winning 46 off 41 balls against Pakistan - Klusener broke Javed Miandad's record of 395 between dismissals, set in 1983 with one dismissal in six innings and a total of 214 runs. He now has an average of 214 for this tournament.

"I don't think Lance is really worried (about his average of 214). He doesn't really show it... so we wouldn't know what he's thinking," Cronje said.

Gold is old

From page 13 sparkled at just the right time on the domestic stage and got back into the 15-man party time on the domestic stage and got back into the 15-man party at the last minute, ahead of younger men.

Left out of the first three games, the six-foot six-and-a-half inch Moody has since become an automatic choice.

He used Bangladesh as target practice, with 56 off 29 balls and three wickets for 25, then took one for 16 off seven overs against the West Indies.

Twenty-five came off 20 balls in the run charge against India, and there was a 55-run partnership with Michael Bevan in double-quick time against Zimbabwe, when Moody also pounced a crucial catch.

"With experience, you tend to weigh up situations a lot better," he says.

"For instance, you know to take the time to get yourself in when you're batting."

He added: "It's significant that the bowlers who have been successful have been the bowlers who've been able to maintain a disciplined and patient line-and-length."

Moody at Australia's other key players and you will find the 34-year-old Waugh twins and pace bowler Glenn McGrath at 29.

The West Indies, while they lasted, relied on the creaking bones of Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose, a pair of strike bowlers with a combined age of over 70.

England may not have impressed, but it was significant that they only had one player under 27.

Pakistan have some useful youngsters in the 24-year-old Yousuf Youhana, a middle-order batsman, and Azhar Mahmood, who has 11 wickets so far.

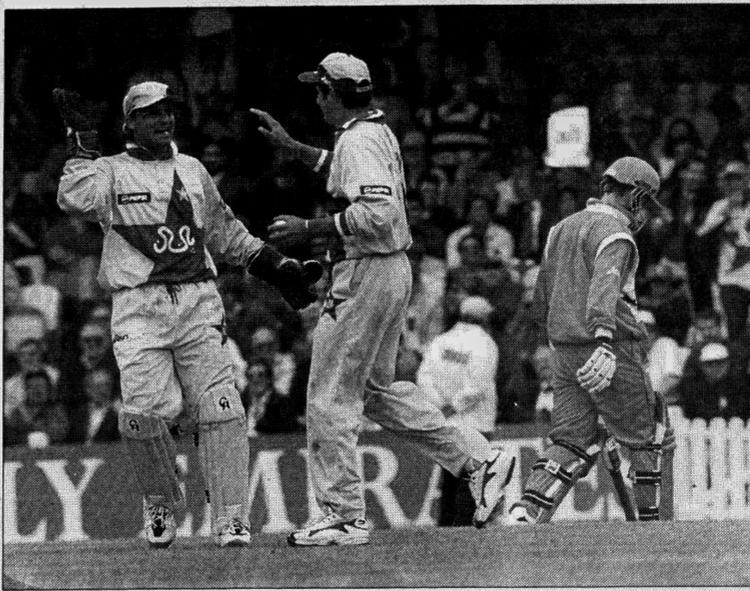
There is also the 19-year-old Abdul Razzaq, but their key contributions have come from Akram - 33 top-order batsmen - and wicketkeeper batsman Moin Khan, who will never see his 27th birthday again.

South Africa's star player has been Lance Klusener, his pyrotechnics with the bat - 214 runs and only one dismissal - saving his side on several occasions. He is slower than many to the 25-year benchmark but will be blowing out 28 candles in September.

Shaun Pollock, regarded as one of the world's top all-rounders, is 25 but, despite bowling economically, has managed only four wickets in seven games.

Time is on the young's side, however.

Akhtar, learning as fast as he bowls, still has time to get to grips with English wicket. And South Africa's 25-year-old opener Herschelle Gibbs, with a high-class 91 against Zimbabwe on Thursday at Trent Bridge, showed that his homework is beginning to pay off.



Pakistan's Moin Khan and Shahid Afridi celebrate the dismissal of Murray Goodwin, who is on his way to the dressing room. -AFP photo

Brilliant Butcher, Murali

LONDON, June 11: England opener Mark Butcher punished the Leicestershire bowling at Leicester Road Thursday for a personal best score and the highest in the County Championship this season, reports AFP.

