LONE TWENTY20 INTERNATIONAL

Zimbabwe shock WI

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

At the halfway stage, West Indies' winless streak looked almost certain to be snapped after astonishing spells from Sulieman Benn and Darren Sammy, but Zimbabwe's spirited army of spinners scripted a memorable fightback to help the visitors clinch a low-scoring scrap in Trinidad on Sunday.

On a day when Australia and New Zealand blasted the highest Twenty20 match aggregate during a nailbiter in Christchurch, Prosper Utseya's team won a game in which both sides made their lowest ever Twenty 20 scores.

The Queen's Park Oval pitch helped the spinners and was a trifle two-paced, but not so treacherous as to merit a record eight ducks, and it merely highlighted the limitations of the batsmen on both sides in the one-off Twenty international.

What makes the ultimately comfortable victory even more special for Zimbabwe was that they were seemingly down and out after just 16 deliveries, losing three wickets to the left-arm spin of Benn with no score on board. A late onslaught from Elton Chigumbura after Zimbabwe had hobbled to 76 for 6 in 18 overs initially seemed inconsequential, but his 19-ball 34 turned out to be crucial in a match where batsmen couldn't pull off the big hits. West Indies' entire innings had only three fours and a six.

Utseya had mentioned at the toss that the spinners were one of the side's big strengths, and with the ball turning significantly, he used the slow bowlers for 18 overs. They proved hard to get away, but there was no signs of the turnaround that lay ahead when Adrian Barath and Shivnarine Chanderpaul negotiated the first five overs, steeringWest Indies to 20 for 0.

Then in a flurry of attempted big hits

imploded. Barath was bowled in the sixth over after being beaten by the turn when looking to clear the legside boundary, Andre Fletcher picked out the deep square next over, Pollard was foxed by the flight attempt at a signature lofted on-drive, and Darren Bravo picked up a golden duck after the ball kept low when he was trying a Hollywood pull shot. West Indies had stumbled to 32 for 4 and it was game on.

Still, with West Indies' serial rescuer Chanderpaul unbeaten, and given a reprieve when Cremer grassed a sitter at long-on in the 10th over, they were slight favourites. Offspinner Greg Lamb, who had earlier played a completely un-Twenty20 innings consuming 28 deliveries for 11 (all in singles), tipped the game Zimbabwe's way by trapping Chanderpaul lbw in the 12th over with a delivery that spun a lot less than the batsman expected.

From that stage, it was almost all Zimbabwe. Dwayne Smith threatened briefly and stand-in captain Denesh Ramdin battled till the end, but West Indies never really mounted a serious

Ramdin, and the smattering of spectators who turned up, would hardly have expected such a result after the surprise move to open the bowling with Benn paid off spectacularly, with the left-arm spinner crushing Zimbabwe's top-order to end with 4 for 6. That was the third best bowling analysis in Twenty20s, but only for a short while, as Sammy snared three wickets in the final over to finish with a five-for.

Benn struck off the match's first delivery, when Vusi Sibanda was bowled after failing to read the arm-ball. No. 3 Tatenda Taibu looked to sweep everything that Benn sent down, without much success, and fell lbw in the third over after failing to connect with a full delivery while attempt-

Khulna batsman Amit Majumder, who remained not out on 33, here ducks a rising delivery on the second day of their National Cricket

Rahim vows better

enough for his side. "Anything

around 240-250 could be a

very good score," said Swann.

kind words for Tamim.

spinner.

TEAMS

Bresnan.

Swann however had some

"Tamim [Iqbal] is a good

prospect. He came against us

all guns blazing and then

calmed down when required.

But we kept taking wickets at

the other end," said the off-

from what I've seen. They are

an improving side with tal-

ented players like Tamim,

Shafiul Islam, Abdur Razzak.

Shakib," said Swann.

"I have been impressed

League match against Chittagong at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra yesterday.

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they win the toss.

the off-spinner.

