



Australia's Cameron White (R) sweeps as Sri Lanka skipper Kumar Sangakkara looks on during their World Twenty20 Super Eights match at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown on Sunday.

# White guides Australia

AFP, Bridgetown

Australia followed up a rescue act from Cameron White with a polished world performance in the field TWENTY20 during a thumping 81-run WEST INDIES 2010 victory over Sri Lanka in the World Twenty 20 on Sunday.

Chasing 169 for victory, Sri Lanka were dismissed for 87 as Australia won with more than three overs to spare at the Kensington Oval.

But Australia themselves collapsed to 30 for four and 67 for five before White, who made an unbeaten 85, and Michael Hussey (39 not out) shared an unbroken stand of 101 that took Australia to 168 for five.

Sri Lanka opener Mahela Jayawardene's previous scores this tournament were 81, 101 and 98 not out. But the dismissal of the tournament's

leading run scorer by Dirk Nannes, the tournament's leading wicket-taker, for just nine sparked a dramatic collapse.

Tillakaratne Dilshan (20) and Dinesh Chandimal (19) were the only Sri Lankan batsmen to make double figure scores. Mitchell Johnson, like Nannes a left-

arm fast bowler, who ended the match by bowling Ajantha Mendis for one, was the most successful Australian bowler with three wickets for 15 runs from 3.2 overs. "We are doing well, so far so good,"

said Australia captain Michael Clarke.

"There's obviously still a little way to go in the tournament, but I think we will

take a lot of confidence out of this victory. "Our lower-order batting was out-

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a partnership.

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Abahani eye

qualifiers also held in Dhaka

by virtue of goal difference

against group champions

Turkmenistan's FC Asgabad.

In their first appearance the

Sky Blues returned home

empty handed finishing third

behind Nepal Police and this

time they, having taken the

inspiration of the ongoing

league's performance, are

looking forward to qualifying

manager Satyajit Das Rupu

said this time they have set

their sights on the finals:

"Apart from Dordei Bishkek,

there is not much difference

among three other teams and

if we can play accordingly,

then we will qualify," said

Abahani director Kazi Nabil

Ahmed said that they have

taken a lot of steps to bring the

spectators at the big bowl and

they have already disbursed

free tickets among the clubs

officials and private universi-

ties surrounding the

The East Gallery will also be

kept open for the students,

who can enter showing their

identity cards or with uniform,

but the VIP and West Gallery

have been priced at Tk 50 and

awarded through lottery on

the match day with motor-

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Opener Aubrey Swanepoel

scored team highest 42 off 28

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Abahani football team

for the four-team final round.

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standing, and our bowling was good once again." Victory put Australia at the top of

Group-F with a maximum four points, following their 49-run win over India in their first Super Eight match.

Australia face West Indies in the final Super Eights match in St Lucia on White struck six sixes and six fours in

49 balls, as Australia, electing to bat, recovered from a wobbly start. They were in trouble because of a

return of three for 20 from Sri Lanka spinner Suraj Randiv, only playing because Muttiah Muralidaran had been ruled out of the rest of the tournament with a groin But Australia put Sri Lanka, last year's

losing finalists, under early pressure with the bat when Nannes had Jayawardene caught at deep fine leg for nine in the third Sri Lanka then saw their captain,

Kumar Sangakkara, top-edge a hook to be caught behind off Shaun Tait for two in the fourth over. Next over, Nannes had Sanath

Jayasuriya plumb lbw for five to leave Sri Lanka 26 for three. Johnson then plunged the Sri Lankans

into further crisis, when he removed Dilshan and Mathews within the space of five balls in the seventh over. Johnson had Dilshan spectacularly

caught by a diving White at backward point and Mathews was caught at deep cover for eight.

The Sri Lankan innings was in tatters at 48 for five, and there was token resistance

Sri Lanka's captain Kumar

Sangakkara refused to admit

that his team were over-

whelmed by pace and bounce

generated by Australia's fast

bowlers on the Kensington Oval

pitch, and put down the 81-run defeat to the

pretty adept at playing that, but unfortunately

we didn't build any partnerships," Sangakkara

said. "They only bounced out once which was

my dismissal, the rest of the guys probably

played far too many shots. The common factor

during our entire innings is that we didn't build

you expect Shaun Tait to bowl with a lot of fire

but pace and bounce also creates opportunities

to score runs. It's how batsmen try and exploit

those conditions that really matter. But unfor-

tunately we didn't do that well today. Being

three down after the first six overs we still had

the opportunity to recover but we didn't have

"Australia is backing themselves with their

the patience to really build the partnership.

