

SL-ENG SCOREBOARD			
SRI LANKA	R	B	4 6
Jayawardene c Morgan b Swann	42	38	5 1
Dilshan lbw b Finn	16	12	1 1
Sangakkara c Bairstow b Swann	13	12	1 0
Mathews b Broad	28	19	3 1
Mendis c Bopara b Broad	18	13	2 1
Thirimanne b Broad	13	7	1 1
Perera not out	25	16	0 2
Kulasekara not out	1	3	0 0
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-6)	12		
Total: (For 6 wts in 20 overs)	168		
Did not bat: Dananjaya, Malina, Mendis.			
Fall of wkt: 1-35, 2-74, 3-74, 4-126, 5-126, 6-161.			
BOWLER	O	M	R
Finn	4	0	23
Dembach	4	0	42
Broad	4	0	32
Swann	4	0	26
Bopara	2	0	12
Patel	2	0	27
ENGLAND	R	B	4 6
Wright c Dilshan b Malina	12	11	1 1
Hales lbw b Malina	3	5	0 0
Bairstow c Kulasekara b Malina	2	2	0 0
Patel b Malina	67	48	8 2
Morgan lbw b Dananjaya	10	15	1 0
Bopara b BMJ Mendis	1	6	0 0
Butler c BAW Mendis b Malina	8	7	0 0
Broad c Jayawardene b Dananjaya	1	2	0 0
Swann b Kulasekara	34	20	4 1
Finn not out	1	3	0 0
Dembach not out	2	2	0 0
Extras (b-1, lb-4, w-3, nb-1)	9		
Total (9 wickets; 20 overs)	150		
Fall of wkt: 1-16, 2-18, 3-18, 4-73, 5-76, 6-91, 7-93, 8-144, 9-147			
BOWLER	O	M	R
Mathews	3	0	21
Kulasekara	4	0	22
Malina	4	0	31
Mendis	4	0	40
A Dananjaya	4	0	26
Total (9 wickets; 20 overs)	150		



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Action from yesterday's KFC Women's Super League football semifinal between Bangladesh Ansar & VDP and Narayanganj at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Pakistan fans can't take it

AFP, Karachi

Fans and former players slammed Pakistan's preparation and tactics on Monday after the side's heavy defeat at the hands of arch-rivals India in the World Twenty20.

Pakistan, one of the pre-tournament favourites, went down by eight wickets in the Super Eights match at R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Sunday, watched by millions in the cricket-mad country.

The defeat leaves Pakistan with a must-win last match against in-form Australia on Tuesday to reach the semifinals, and ex-players questioned captain Mohammad Hafeez's decision to bat first after winning the toss.

"Pakistan should have realised that India's strong point is their batting and they can chase a big total, so why did they bat first?" said former captain Aamir Sohail. "Our eleven was not chosen with India in mind."

India rolled Pakistan for a meagre 128 in 19.4 overs before Virat Kohli smashed a brilliant unbeaten 61-ball 78 to steer his side home in 17 overs, avoiding an early Super Eights exit.

Test great Zaheer Abbas said Pakistan went into the game against their biggest rivals under prepared.

"It seemed there was no planning for the crucial match," said Abbas.

League camp

FROM PAGE 16 months to prepare the national hockey team before the start of the Round-2 of World Hockey League in India in February. But he has been given four months to prepare the national teams along with two preparatory tournaments.

"It is enough time to make them prepared before the World League. Besides, the two tournaments will help me bring up the quality of the squad as the Indian clubs or corporate teams are generally stronger than the Indian national squad," said Haroon informing that the federation was also trying to arrange three to four extra matches after the Nehru Cup.

Striker Rasel Mahmud Jimmy was seemingly ecstatic to have got two preparatory tournaments ahead of the World Hockey League and was appreciative of the initiative.

"The four-month long training camp would have been boring had we not been given two preparatory tournaments," said Jimmy. "I think we will now be able to rectify our mistakes through these two tournaments and get well prepared for the World Hockey League."

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Hockey Federation yesterday called up 36 players for the trials of the six-nation U-21 Invitational tournament to be held in Pakistan in November. The players have been asked to report to coach Mamunur Rashid on October 3 and 4 for the trial.