England team.

that England could bat first if

because didn't have to come

to the field to bat [on Sunday].

I think it will be good if we

batted first. If we bat first

tomorrow [Tuesday] we would

try to set a total beyond the

reach of Bangladesh," added

Mushfigur had different views

on a winning score in the

Mirpur wicket. But the

Bangladesh vice-captain said

anything around 270-280

would be safe against this

difficult to beat them if we

make 270-280 batting first. If

we can bat till fifty overs we

can put 270-280 because their

attack is not that great. 270

above would be a score hard to

well. They didn't have to take

too many risks," said the

rather low total that would be

However Swann declared a

"They did not play spin that

chase in our condition.

wicketkeeper from Bogra.

"I don't think it will be

However both Swann and

"I quite enjoyed chasing

from their young batsmen, the home side ing yet another sweep. Two balls later Stuart Matsikenyeri wafted at an unthreatening ball outside off and nicked to the keeper.

SPÖRI

Zimbabwe were 0 for 3 but Benn was leg fielder with a powerful sweep in the not done yet, getting Brendan Taylor in his next over. With nine deliveries still and dip of Graeme Cremer in his first remaining in Benn's spell, the record for the best Twenty20 bowling -- Umar Gul's masterful 5 for 6 against New Zealand in the ICC World Twenty20 last year -- was under attack. Zimbabwe's batsmen, though, managed to defend their way through the rest of Benn's bowling.

After surviving the opening burst from Benn and Kemar Roach, who got the ball to jag about at pace, Hamilton Masakadza started to gain in confidence, and stitched together a partnership with Greg Lamb. Masakadza tried to accelerate by smashing a couple of boundaries but the 40-run stand was broken by one of the softest dismissals: Lamb inexplicably missed a slower one from Sammy -- looking to play the ball and then almost offering no stroke, only to see the delivery go on to knock over middle stump.

Zimbabwe had their best phase of the innings after that, with Chigumbura looking comfortable at the crease from the outset. He and Masakadza added 21 in three overs before the opener was foxed by a slower offcutter from Sammy. Chigumbura then slammed 22 off an erratic Ravi Rampaul over to boost the target towards triple digits, before he became one of Sammy's three final-over victims.

SCORES IN BRIEF

ZIMBABWE: 105 (Masakadza 44, Chigumbura 34, Lamb 11; Sammy 5-26, Benn 4-6)

WEST INDIES: 79 for 7 (Ramdin 23 not out, Chanderpaul 20, Smith 12; Cremer 3-11, Lamb 2-14)

Result: Zimbabwe won by 26 runs. Man-of-the-match: Graeme Cremer.



India player Shivendra Singh (L) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal against Pakistan during their hockey World Cup match at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi on Sunday. India won 4-1.

pleased

CRICINFO, undated

Prosper Utseya, the Zimbabwe captain, was delighted with his team's shock defeat of West Indies in the Twenty20 fixture in Trinidad, and lauded his team's self-beliefforthevictory.

"It wasn't a good way to start, but we managed to put up a good total which was great," Utseya told AFP. His side was staring down the barrel at 0 for 3 after 2.4 overs before recovering to post a threefigure score.

"It wasn't a good pitch on which to play, since we were looking for something around 140. We thought that would have been a good total. Obviously, we fell way short of this, but we felt if we could get 100 runs on the board that we had enough belief in ourselves to be able to defend such a small total."

New faces

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Another significant selection was that of Alok Kapali who joined Aftab Ahmed, a fellow ICL rebel, in the 30-man squad.