"You expect the new ball to be difficult and

"We accepted bounce and pace and we are

inability to build partnerships.

only from the remaining batsmen as Nannes, with two for 19 from three overs took his haul of wickets in the competition to 12.

"The way we batted was terrible," said Sangakkara. "We did not get the start we needed, and then showed little patience in building partnerships."

Earlier, Mathews gave Sri Lanka an early breakthrough, when he bowled Shane Watson off the inside edge for one in the first over.

The Sri Lanka fast-medium bowler then had Brad Haddin caught at deep midwicket for 15 in the third over.

Randiv dealt Australia a double blow off successive balls in the fifth over, when David Warner was caught at slip for nine, and David Hussey was stumped for a firstball duck.

And when Randiv bowled Clarke, Australia were five down in the 11th over. However, White and Michael Hussey

restored order for Australia. Man-of-the-match White reached his 50 from 32 balls, when he clipped Mendis

to square leg for a single in the 15th over. Sri Lanka -- tied with the Windies on two points -- face India in their final Super Eights match, also in St Lucia on Tuesday. **SCORES IN BRIEF** 

AUSTRALIA: 168 for 5 in 20 overs (White 85 not out, Hadin 15, Clarke 14, M Hussey 39 not out; Randiv 3-20, Mathews 2-24) SRI LANKA: 87 all out in 16.2 overs (Dilshan 20, Chandimal 19; Johnson 3-15, Nannes 2-19, Smith 2-12)

Result: Australia won by 81 runs. Man-of-the-match: Cameron White.

### **Umesh covers** for Praveen

AFP, Bridgetown

SPÖRI

India have been given permission to bring in Umesh Yadav as a replacement player at the World Twenty20 after pace bowler Praveen Kumar was forced out with a side strain.

But just how much of a role, if any, the uncapped Yadav will have in the Caribbean is doubtful.

India are on the brink of elimination from the World Twenty20, after losing to the West Indies by 14 runs here on Sunday.

Even if they beat Sri Lanka in their final second round Super Eights match in St Lucia on Tuesday, India will need other results to go their way if they are to reach the semifinals.

Once replaced, a player cannot return, so Kumar's time at the World Twenty20 is at an end.

The 22-year-old Yadav has not represented India at international level. He has so far played 11 first-class matches, taking 42 wickets.

### **LOCAL SNIPPETS**

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The affiliated divisional, districts sports association, clubs, other organizations have been asked to send their entries by May 25 at the Bangladesh Badminton Federation office at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

#### DIVICRICKET Our Correspondent,

Manikganj: Bandhu Ekadash defeated Provat Sangha by three wickets in the Colonel (retd) Malek Smriti First Division Cricket League a Shaheed Miraz-Tapan stadium yesterday. Provat Sangha were all our

for 145 runs in 35.5 overs with Anchal notching highest 43 runs. In reply, Bandhu Ekadash

raced to 149 for the loss of seven wickets in 22.1 overs. Jamil hit an unbeaten 61.

#### SCHOOL KABADDI

Daulatpur Pramada Sundari High School became champions in the schools kabaddi competition defeating Tepri Moulavi Abdur Rahman High School by 41-15 points yesterday.

Saifur Rahman Sumon of the winning team was adjudged the best player in the final match.

A total of eight schools took part in the meet.

### **DIVII CRICKET**

Our Correspondent, Mymensingh: Akua Nazirbari Sporting Club outplayed Sehara Quashem Smriti Parishad by 193 runs in the opening match of the Second Division Cricket League yesterday.

Senbari Krira Chakra defeated Siraj Boys Club by three wickets. A total of 68 teams are taking part in the league.

In the day's other match,

### Hosts stumble

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Singapore and Hong Kong who have six from two. Bangladesh have three points from two matches played so far and will take on Hong Kong in their next match tomorrow.

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## MS won't blame IPL

AFP, Bridgetown

Mahendra Singh Dhoni has dismissed suggestions that a lengthy Indian Premier League

world may have contributed to his TWENTY20 side's weak performance in the World Twenty20. Chasing 170 to win from their 20 overs on Sunday, India were restricted to 155 for nine,

and collapsed to the pace of West Indies on Sunday on a helpful Kensington Oval pitch. "[People] can always come back and say we have played too much cricket in the IPL, but

[we] have to do well in tournaments like these," said the Indian captain. "The IPL is very different from international format. You have four foreigners. You don't have always the best bowling attack. You have

to keep your side balanced. "Most of the IPL sides have one bowler who bowls really good, really quick, but apart from that you try to target the weak links, that's what

happens in IPL. "But in international cricket, most of the sides have got at least three bowlers. You can maybe target one or at the most two [bowlers].