AFP, Colombo

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Six months ago, India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh was battling cancer in the United States and wondering if he would live, let alone play cricket again.

He returned after energy-sapping chemotherapy treatment in April, began light training in June and two months later found himself fast-tracked into the Indian team for the World Twenty20.

Former players like Ravi Shastri and Sanjay Manjrekar questioned the left-hander's selection when he failed to deliver in the first few games, with many wondering if the selectors had made the correct call.

He was not fully fit, they said, he was short of match practice and needed to make way for another player.

Yuvraj answered his critics in the crunch game against Pakistan on Sunday night with two wickets in three overs, a direct hit to effect a run out before partnering Virat Kohli in an unbroken half-century stand to see India home.

India captain Mahendra Singh

Yuvraj was delighted with Yuvraj's return to form, saying he never had any doubts about the 30-year-old's fitness or his ability with bat or ball.

"Yuvi was already in the team, it wasn't even a consideration whether he would play or not," Dhoni said after the eight-wicket win over Pakistan in Colombo.

"It is a good option to have a left-arm spinner, someone who takes the ball away from the right-hand batsman. Everyone knows Yuvraj is a very good fielder, and he effected a good run-out too."

"If we play with four bowlers, it will be difficult to keep Yuvraj out of the team. And the way he batted today, it will give him a lot of confidence."

Dhoni also emphasised he was not worried about the fitness of Yuvraj, who was diagnosed and treated for a rare germ-cell cancer between his lungs.

"As far as the T20 format is concerned, he looks very fit," the Indian captain said. "He has done a lot of work in the last few months. I am really not worried about his fitness."

"He will take a lot of positives out of the games he has played here. We all know that once he gets going, he is a

terrific batsman to have in the side."

Yuvraj has scored 45 runs in four matches so far, including a best of 19 not out off 16 balls against Pakistan. He has also claimed six wickets, the most by an Indian bowler alongwith seamer Lakshmi Balaji.

In a recent interview to the 'Week' newsmagazine, Yuvraj said: "I am just happy I have another life -- a second chance. But there were times when I was not sure I would play again."

Yuvraj was a key figure in India's 50-over World Cup triumph last year, scoring 362 runs and taking 15 wickets in nine matches to be named man of the tournament.

The flamboyant all-rounder rose to fame when he smashed England's fast bowler Stuart Broad for six sixes in one over during the inaugural World Twenty20 in South Africa in 2007, which India went on to win.

India failed to reach the semifinals in the next two editions in 2009 in England and 2010 in the West Indies.

India take on South Africa in the last Super Eights match on Tuesday night, needing a win to remain in contention for the semifinals.

What's on, Watson?

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abandoned with Australia 17 runs ahead on the Duckworth-Lewis method.

Watson was in rollicking form in the opening Super Eights match against India, taking 3-34 before smashing seven sixes and two fours in 72 from 42 balls during the nine-wicket victory.

And on Sunday night he decimated South Africa with 2-29 and 70 off 47 balls with the bat. Asked the reason for his success, Watson remarked: "Things are just falling my way at the moment I suppose."

Watson leads the batting chart in the tournament with 234 runs in four matches, an average of 78, a strike rate of almost 164 per 100 balls and the most number of sixes (15).

He is also the leading bowler in the competition

with 10 wickets, one ahead of Sri Lankan spinner Ajantha Mendis.

Australia's T20 skipper George Bailey was delighted at Watson's form.

"I think he's really set himself to be the player-of-

the-series, to be the person who leads Australia as far as he can in this tournament," Bailey said.

"When you see how he plays this form of the game, he's almost the complete cricketer."

AUSTRALIA PAKISTAN

Played: 56 Played: 62

Won: 30 Won: 37

In 2012 In 2012

Played: 11 Played: 12

Won: 7 Won: 7

HEAD TO HEAD

4:6

KEY PLAYERS

MITCHELL STARC IMRAN NAZIR

Matches: 6 Matches: 23

Runs: 466 Highest Score: 72

BBF: 3/11 Average: 22.19

Average: 14.00 Strike Rate: 138.69

Matches: 10

Highest Score: 72

BBF: 3/11

Average: 22.19

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