The 26-year-old, who made a name for himself by becoming the first centurion of the ICL with the Dhaka Warriors. However there was no room for Shahriar Nafees in the side. Pacemen Syed Rasel and

Dollar Mahmud were also included although the former's availability would obviously be determined by his fitness. Mohammad Ashraful, who

was dropped for the England ODIs, has been picked, along with Mashrafe Mortaza, who continues to make a slow recovery from injury. **SQUAD**

Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Mohammad Ashraful, Tamim Iqbal, Imrul Kayes, Zunaed Siddiqui, Mahmudullah Riyad, Naeem Islam, Shahadat Hossain, Abdur Razzak, Rubel Hossain, Shafiul Islam, Syed Rasel, Aftab Ahmed, Alok Kapali, Nazmul Hossain Milon, Dollar Mahmud, Mahbubul Alam, Faisal Hossain, Mithun Ali, Shamsur Rahman, Sohrawardi Shuvo, Nazmul Hossain, Jahirul Islam, Nasir Hossain, Rony Talukder, Robiul Islam, Elias

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Utseya pretty | HOCKEY WORLD CUP

India outplay Pakistan

AFP, New Delhi

India outplayed arch-rivals Pakistan 4-1 in the men's field hockeyWorldCup on Sunday.

Sandeep Singh banged in two penalty corners to help India record their first win in the last four matches against Pakistan before some 19,000 delirious home fans at the Dhyan Chand National Stadium.

Shivendra Singh and Prabjot Singh chipped in with a goal each as India wiped off memories of a 1-7 humiliation at Pakistan's hands in the Asian Games final at the same venue in New Delhi in 1982. India led 4-0 before Sohail Abbas, the world's only player to

score more than 300 international goals, narrowed the margin for Pakistan by converting just one of his six penalty corners. "We must not fly high and keep our feet on the ground

because the next match is against Australia on Tuesday," said India's Spanish coach Jose Brasa. "We dominated the first half, but were lucky to score two

more goals in the second session. I think we did not allow the Pakistanis to settle." Pakistan's coach Shahid Ali Khan conceded India were the

better side. "It was difficult to come back after being down 3-0," he said "The Indians played really well. The players are obviously very

disappointed, but we must not lose heart. "We can still do well in the tournament. It's not all over yet."

Hussey's chance

FROM PAGE 17 in the top 20 but is well-placed to move up the order.

In the ICC Player Rankings for ODI bowlers, New Zealand captain Daniel Vettori leads the field by a distance and will be aiming to widen the gap with Ray Price of Zimbabwe whose side takes on the West Indies in a five-ODI series in Guyana from Thursday.

Shane Bond is the other New Zealand bowler inside the top 10 in seventh position while Australia off-spinner Nathan Haurtiz is in 13th spot, Mitchell Johnson is in 15th place and Doug

Bollingeris in 18th position. In the ICC ODI Championship, fourth-place New Zealand can leapfrog third-placed South Africa if they win the series by 4-1 or better. In case of a 4-1 win, New Zealand would jump to 120 ratings points while a 5-0 clean sweep would put it ahead of India in second place on 124 ratings points which would guarantee it a cash award of 75,000 dollars which is presented to the side which finishes second at the annual cut-off date of April 1. New Zealand's failure to win

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annual cut-off. Australia have already

all the five matches of the series

will mean India will pocket the

amount in addition to 175,000

dollars for finishing as the

number-one Test side at the

sealed number-one position in the ODI Championship while South Africa have also confirmed second position in the Test Championship.

Port city **FROM PAGE 17**

of Grameenphone at city's Agrabad, Anderkilla, GEC and CDA Avenue Branches and at the makeshift counter at the entrance to the stadium on

match days. Chittagong Divisional Sports Association (CDSA) General Secretary and the venue Chairman Sirajuddin Mohammad Alamgir, Chittagong Additional Divisional Commissioner Saifullah and CDSA Vice President Ali Abbas were present at the press conference among others.

Munna saves

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Abahani coach Amalesh Sen sent on medio Motiur Munna in place of striker Sheriff to establish control in the midfield, but the veteran had little impact on the game until he struck his season's first goal to rescue Abahani from the blues.

Winger Zahed Parvez put a low ball from the right and Munna drove a harmless grounder that found the back of the net 10 minutes from time after striker Enamul had failed to collect that cross from close

"We struggled to find the combination in the game because the players were out of the game for a long time. However, it was a relief for us as we got full three points," said Sen adding that he had found no urgency from the players.

