



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

White guides Australia

Australia followed up a rescue act from Cameron White with a polished performance in the field during a thumping 81-run victory over Sri Lanka in the World Twenty20 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.

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 Eight match in St Lucia on Tuesday.

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."

Abahani eye

FROM PAGE 17 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 for the four-team final round.

'Lack of partnerships'

CRICINFO Sri Lanka's captain Kumar Sangakkara refused to admit that his team were overwhelmed by pace and bounce generated by Australia's fast bowlers on the Kensington Oval pitch, and put down the 81-run defeat to the inability to build 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.

Hosts lose

FROM PAGE 17 Opener Aubrey Swanepoel scored team highest 42 off 28 balls that contained three fours and as many sixes.

MSC overcome

FROM PAGE 17 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 goal tally to 14.

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.

Umesh covers for Praveen

AFP, Bridgetown 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.

MS won't blame IPL

AFP, Bridgetown Mahendra Singh Dhoni has dismissed suggestions that a lengthy Indian Premier League may have contributed to his side's weak performance in the World Twenty20.

which West Indies exploited to set up a 14-run victory. "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."

LOCAL SNIPPETS

FROM PAGE 17 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.

WI exploited weakness

AFP, Bridgetown Chris Gayle believes that India's batsmen must prepare better for short-pitched bowling in the future, or else face the possibility of opponents exploiting this vulnerability.

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 bouncer pitches."

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