Butcher made an unbeaten 253 - beating Australian Justin Langer's 241 for Middlesex in the opening game of the season - out of Surrey's 469 for seven, in reply to the home side's 272, for an overnight lead of 197.

By the close, Butcher - his previous best of 167 against Durham in 1995 - had occupied the crease for 493 minutes, with his 385 ball knock including 30 fours and two sixes.

Butcher vied for the day's best performance with Sri Lankan off-spin wizard Muralitharan, who took seven wickets for the second day running.

That match at Southport is now poised for a nailbiting finish, with Warwickshire ending the day with a 261-run lead over Lancashire.

After skittling out Lancashire for 144, with Ed Giddins taking five for 50, Warwickshire looked set to pose a healthy lead when they reached 140 for one in their second innings after posting 217 in their first.

But Muralitharan, after seven for 44 in the first, finished the day with seven for 66 in the second to leave Warwickshire on 190 for nine.

Kent trail Sussex by 54 runs at Hove with just two first-innings wickets in hand, despite half-centuries from Andrew Symonds (54) and Matthew Walker (51), who put on 110 for Kent's fourth wicket.

Mark Ealham remains unbeaten on 47 out of a total of 282 for eight in reply to Sussex's 336 all out, in which Michael di Venuto made 136.

The Australian finally fell to the bowling of Dean Headley to give the England paceman figures of four for 74.

Glamorgan are staring an innings defeat in the face at Cardiff after being bowled out for 108 in their first innings as they chased the visitors' daunting 462 for nine declared.

Paul Weekes top scored with an unbeaten 140, assisted by the Middlesex tail as Angus Fraser made 56 and Phil Tufnell 48.

Seamer Tim Bloomfield then took five for 36 as Glamorgan subsided, followed by the first wicket of the second innings early on as the hosts reached 84 for two at the close, still 271 runs shy of making Middlesex bat again.

Somerset are in a similar position against Gloucestershire at Bath as they have just seven second-innings wickets left and are still 152 runs adrift of their hosts' first innings total of 346.

Australian all-rounder Ian Harvey and youngster Ben Gannon both took four wickets apiece as Somerset were initially bowled out for 138, before sliding to 56 for three at the end of the second day.

At Basingstoke, former Yorkshire journeyman Peter Hartley put the skids under his old side with figures of eight for 65 to give Hampshire a first innings lead of 14 after bowling out the visitors for 192.

But Hampshire then subsided to 59 for eight at one point in their second spell at the crease, with Scottish pace bowler Gavin Hamilton taking three wickets.

It was left to Matthew Keach (39 not out) and Simon Renshaw (24 not out) to stage a recovery as the home side moved on to 111 without further loss and a lead of 125.

Derbyshire are just 18 runs ahead of Essex at Chelmsford after bowling out the home side for 281, with Matthew Cassar taking five for 51, in response to their own 285.

Prospective England captain Nasser Hussain had underlined his credentials with a superlative 141, half of his team's total, but was let down by those around him.

Derbyshire, however, lost an early wicket at close of play with Tim Tweats departing for a duck to leave his side on 14 for one.

Durham's lead on first innings of 127 over Northamptonshire at Wantage Road has been undermined by a second innings collapse which has left them reeling on 99 for six.

Neil Killeen (six for 20) and Steve Harrison (four for 58) helped rattle out Northants for 190 after the table-toppers had posted 317.

BATTING, BOWLING SO FAR

LONDON, June 11 (Reuters/Internet): Top batting and bowling performances at the cricket World Cup (* denotes not out).