Despite losing the game, Brothers Union coach Wasim Iqbal was happy for the way his charges performed and thought Abahani won the game as a better side.

TEAMS

ABAHANI: Biplob, Sujan, Rajani, Mishu, Zahed, Pranotosh, Mehdi Hasan (Shahedul), Enamul (Abul), Samad Yousuf, Awudu Ibrahim and Munna (Sheriff).

BROTHERS UNION: Iran, Tofazzal, Ripon, Yousuf Khalilur (Sabuj), Lutfur, Enock Bentil, Steven Kwest, Murad (Didarul), Tanmoy and Shawkat.

Yellow cards: Awudu and Sujan (Abahani), Enock and Steven

(Brothers). Referee: Shahidul Islam Lalu.

Sanath

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level in the world, retired from Test cricket in 2007 but has vowed to continue his international career in the shorter

forms of the game. "His career is waning. He has set a bad precedent by entering politics before retiring completely from cricket,' said Arjuna Ranatunga, the 1996 World Cup winning

skipper, who took to politics only after he quit the game. "Hereafter, players who don't get selected will get on the ruling party platform in exchange for a place on the national team," said the former capitain, who has

defected from the ruling party to the opposition.

Ronaldinho pays dividends. Ash, Rasel It will be the fifth time Brazil have played at the Emirates

following matches against Italy, Sweden, Portugal and

For Ireland, the match represents a case of what might have been. Giovanni Trapattoni's team are back in action for the first time since Thierry Henry's infamous handball set up the

goal that sent France to the

World Cup instead of the Irish.

Zidane

FROM PAGE 20 in a penalty shoot-out.

England

decent spell together."

four or six, whereas in 50-over

cricket you can try to put a

and Chris Woakes have both

included, while Sajid

Mahmood holds his place

despite struggling in his recent

Twenty20 outings for England

against South Africa. There is

no place, however, for James

Foster, Robert Key and Graeme

Napier, all of whom featured in

the 15-man party for the 2009

Paul Collingwood (captain),

James Anderson, Ian Bell, Ravi

Bopara, Tim Bresnan, Stuart

Broad, Steven Davies, Joe

Denly, Steven Finn, Craig

Kieswetter, Michael Lumb,

Sajid Mahmood, Dimitri

Mascarenhas, Eoin Morgan,

Graham Onions, Kevin

Pietersen, Liam Plunkett, Matt

Prior, Adil Rashid, Owais Shah,

Ajmal Shahzad, Ryan

Sidebottom, Graeme Swann,

James Tredwell, Peter Trego,

Jonathan Trott, David

Wainwright, Chris Woakes,

LukeWright, MichaelYardy.

Dunga

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Argentina.

tournament in England.

SQUAD

Lions pacemen Steven Finn

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"A lot of things happen on the pitch," he told El Pais. "That sort of thing happens to me quite a lot. But in this case I couldn't contain myself."

Zidane retired from professional football after the tournament and now works as an advisor to Real Madrid chairman Florentino Perez.

FROM PAGE 17 Chittagong took a 67 run lead

over Khulna in their first innings despite a five-wicket haul from left-arm seamer Syed Rasel. Chittagong started the day on 83 for three and took their score to 308 courtesy of half centuries from opener Gazi Salauddin (60) and an unbeaten 59 from all-rounder Mahmudul Hasan. Rasel took five wickets for 60 runs while Monowar Hossain took two for 56. Batting for the second time Khulna reached 67

for the loss of opener Nazmus

Sadat (6), to equal Chittagong's

total. Amit Majumder was

DHAKAvRAJSHAHI

batting on 33 with Taposh Ghosh on 18 as the stumps were drawn on the second day. **SCORES IN BRIEF**

