'All you need | is a win'

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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 tourna-

"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 Stadium in Chennai on Sunday:

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England revived their madcap World Cup campaign with a ICC Cricket World Cup 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

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 fourthwicket 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 anklehigh slip catch.

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

SCORE BOARD

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

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161				
Bowler	O	M	\mathbf{R}	W
Peterson	8	2	22	3
Steyn	9	0	37	1
Morkel	7	0	16	2
Kallis	4	1	14	0
Tahir	8.4	1	38	4
Du Plessis	5	0	16	0
Duminy	4	0	20	0
20%				

But Intikhab said

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rounder," said Imran.

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-3, 3-15, 4-

114, 5-134, 6-148, 7-149, 8-161, 9-

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

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Pakistan manager Intikhab Alam Sunday

brushed aside criticism from former great

Imran Khan, who said team selections at the

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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.

Southee singles And Hussey comes in

out Misbah AFP, Pallekele



moments in games."

New Zealand pace spearhead Tim Southee said Sunday that in-form Pakistan batsman Misbahul Haq was in his sights for the match ICC Cricket World Cup between the Group Arivals on Tuesday. The 36-year-old Pakistan batsman was in

prime form on his side's recent tour of New Zealand, making 203 runs in four innings to help Pakistan secure a series win and has continued to score runs at the World Cup. Misbah scored 65 against Kenya, 83 not out against Sri

Lanka and 37 against Canada, playing a key role in his team's three wins in as many matches. "He has obviously been having a great period not just

against New Zealand but also in the World Cup," said Southee. "Hopefully, we have learnt from the way we bowled against him in New Zealand and we can work on a couple of things to try and put an end to the form he is in, also (Shahid) Afridi and a couple of other guys who are standing up in key

Southee said his team had put the defeat against Australia earlier in the competition behind them and were focusing on Pakistan in Pallekele.

INTERNET, New Delhi



Michael Hussey's World Cup dream has been realised after the selectors icc cricket World Cup named him as the replacement player for

the injured Doug Bollinger. However, they have decided to cover all their bases by flying Dirk Nannes to India to train with the squad as a standby player, in case of an unexpected injury or illness in their bowling stocks.

The decision means Hussey will be a full member of the squad and is available for Australia's next match, against Kenya in Bangalore on Saturday. His presence should bolster Australia's strength against spin, although the next question is who they would leave out of the starting XI to accommodate Hussey, with Cameron White and David Hussey both facing a fight to

retain their positions. Hussey was originally named in the

15-man squad but was withdrawn before the team flew out, as he had not yet recovered from a serious hamstring injury that required surgery. But Hussey made his comeback for Western Australia this week in a Sheffield Shield match at the WACA, where he made 19 and 11 but more importantly got through the match unscathed. The door opened for his return to the World Cup squad when Bollinger was sent home due to an ankle injury.

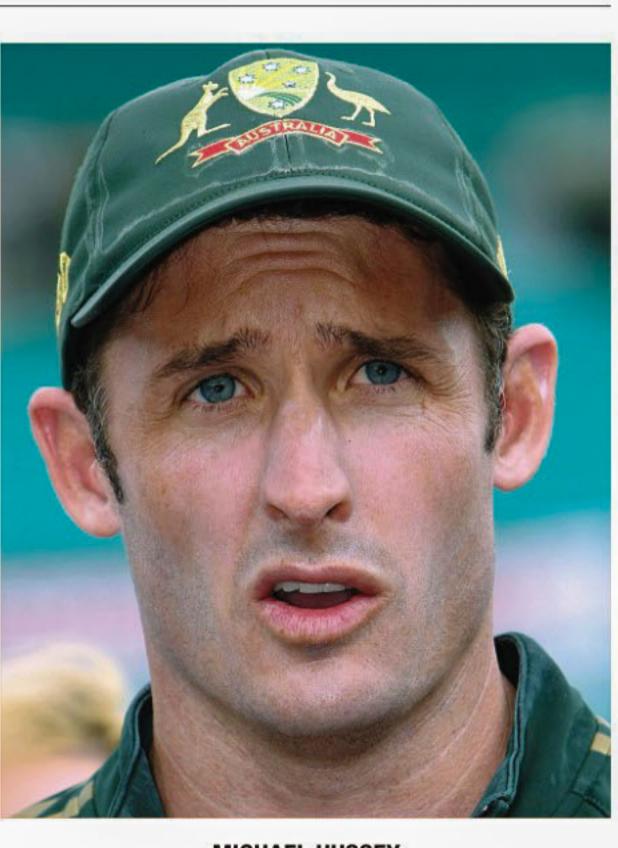
"Michael has successfully recovered from major hamstring surgery and is seen as someone who is capable of assisting Australia as we strive to win this tournament," the chairman of selectors Andrew Hilditch said. "His skill, experience, ability against spin and the fact that he provides a left-hand option in the middle order is seen as critical in our World Cup defence now that he has

successfully recovered from injury." The addition of Nannes to the touring group was more of a surprise,

although he will not be an official member of the squad and won't be able to play unless another player is ruled out of the tournament. The move is intended to cut down the travel time in case of a mishap in the day or so before a match, which wouldn't allow enough time to rush a bowler from Australia. "Dirk will train with the Australian

World Cup squad and be fit, available and acclimatised in the event of an injury to a fast bowler, in particular a new-ball fast bowler, in the final stages of this tournament," Hilditch said. "Dirk has been in excellent form and played a critical role in Victoria's recent Ryobi Cup victory and will be an excellent replacement bowler in the event of injury to a key opening bowler." The left-arm fast man Nannes, 34,

has been viewed mainly as a Twenty20 specialist by the national selectors, and has played only one ODI, which was against Scotland and was essentially a warm-up for a Twenty20 series.



Imran's criticisms come despite three wins out of three

"I strongly believe that although Pakistan have won three

and need to include a bowler in place of a batsman or an all-

MICHAEL HUSSEY