BATTING 183 - Saurav Ganguly (India) v Sri Lanka, May 26, Taunton 145 - Rahul Dravid (India) v Sri Lanka, May 23, Bristol 140* - Sachin Tendulkar (India) v Kenya, May 23, Bristol 132* - Neil Johnson (Zimbabwe) v Australia, June 9, Lord's 104* - Rahul Dravid (India) v Kenya, May 23, Bristol 104* - Mark Waugh (Australia) v Zimbabwe, June 9, Lord's 100* - Ajay Jadhava (India) v Australia, June 4, The Oval 97 - Saurav Ganguly (India) v South Africa, May 15, Hove 96 - Jacques Kallis (South Africa) v India, May 15, Hove 91 - Herschelle Gibbs (South Africa) v New Zealand, June 10, Birmingham

88* - Nasser Hussain (England) v Kenya, May 18, Canterbury 88 - Alec Stewart (England) v Sri Lanka, May 14, Lord's 83 - Mark Waugh (Australia) v India, June 4, The Oval 82 - Maurice Odumbe (Kenya) v Sri Lanka, May 30, Southampton 82 - Gary Kirsten (South Africa) v New Zealand, June 10, Birmingham

81* - Yousuf Youhana (Pakistan) v Scotland, May 20, Durham 81 - Inzamamul Haq (Pakistan) v Australia, May 23, Leeds 80* - Roger Twose (New Zealand) v Sri Lanka, May 24, Lord's 80* - Ridley Jacobs (West Indies) v New Zealand, May 24, Southampton

BOWLING 5 for 14 - Glenn McGrath (Australia) v West Indies, May 30, Manchester 5 for 21 - Lance Klusener (South Africa) v Kenya, May 26, Amstelveen 5 for 27 - Venkatesh Prasad (India) v Pakistan, June 8, Manchester 5 for 21 - Robin Singh (India) v Sri Lanka, May 26, Worcester 5 for 35 - Saqlain Mushtaq (Pakistan) v Bangladesh, May 31, Northampton 4 for 7 - Chris Harris (New Zealand) v Scotland, May 31, Edinburgh 4 for 17 - Allan Donald (South Africa) v England, May 22, The Oval 4 for 25 - Courtney Walsh (West Indies) v Bangladesh, May 21, Dublin 4 for 34 - Darren Gough (England) v Kenya, May 18, Canterbury 4 for 37 - Alan Mullally (England) v Sri Lanka, May 14, Lord's 4 for 37 - Geoff Allott (New Zealand) v Australia, May 20, Cardiff 4 for 37 - John Blain (Scotland) v Bangladesh, May 24, Edinburgh 4 for 40 - Wasim Akram (Pakistan) v Australia, May 23, Leeds 4 for 42 - Neil Johnson (Zimbabwe) v Kenya, May 15, Taunton 4 for 56 - Debashish Mohanty (India) v Kenya, May 23, Bristol 4 for 64 - Geoff Allott (New Zealand) v Pakistan, May 28, Derby

TOP RUN-GETTERS 432 - Saurav Ganguly 350 - Mark Waugh 333 - Neil Johnson 313 - Jacques Kallis 259 - Sachin Tendulkar 237 - Ricky Ponting 224 - Main Khan 223 - Steve Waugh 222 - Inzamamul Haq 218 - Gavin Hamilton 217 - Lance Klusener 214

TOP WICKET TAKERS 19 - Geoff Allott 16 - Lance Klusener 14 - Glenn McGrath 13 - Saqlain Mushtaq 12 - Allan Donald 12 - Wasim Akram 12 - Neil Johnson 11 - Darren Gough 11 - Courtney Walsh 11 - Javagal Srinath 11 - Azhar Mahmood 11 - Shoaib Akhtar 11

Who versus who TRENT BRIDGE, England, June 11 (AFP): India v New Zealand player head-to-heads: **AZHARUDDIN V STEPHEN FLEMING** The captains' decisions in the field could play a crucial role in a match that both sides must win to have a chance of reaching the semi-finals. As batsmen rather than captains, both have struggled for form. For Azharuddin, India's most successful skipper of all time, the match could be his last in charge if his team fail to reach the last four. He has come in for severe criticism after an indifferent start to the tournament. His first five innings yielded a top score of 26 against England, but 59 in the Super Six victory over Pakistan relieved some of the pressure on the 36-year-old.

Fleming is under no such pressure from his public or media, but, like his opposite number, Fleming has had a fairly lean time with the bat. He is averaging just over 25 but can at least boast good scores against the two favourites - 69 against Pakistan and 42 against South Africa.

