

India make records roll

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Virender Sehwag roared back into form with a blazing century as record-setting India thrashed debutants Bermuda by 257 runs in their second World Cup match here on Monday.

India posted the highest Cup total of 413-5 after being put in to bat, with Sehwag (114), Sourav Ganguly (89), Yuvraj Singh (83) and Sachin Tendulkar (57 not out) making merry against a mediocre Bermudian attack.

The previous best total was 398-5 by Sri Lanka against Kenya at Kandy in the 1996 World Cup.

It was also the biggest victory in one-day internationals by run-margin, the previous highest being Australia's 256-run win over Namibia in the last World Cup in South Africa.

Bermuda, shot out for 78 during their 243-run loss against Sri Lanka in their first game, did better this time as they managed 156 which was still not good enough to save them from a second successive massive defeat.

"We achieved what we wanted to do in this match as we finished ahead of Sri Lanka's margin of victory against Bermuda," said India skipper Rahul Dravid.

"Sehwag is a good player and it is good that he got back into form ahead of the crucial game (against Sri Lanka). It was just a matter of one knock and we expect a lot from him."

Left-handed David Hemp, who plays for English county Glamorgan, top-scored with a solid 76 not out, the first Cup half-century by a Bermudian. Dean Minors (21) was the other notable contributor, as

five other players went for ducks.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble and seamer Ajit Agarkar grabbed three wickets apiece, while left-arm fast bowler Zaheer Khan finished with two.

India, who had suffered a shock five-wicket defeat against Bangladesh, now need to beat Sri Lanka in their last Group-B match here on Friday to keep alive their

hopes of qualifying for the next Super Eight stage.

"We are improving every day. Hemp did really well as somebody in the top order got some runs and this is what we wanted," said Bermuda skipper Irvine Romaine.

"India are one of the better sides in the World Cup and we knew we

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INDIA V BERMUDA SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Cup Group B match between India and Bermuda at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain on Monday:

INDIA	R	M	B	4s	6s
Uthappa c Leverock b Jones	3	5	4	0	0
Ganguly st Minors b Borden	89	161	114	6	2
Sehwag c Jones b Hurdle	114	127	87	17	3
Dhoni c Tucker b Borden	29	34	25	2	1
Yuvraj Singh c Jones b Leverock	83	52	46	3	7
Tendulkar notout	57	46	29	2	4
Dravid notout	7	5	2	0	1
Extras: (lb-7, w-17, nb-7)	31				
Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs)	413				
Did not bat: Agarkar, Kumble, Zaheer Khan, Patel.					

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-205, 3-238, 4-269, 5-391.

Bowler

Bowler	O	M	R	W	Econ
Hurdle	10	0	53	1	5.30
Jones	7	0	74	1	10.57
Tucker	9	1	67	0	7.44
Hemp	2	0	32	0	16.00
Leverock	10	0	96	1	9.60
Borden	5	0	30	2	6.00
Cann	7	0	54	0	7.71

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