



BUUSL MOMENT OF THE DAY

SL crush Kiwis

AFP, Mumbai



Muralidaran ICC Cricket World Cup shrugged off a worrying injury scare to take four wickets as Sri Lanka defeated New Zealand by 112 runs in their World Cup Group A clash on Friday.

It was always a tough ask for New Zealand on the Wankhede Stadium pitch, which will stage the April 2 final, where the highest ever successful run chase was 229.

Sri Lanka skipper Kumar Sangakkara had earlier led from the front, hitting a fine 111 as his team posted 265-9 before Muralidaran worked his magic to send the Black Caps crashing to 153 all out after 35 overs.

Muralidaran injured his left hamstring when he dived in vain to prevent being run out when Sri Lanka batted.

when New Zealand started their reply, but returned with devastating effect to have Kane Williamson stumped

when the batsman was undone by a doosra.

Ryder

Styris

Franklin

He then had skipper Ross Taylor, who had been dropped on nought, lbw for 33 to leave the Black Caps reeling on 93 for 5.

Muralidaran then took a third wicket when he caught Scott Styris (6) off his own bowling to make the score 102-6 in the 24th over

SCOREBOARD

Tharanga run out

Dilshan c Oram b Southee

Scoreboard of the World Cup Group A match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday: SRILANKA

Sangakkara b N McCullum Jayawardene Ibw b Southee Mathews not out Samaraweera c B McCullum b Styris 5 Silva c & b N McCullum Kulasekara c Guptill b Southee Malinga c B McCullum b Oram Muralidaran run out Mendis not out Extras: (lb-4, w-12, nb-3) He left the field early Total: (Forninewktsin 50 overs) 265 Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-19, 3-164, 4-

210, 5-219, 6-224, 7-232, 8-239, 9-260.

Bowler

Southee

N McCullum Williamson **NEW ZEALAND** Guptill Ibw b Kulasekara B McCullum c Jayawardene b Mathews Ryder c Sangakkara b Mendis Taylor Ibw b Muralidaran Williamson st Sangakkara b Muralidaran Styris c & b Muralidaran Franklin c Dilshan b Muralidaran 20 N McCullum c Jayawardene b Dilshan Oram not out Southee Ibw b Mendis Bennett b Malinga Extras: (lb-4, w-6, nb-1) 153 Total: (All out in 35 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-33, 3-82, 4-88, 5-93, 6-102, 7-115, 8-129, 9-Bowler Malinga Kulasekara

Dilshan 25 4 Muralidaran Result: Sri Lanka won by 112 runs. Man-of-the-match: Kumar

Sangakkara.

Ireland canter to win

AFP, Kolkata



Paul Stirling smashed an explosive century as Ireland posted an emphatic six-wicket victory over the Neth-

erlands in their last World Cup match on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old opener gave a superb exhibition of hitting, cracking two sixes and 14 fours in his 72ball 101 as Ireland chased a stiff 307-run target with 14 balls to spare at Eden Gardens.

Stirling also upstaged the Netherlands' Ryan ten Doeschate, who scored 106 for his second World Cup hundred. South African AB de Villiers and India's Sachin Tendulkar are the only other batsmen to have made two centuries in this tournament.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Cup Group B match between Ireland and the Netherlands at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Friday:

NETHERLANDS

Szwarczynski c N O'Brien b Johnston

Barresi Ibw b Stirling Cooper c Porterfield b Rankin Ten Doeschate c Mooney b Stirling Kervezee c K O'Brien b Mooney Borren c Porterfield b Mooney Buurman run out Bukhari run out Seelaar run out Raja run out Loots not out Extras: (b-1, lb-8, nb-3, w-5) Total: (All out in 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-12, 3-53, 4-113, 5-234, 6-287, 7-305, 8-305, 9-305.