SAURAV GANGULY V ROGER TWOSE They both bat left-handed and are both in good form - but that is where the similarities stop. The two offer an intriguing contrast in style. Ganguly is an elegant player, beautiful to watch when in full flow. Twose is solid, workman-like and un-spectacular. Yet both have been in outstanding form. Ganguly provided one of the high spots of the tournament when he made 183 - the highest score at this World Cup - against Sri Lanka. He has scored 350 runs at an average of 58.33. He can also bowl useful seamers and has a knack of breaking dangerous partnerships. The English-born Twose, who emigrated to New Zealand to pursue love as well as his cricketing ambitions, has scored 212 runs in seven matches, with a best of 80 in the victory over Australia. He averages 71.

ANIL KUMBLE V CHRIS HARRIS Another interesting contrast in styles. While wrist spinner Kumble generally bowls with a flat trajectory, Harris is probably the 'loopyest' bowler at the World Cup. His right-arm slow-medium bowling defies description but is said to perplex batsmen unused to such an unorthodox style. He is also a highly effective lower-order batsman who has scored runs on all three occasions that he has been asked to bat, hitting 30 against West Indies, 42 against Pakistan and 27 not out against South Africa. Kumble is even more deceptive. He does not turn the ball very much but instead relies on a fierce top-spinner and variations in pace and drift as he pushes the ball through. The 28-year-old, though, has had a disappointing World Cup with just eight wickets.

Youhana in the nets

LONDON, June 11: Yousuf Youhana gave beleaguered Pakistan a pleasant surprise Thursday by turning up for nets at the Oval on the eve of the crucial match against Zimbabwe, reports AP.

Youhana, 24, has been troubled by recurring hamstring injuries and was forced to sit out of the crunch encounter against archrivals, India as he was sent to London for specialist treatment.

The 24-year-old middle-order batsman was earlier rested in the matches against New Zealand and Bangladesh. But he strained his hamstring again when he returned to action against South Africa.

Pakistan's middle order has not looked as solid without Youhana, who has been hampered by a niggling hamstring for the past six months.

Youhana was restrained in the team's workout session Thursday but showed no signs of the injury which forced him to seek a runner midway during his knock against South Africa last week.

Frustrated by format

From page 13 over from the first round because they lost against the other two qualifiers from Group A.

Even if Zimbabwe lose their final Super Six game today they could still qualify for the semifinals.

India practised at Trent Bridge today with half an eye on The Oval.

"We've got to try to concentrate on tomorrow's game, and we know we must win," said skipper Mohammad Azharuddin. "But of course we know that it might be out of our hands."

Coach Gaekwad, not best pleased to hear of Pakistan's good start, said: "The weather, the calculator and a bit of luck... we can only hope."

"We've played pretty well through the whole tournament," said Azharuddin. "It's just the Zimbabwe game where we let ourselves down and now we are paying the price."

India, needing just six runs with three wickets and plenty of time in hand, threw away victory with a series of poor shots to lose three wickets for three runs.

Azharuddin was trying to be positive today, saying the whole camp was confident that they could still get through.

"I'm optimistic we can win and win well and we'll just have to wait and see what happens elsewhere," he said.

Saurav Ganguly looks to have recovered from his knee injury and should play but Gaekwad said that there might be changes should Zimbabwe fail to come to India's rescue.

"We won't know until later but, depending on the situation, we might think about giving some of the youngsters a game," he said.

Bits & pieces

From page 13 cricket family. But the Flowers are celebrating a reunion at the World Cup.

Two brothers, Andy and Grant Flower, are playing in the World Cup and their parents are following the team as usual. Two other London-based siblings are utilising a rare opportunity to complete a family reunion at Zimbabwe's matches.

Father Bill and mother Jean have gone on several tours to support the Zimbabwe team but this is something special.

"The team's producing its best World Cup show ever and we are all enjoying being present as Zimbabwe is creating history," Bill Flower said.

"Besides, this is one rare occasion that my wife will allow cricket being discussed at family reunions. She banned it five years ago."

Jean Flower explained why. "Small cricket talk usually expands into an all-encompassing discussion at our house and that was why it got banned," she said. "It used to go on too long and hardly left any time for the family to discuss anything else."

Positive Pollock From page 13 rest of the tournament. "I think it's important to look at things like that positively... it's only a matter of time before it clicks."

Of the Indian run-machine From page 16 luck. Zimbabwe have had that with the weather.