"I think the IPL is very different, so it would be unfair to compare IPL to international cricket. We are on the losing side and that's the fact right now."

Dhoni emphasised that his side's preparation was adequate, but he acknowledged it was difficult to prepare for short-pitched bowling,

which West Indies exploited to set up a 14-run

"We have prepared well," he said. "We knew they would use short-pitched deliveries, and we practised against short-pitched deliveries in

the net sessions. "But until you don't face it in a game until you are not match-aware of what is needed in

that situation." "That's the most important thing. You can do hundreds of things, but when it comes to adaptation, you have to be out in the middle and work it out, get a single, keep alternating

"If you keep backing off, and keep playing the pull shot, and people get out, it gets very difficult."

Dhoni admitted that it would be difficult for India to qualify for the semifinals, since their progress depended on too many other factors.

"It's a little bit too much to ask," he said. "You need to do well in a tournament like this, and we still have one more game.

"We would like to do well [in St. Lucia] against a team that looks in good form, and leave the equation to itself, look to do well, whatever is the equation. "We can't do much about it. What we can do

is win that game, and that can be our consolation prize more than anything else."

India face Sri Lanka in their last Super Eight match on Tuesday at the Beausejour Cricket Ground.

# WI exploited weakness

the strike.

AFP, Bridgetown



Chris Gayle believes that India's batsmen must prepare better for short-pitched bowling in the rcc WORLD future, or else face the possibil-TWENTY20 ity of opponents exploiting this west indies 2010 vulnerability. The West Indies captain admitted that his

side purposely used the short-ball to undermine the Indian batting, and set up a 14-run victory in their Super Eights match in the World Twenty20 on Sunday on a hard, true Kensington Oval pitch. "They know that every team will bowl short

at them, so they just need to work on their mental game and back themselves," said Gayle, whose 98 from 66 balls put his side on course for victory. "They are capable of handling it, but maybe

it's just a mental thing, so if they can overcome that I'm sure they'll be even more dangerous." West Indies then successfully defended a victory target of 170, when they restricted India

to 155 for nine from their 20 overs with lively bowling and purposeful fielding. "They are always going to be vulnerable against the short ball," said Gayle.

"Every team has done it against them, and it's something at which they have to look, and

for which they have to prepare better." He added: "They are a very good all-round

team, but they do not have my height. They are quite short, and might have a bit of trouble on bouncier pitches. "They are capable batters and have won

games for their team on many occasions. They might struggle in conditions like these, but back home [on slower, lower pitches] they are very dangerous." India's captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni

bemoaned his side not handling the shortpitched bowling better. "Its not something that has appeared all of a sudden," said Dhoni. "You are equipped to deal

with it. "In this format, they bowl consistently short stuff at you, and you have to keep scoring."

"It's not easy, but as the players get more experience at international level, they will groom themselves up and be ready for the task.

"Quite a few players, I don't think they have played this kind of bowling on this kind of track. We were slightly on the back foot, but it's only good for Indian cricket to have players get used to this."

match on Tuesday at the Beausejour Cricket Ground in St. Lucia, where West Indies meet Australia on the same day.

India face Sri Lanka in their last Super Eight

## Pakistan knock SA out

**FROM PAGE 17** troubles with the bat contin-

ued when he was lbw for 1. The Akmal brothers then

started the firefighting, by taking on the spinners. Roelof van der Merwe was taken apart by a bunch of slogsweeps and Kamran's powerful cut off Botha brought four more and in two overs the total doubled to 46. Ven der Merwe was clobbered for three straight sixes in five deliveries in the 11th over before Gibbs swooped at backward point to get rid of Kamran, but with Pakistan batting down to No. 8 the game was even at 69 for 4

The flood of runs continued with arrival of Afridi. Umar wowed the crowd with a paddle-scoop over short fine off the pacy Kallis, and Afridi muscled boundaries over

By Eugene Sheffer

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horrors at the start were completely forgotten by the sprinkling of Pakistan fans in the ground after Umar scuttled across the stumps to swing Albie over deep backward square leg and Afridi absolutely hammered a flat six over long-on to take Pakistan to 102 for 4 after 14, with the finisher Abdul Razzaq still to come.