Dockrell Stirling Cusack K O'Brien Note: Alex Cusack bowled the last two balls of George Dockrell's fourth over after the bowler suffered a shoulder injury. **IRELAND** Porterfield c Buurman b Cooper

Johnston

Mooney

Stirling c Kervezee b Seelaar 101 Joyce c Buurman b Cooper N O'Brian not out Wilson c Buurman b Ten Doeschate K O'Brien not out

Extras: (lb-10, w-1) Total: (For four wickes in 47.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-177, 2-179, 3-233, 4-279. Did not bat: Cusack, Johnston, Mooney, Dockrell, Rankin.

Bowler	0	M	R	W
Bukhari	7	0	42	0
Raja	8	1	44	0
Loots	2	0	29	0
Ten Doeschate	9	1	58	1
Seelaar	9.4	1	55	1
Borren	5	0	38	0
Cooper	7	1	31	2
Result: Ireland v	von by s	six wicke	ets.	

Man-of-the-match: Paul Stirling.

A STIRLING KNOCK: Ireland batsman Paul Stirling's

century propelled his side to a 6-wicket victory over Netherlands in their last World Cup match at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

MU drawn against Chelsea



Former England striker Gary Lineker draws teams for the Champions League quarter and semifinals at UEFA headquarters in Nyon yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

AFP, Nyon

Donetsk.



Manchester United and Chelsea are set to clash in the Champions League quarterfinals after being drawn in a rematch of their 2008 European final here on Friday.

Holders Inter Milan will meet Schalke 04 with tournament favourites Barcelona playing Shakhtar

Premier League leaders United will travel to reigning English champions Chelsea for the first leg and will have the

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home advantage at Old Trafford for the return leg.

Rankin

United beat Chelsea on penalties in the final in Moscow three years ago.

Chelsea have never won the Champions League and are desperate to do well in Europe as they sit nine points behind three-time European winners United in the Premier League. Chelsea or United will go on to face either Inter Milan or

could be set for a semifinal showdown should they advance. Barcelona are drawn to meet Ukrainian newcomers Shakhtar Donetsk as Real Madrid take on surprise English side Tottenham, who dumped seven-time winners AC Milan

Schalke, while Spanish giants Real Madrid and Barcelona

out of the tournament in the last 16. Tottenham, who reached the European Cup semifinals in 1962, look to have a tough task against the record nine-time winners but can take heart from the fact that Real have not

won any of their last five meetings with English teams.

Jose Mourinho's Real Madrid have not won the competition since 2002, and the Portuguese coach will be bidding to not only guide them back to the top in Europe but to become the first man to win the Champions League with three different clubs.

Mourinho led Porto to the title 2004 and guided Inter to victory last season before moving to Spain where he has managed to get Real through to the last eight for the first time since 2004.

Should the Spanish clubs advance they could meet four time in less than a month. They are also due to play in the Spanish league on April 17 and in the King's Cup final on April 20.

Inter Milan, meanwhile, are on paper favourites against Schalke 04, after eliminating Bayern Munich in the last

And the Italian club's general manager Ernesto Paolillo admitted he was relieved.

"Let's say we're a little relieved, some bigger dangers, on paper, like Real Madrid and Barcelona were avoided," he said. "But we mustn't slacken and we must remain wary, these matches which seem less fascinating can be decep-

tive. The eight teams who have arrived at this level are

very strong." Schalke captain Manuel Neuer said: "Meeting the titleholders is a big challenge but maybe also a good omen because Schalke 04 already achieved a good result at the San Siro in the UEFA Cup final in 1997.

"Starting with the match away is an advantage but at the same time you have to remember what happened in the last 16. Inter lost at home against Bayern Munich which didn't stop them from qualifying by winning 3-2 in Munich."

The quarterfinal first legs will be played on April 5 and 6 and the return matches the following week on April 12 and 13.

DRAW

Quarterfinals (April 5/6 and April 12/13) Real Madrid (ESP) v Tottenham Hotspur (ENG) Barcelona (ESP) v Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR) Chelsea (ENG) v Manchester United (ENG) Inter Milan (ITA) v Schalke 04 (GER) Semifinals (April 26-27 and May 3-4) Inter Milan or Schalke 04 v Chelsea or Manchester United Real Madrid or Tottenham v FC Barcelona or Shakhtar Dontesk Final