"If they hadn't got that point (from the abandoned game against New Zealand) I'm sure we would have beaten them on run rate."

Dravid said that India had been quite lucky with the weather so far and said he might have benefited from the relatively warm conditions.

"The weather is very important, it's playing a big role," he said. "Now it's getting a bit warmer, making the pitches a bit drier, batting is getting easier."

As he seeks to take his World Cup tally past the 500 mark - he has close to 3,000 one day international runs at an average approaching 38 - Dravid faces a different sort of test against the medium pacers of New Zealand.

"They have an attack well-suited to the conditions here and it is a new challenge," he said.

"If it stays dry and the wicket is dry it should be okay. So much depends on the weather but I'm looking forward to it."

Another big innings could certainly be on the cards but the shame for India is that those runs and all those he has already accumulated - are likely to be in vain.

India vs New Zealand

From page 13 most miserly to keep the lid on.

India's bowling attack has also started to perform as many predicted it would in England, the outstanding return being Venkatesh Prasad's five for 27 against Pakistan.

Javagal Srinath has been bowling well all tournament and was almost as fast as the much lauded Shoaib Akhtar as he took three wickets at Old Trafford.

Azharuddin was delighted with all aspects of his team's display against Pakistan and is hoping to keep the ball rolling.

"The whole team performed well. We have actually been playing well most of the tournament but just had a couple of lapses," he said.

"As far as New Zealand goes, we have to win. It's as simple as that."

That may not be enough, however, as their run rate is

poor. India need Australia to lose heavily to South Africa on Sunday or for Pakistan to lose badly to Zimbabwe for them to get through with four points.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming echoed his opposite number on what was needed.

"We have to beat India and we have to beat them well," he said after Thursday's drubbing by South Africa. "It's a tough task but it's very simple. We have to win or we go home."

Although they were outclassed by South Africa, the Kiwis could yet pay the price for the rained-off game against Zimbabwe which earned them only a point when they were well-placed.

That, along with the two gained from beating Australia in the first round, took New Zealand to three and victory over India would make it five.

They would hope their run rate would be good enough to overhaul Zimbabwe, assuming the Africans lose against Pakistan on Friday.

Alternatively, they could climb above Pakistan or Australia should either lose their final games.

Fleming said he would have no problem picking up his troops after the South Africa defeat but he knows they need to find something extra on Saturday.

"It will be hard but the pressure is also on India."

SQUADS **INDIA** (Probables): Sachin Tendulkar, Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Ajay Jadhava, Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Robin Singh, Nayan Mongia, Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad, Debashish Mohanty.

NEW ZEALAND (Probables): Matthew Horne, Nathan Astle, Craig McMillan, Stephen Fleming (captain), Roger Twose, Chris Cairns, Chris Harris, Adam Parore, Dion Nash, Gavin Larsen, Geoff Allott.

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HEAD-TO-HEAD

India lost a three-Test series in New Zealand 1-0 in January. Their recent one-day confrontations have left them with three wins each. Last April in a Sharjah tournament also featuring Australia, they came out win a win apiece, then drew 2-2 in the one-day series in New Zealand. That series was notable for two fine centuries, one from Rahul Dravid - his third in six days against New Zealand after he hit two tons in the Tests - and one off 75 balls from Chris Cairns, the 13th fastest in limited-over history.

1999 WORLD CUP RESULTS **India:** Group stage: Lost to South Africa by 4 wickets, lost to Zimbabwe by 3 runs, beat Sri Lanka by 157 runs, beat Kenya by 94 runs, beat England by 63 runs. Super Six: Lost to Australia by 77 runs, beat Pakistan by 47 runs.

New Zealand: Lost to Pakistan by 62 runs, beat Australia by 5 wickets, lost to the West Indies by 7 wickets, beat Bangladesh by 6 wickets, beat Scotland by 6 wickets. Super Six: No result against Zimbabwe, lost to South Africa by 74 runs.

PREVIOUS WORLD CUPS New Zealand have won three of their five World Cup meetings. Their last encounter was at Dunedin in 1992 when the Kiwis won by four wickets. India, batting first, made 230 for six through Mohammad Azharuddin's 55 and Sachin Tendulkar's 84. Both will be playing on Saturday. Mark Greatbatch overshadowed them with a quickfire 73 and Andrew Jones made 67. Neither of them will be at Trent Bridge.