Three fours were taken off a Dale Steyn over and Umar was flamboyantly celebrating his half-century after blasting Langeveldt for a straight six on the first delivery of the 17th. Things unraveled swiftly from there, with Umar holing out to long-on and Afridi being bowled by a full delivery from Langeveldt three balls later. There were no more boundaries and Pakistan finished with a whimper, only 16 com-

cover and midwicket. The ing off the final three. **SCORES IN BRIEF** Pakistan: 148 for 7 20 overs

Result: Pakistan won by 11

(Umar Akmal 51, Kamran

Akmal 37, Langeveldt 4-19)

South Africa: 137 for 7 in 20

Akmal.

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Earlier on the first day,

some character with uncapped Robiul Islam taking three wickets for 67 runs and Rubel Hossain claiming two

goal tally to 14. Then, it was Zahid Hasan

Emily, who deserved all the credits as the striking superstar, battling for golden boot against Abahani's striker Enamul Haque, advanced into the danger zone through the right wing and danced past three opposing defenders before latching the ball home in the 32nd minute to find his 16 goals,

Sheikh Russel could have Nasir Hossain captured three wickets for 32 runs and Sanjamul Islam took two for 43

The second and final match will take place at the same venue today. The home side had earlier won the threematch one-day series 2-1.

## MSC overcome

Mohammedan, however, did not take long to come back in the match and levelled the margin 10 minutes later through Bukola, who having shrugged off his marker Abass blasted a Wali Faisal cross home from inside the box to raise his

two less than Emanul.

the first half, but their striking duo of Mohammad Rony and Omari squandered two easy chances.

equalised in the latter part of

Russel pressed hard to keep Mohammedan at bay though both sides looked

tired amid scorching heat and Mohammedan were forced to field one more defender to strengthen their backline. Despite having enjoyed

the lion's share of ball pos-

session, Sheikh Russel could not create any real scoring chances, rather Mohammedan went close to increasing their lead twice from counterattack.

### **TEAMS**

MOHAMMEDAN: MN Shakil, Wali Faisal, Ariful Islam, Mofazzal Hossain Saikat, Mamunul Islam, Shakil Ahmed (Mamun Mia), Zahid Hossain (Abdul Baten Komol), Enamul Haque Sharif (Nasir Chowdhury), Zahid Hasan Emily, Alamu Bukola and Dami Emanuel. SHEIKH RUSSEL: Mamun

Khan, Zahirul Islam, Ramjan Ali, Abass Inusah, Aminul Islam, Abdullah Al Parvez, Maruf Ahmed, Rajon Miah (Khokon Das), Jamal Nakhli, After resumption, Sheikh Mohammad Rony and Samir Omari.

Referee: Abdul Hannan Miron.

'Lack of partnerships' batsmen to score runs and they back their pace bowlers to try and exploit the conditions at Kensington. We beat them in Nottingham where Brett Lee and Mitchell Johnson bowled very well but in quite different conditions.

There wasn't so much pace on those tracks, but

still it is not a wicket where you can get shot out

for 87 no matter how quick someone bowls." Sri Lanka had their chance to keep Australia down to a small total when they dismissed half the side for 67 by the 11th over, but a crucial miss off Cameron White saw the tide turn against them. White was missed by Ajantha Mendis on 23 when he top edged a sweep off Suraj Randiv,

and it took the game away from Sri Lanka. "Cameron White batted brilliantly and Michael Hussey scored very well," Sangakkara said. "That one chance at short fine leg to get Cameron out was missed. Unfortunately catches like that if you miss in games like this

they make you pay and Cameron just did that." Sri Lanka now faces the prospect of having to beat India on Tuesday to qualify for a semifinal place. "The match against India we are going to win it," Sangakkara said. "That's how we are going to look at it. We've got one win and West Indies has a win. We got everything to play to trying and get into the semifinal."

## **Justine & Maria**

make early exit

AP, Madrid

Former top-ranked players Justine Henin and Maria Sharapova crashed out in the first round of the Madrid Masters on Sunday.

Aravane Rezai beat Henin 4-6, 7-5, 6-0, and Lucie Safarova edged Sharapova 6-4, 6-3. Henin said she had not fully

recovered after falling ill following her win at the Porsche Grand Prix in Stuttgart last weekend, her first title since coming out of retirement. "Madrid has been a difficult experience this year and I

Sharapova battled back from a poor start to level the first set at 4-4 before Safarova took control by winning the last six games of the match. "It's a struggle trying to find the rhythm," Sharapova said.

hope that next year will be

better," she said.

"I thought she played really solid, good tennis and did everything she needed to win the match. More solid than me anyway."

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