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BROAD APPEAL: England fast bowler Stuart Broad appeals passionately for a wicket during England's win in a low-scoring World Cup match against South Africa in Chennai yesterday.

'All you need is a win'

AFP, Chennai

Skipper Andrew Strauss said England's dramatic six-run win over South Africa could kick-start their World Cup campaign.

England managed just 171 all out in their innings, with the only significant contributions coming from Jonathan Trott (52) and Ravi Bopara (60).

Spinners Robin Peterson and Imran Tahir took seven wickets between them on a pitch offering help to the bowlers.

South Africa started strongly and reached 124 for three before a dramatic collapse and despite the efforts of the tailenders, they were all out for 165.

"We still need to learn lessons. There are plenty of things we didn't do well in this game but we got away with a win. Sometimes a win's all you need to really kick-start things and get yourself going," Strauss said. "We thought the wicket was going to deteriorate but we should have got at least 220-230. Obviously, losing three wickets in the first three or four overs was criminal, to be honest," he added.

But Strauss, whose team squeezed past the Netherlands in their opener before a tie with India and a dramatic defeat to minnows Ireland, said England had "shown a lot of fight".

"We had to respond well after the defeat to Ireland. I thought the guys in the field were outstanding and it puts us back on track in this World Cup and it couldn't come a day too soon," Strauss said.

The captain said the wicket had offered more help to the bowlers than previous pitches they had played on in the tournament.

"The spinners were outstanding earlier on and then the seamers just banged a length down consistently which is what you need to do on wickets like that."

Pressure gets the better of Proteas

AFP, Chennai



England revived their madcap World Cup campaign with a dramatic six-run win over South Africa on Sunday, raising new doubts over the Proteas' ability to close out matches under pressure.

South Africa, set just 172 for victory, were bowled out for 165 as England, who only days earlier had been humbled by Ireland, won with 14 balls to spare.

Paceman Stuart Broad finished with four for 15 in 6.4 overs, ending the contest when he had Morne Morkel caught behind.

The Proteas lost four wickets for three runs to be 127 for seven on a wearing Chidambaram Stadium pitch having been in control at 75 for one as once again Graeme Smith's men appeared to choke on the big occasion.

Earlier, South Africa left-arm spinner Robin Peterson took three for 22, including two wickets in the first over of the match to dismiss England openers Andrew Strauss and Kevin Pietersen.

Ravi Bopara, recalled in place of the dropped Paul Collingwood, was named man-of-the-match after top-scoring with 60 in England's 171.

With 10 overs left, South Africa only needed 30 to win with three wickets remaining.

The eighth-wicket pair of Dale Steyn and Morne van Wyk got the target down to 12 before van Wyk (13) bottom-edged a cut off Tim Bresnan.

The Proteas then needed eight off three overs but Broad had Steyn lbw for 20 before removing Morkel.

From 124-3, South Africa lost three wickets with no addition to the total.

AB de Villiers (25) was bowled by a James Anderson delivery that just clipped the top of the stumps and then Faf du Plessis (17) was needlessly run out before JP Duminy was bowled by Anderson for nought.

Peterson fell cheaply when wicketkeeper Matt Prior caught him off left-arm spinner Michael Yardy for three.

Smith (22) and Hashim Amla (42) had enjoyed an opening stand of 63.

Off-spinner Graeme Swann had Smith caught behind after a lengthy review suggested the ball had brushed the left-handed opener's glove before Amla chopped on to Broad.

Broad gave England renewed hope when he had Jacques Kallis edging to Prior for 15, the batsman taking the fielder's word the ball had carried rather than requesting a review.

When England batted, Bopara, in at 15 for three, shared a fourth-wicket stand of 99 with South Africa born Jonathan Trott (52) that ultimately proved vital to the outcome.

Strauss fell for nought when he lofted Peterson only to be well caught by de Villiers, running in from deep midwicket.

South Africa-born Pietersen (two) has a history of getting out to left-arm spinners and, off the last ball of the opening over, he pushed forward to Peterson and Kallis made no mistake with the ankle-high slip catch.

Pakistan-born leg-spinner Imran Tahir took four for 38 to take his tally for the tournament to 11 from three matches.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the World Cup Group B match between England and South Africa at the Chidambaram

STADIUM IN CHENNAI ON SUNDAY:

ENGLAND
Strauss c De Villiers b Peterson 0
Pietersen c Kallis b Peterson 2
Trott c and b Tahir 52
Bell c and b Peterson 5
Bopara lbw b Morkel 60
Prior c Van Wyk b Morkel 10
Yardy c Peterson b Tahir 3
Bresnan lbw b Steyn 1
Steyn lbw b Broad 20
Swann c Duminy b Tahir 16
Broad lbw b Tahir 0
Anderson not out 2
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-12) 20
Total: (All out in 45.4 overs) 171
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-3, 3-15, 4-114, 5-134, 6-148, 7-149, 8-161, 9-161

SOUTH AFRICA
Amla b Broad 42
Smith c Prior b Swann 22
Kallis c Prior b Broad 15
De Villiers b Anderson 25
Du Plessis run out 17
Duminy b Anderson 0
Van Wyk b Bresnan 13
Peterson c Prior b Yardy 3
Steyn lbw b Broad 20
Morkel c Prior b Broad 1
Tahir not out 1
Extras: (lb-2, w-4) 6
Total: (All out in 47.4 overs) 165
Fall of wickets: 1-63, 2-75, 3-82, 4-124, 5-124, 6-124, 7-127, 8-160, 9-164

Bowler O M R W
Yardy 9 1 46 1
Anderson 6 0 16 2
Bresnan 8 1 27 1
Swann 10 2 29 1
Broad 6.4 0 15 4
Pietersen 8 0 30 0

Result: England won by six runs.
Man-of-the-match: Ravi Bopara.



PHOTO: AFP

ONE LAST LEAP: Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar goes through a training drill with fellow quick Umar Gul behind him during a practice session in Pallekele yesterday, ahead of tomorrow's match against New Zealand.

Intikhab backs Pak selections

AFP, Pallekele



Pakistan manager Intikhab Alam Sunday brushed aside criticism from former great Imran Khan, who said team selections at the World Cup had been negative.

Imran said playing with two frontline pacemen and two spinners, in addition to Mohammad Hafeez as spinning all-rounder and fast-bowling all-rounder Abdul Razzaq, was defensive.

But Intikhab said Pakistan had been making the most of their resources.

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