VENUE Trent Bridge. The home of county side Nottinghamshire, it has been a regular Test venue for 100 years. West Indian all-rounder Garfield Sobers, rated the greatest all-round cricketer ever, played for Notts, as did Richard Hadlee of New Zealand, Test cricket's second highest wicket-taker with 431.

Capacity: 19,000 (AFP)

BRIEF RESULTS

LONDON, June 11 (Reuters): World Cup cumulative results and standings after Thursday's Super Six match:

GROUP A May 14: England beat Sri Lanka by 8 wickets (Lord's) May 15: South Africa beat India by 4 wickets (Hove) May 18: Zimbabwe beat Kenya by 5 wickets (Taunton) May 19: England beat Kenya by 9 wickets (Canterbury) South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 89 runs (Northampton)

May 22: Zimbabwe beat India by 3 runs (Leicester) South Africa beat England by 122 runs (The Oval) Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by 4 wickets (Worcester) India beat Kenya by 94 runs (Bristol)

May 25: England beat Zimbabwe by 7 wickets (Nottingham) India beat Sri Lanka by 157 runs (Taunton) South Africa beat Kenya by 7 wickets (Amstelveen) India beat England by 63 runs (Birmingham) Zimbabwe beat South Africa by 48 runs (Chelmsford) Sri Lanka beat Kenya by 45 runs (Southampton)

Team P W L T NR Pts Net run rate South Africa 5 4 1 0 0 8 +0.86 India 5 3 2 0 0 6 +0.28 Zimbabwe 5 3 2 0 0 6 +0.02 England 5 3 2 0 0 6 -0.33 Sri Lanka 5 2 3 0 0 4 -0.81 Kenya 5 0 5 0 0 0 -1.20

GROUP B May 16: Australia beat Scotland by 6 wickets (Worcester) Pakistan beat West Indies by 27 runs (Bristol) New Zealand beat Bangladesh by 6 wickets (Chelmsford)

May 20: New Zealand beat Australia by 5 wickets (Cardiff) Pakistan beat Scotland by 94 runs (Chester-le-Street) West Indies beat Bangladesh by 7 wickets (Dublin) May 23: Pakistan beat Australia by 10 runs (Leeds) May 24: West Indies beat New Zealand by 7 wickets (Southampton) Bangladesh beat Scotland by 22 runs (Edinburgh) West Indies beat Scotland by 8 wickets (Leicester) Australia beat Bangladesh by 7 wickets (Chester-le-Street)

May 28: Pakistan beat New Zealand by 62 runs (Derby) May 30: Australia beat West Indies by 6 wickets (Manchester) May 31: New Zealand beat Scotland by six wickets (Edinburgh) Bangladesh beat Pakistan by 62 runs (Northampton)

Team P W L T NR Pts Net run rate Pakistan 5 4 1 0 0 8 +0.53 Australia 5 3 2 0 0 6 +0.73 New Zealand 5 3 2 0 0 6 +0.58 West Indies 5 3 2 0 0 6 +0.50 Bangladesh 5 2 3 0 0 4 -0.54 Scotland 5 0 5 0 0 0 -1.93

SUPER SIX June 4: Australia beat India by 77 runs (The Oval) June 5: South Africa beat Pakistan by 3 wickets (Trent Bridge)

June 6: Zimbabwe v New Zealand - match abandoned (Leeds) June 8: India beat Pakistan by 47 runs (Manchester) June 9: Australia beat Zimbabwe by 44 runs (Lord's) June 10: South Africa beat New Zealand by 74 runs (Birmingham)

Super Six standings (includes matches played and points accrued against fellow qualifiers from first phase; top four qualify for semifinals)

Team P W L T NR Pts Net run rate South Africa 4 3 1 0 0 6 +0.23 Zimbabwe 4 2 1 1 0 5 -0.09 Pakistan 4 2 2 0 0 4 +0.10 Australia 4 2 2 0 0 4 +0.44 New Zealand 4 1 2 1 0 3 -0.76 India 4 1 3 0 0 2 -0.14

(New Zealand and Zimbabwe each have one point from their match which was abandoned because of rain)

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