(dec) (Nadimuddin 147, Shamsur 63, Marshal 72, Roni 27, Shuvagoto 57; Delwar 2-79, Saqlain 2-76, Sanjamul 2-102) RAJSHAHI: First innings 241 all out (Sabbir 60, Farhad Hossain 41, Nasir Hossain 42, Farhad Reza 52; Ashraful 4-68, Sharif 2-

KHULNAvCHITTAGONG

KHULNA: First innings 241 all out (Amit 42, Nizamuddin 31, Mithun 30, Dollar 29, Sahagir 27, extras 18; Kamrul 4-36, Elias 4-86)

CHITTAGONG: First innings 308 all out (Salahuddin 60, Faisal 36, Mahmudul 59 not out, Arman 41; Rasel 5-60, Monowar 2-56)

KHULNA: Second innings 67 for 1 (Amit 33 not out, Taposh DHAKA: First innings 400-8 18 not out)

BANGLADESH (probable): that modest target and were Tamim Iqbal, Imrul Kayes, Zunaed Siddiqui, Aftab kept to 79 for 7. The loss was a Ahmed, Shakib Al Hasan poor beginning to Gibson's tenure as West Indies coach. (captain), Mushfiqur Rahim, Naeem Islam, Mahmudullah "I told them [the West Indies Riyad, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, side], if you take the team for granted, you'll get beat. I stand ENGLAND (probable): here before you to say we didn't take them for granted, we Alastair Cook (captain), Craig

Windies did

not take Zim

Ottis Gibson, the West Indies

coach, is disappointed after his

side's embarrassing 26-run

defeat against Zimbabwe in the

lone Twenty20 game in

Trinidad on Sunday, but

insisted that his side had not

for 105, with Sulieman Benn

taking 4 for 6 and Darren

Sammy 5 for 56, but West Indies

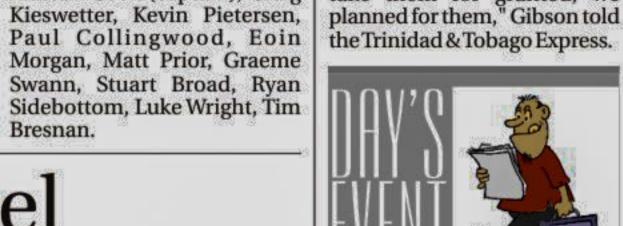
batsmen struggled to chase

Zimbabwe were bowled out

taken the opposition lightly.

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CRICINFO, undated





Bangladesh v England Second ODI (D/N) Time: 2:00pm Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur

National Cricket League (Four-Day Match, Day Three) Khulna v Chittagong Venue: Shaheed Chandu Stadium, Bogra Rajshahi v Dhaka

enue: Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium, Khulna Bangladesh League Mohammedan v Sheikh Russel Time: 6:00pm Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Feni Soccer Club v Farashgani

Time: 3:30pm

Venue: Feni Stadium

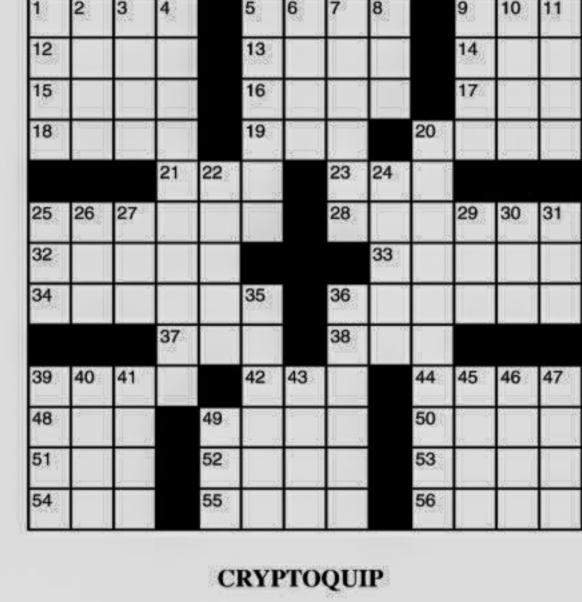
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