

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 Bairstowb 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, Malinga, Mendis.				
Fall of wkts: 1-35, 2-74, 3-74, 4-126, 5-126, 6-161.				

BOWLER	O	M	R	W
Finn	4	0	23	1
Dernbach	4	0	42	0
Broad	4	0	32	3
Swann	4	0	26	2
Bopara	2	0	12	0
Patel	2	0	27	0
ENGLAND	R	B	4	6
Wright c Dilshan b Malinga	12	11	1	1
Hales lbw b Malinga	3	5	0	0
Bairstow c Kulasekara b Malinga	2	2	0	0
Patel b Malinga	67	48	8	2
Morgan lbw b Dananjaya	10	15	1	0
Bopara b BMAJ Mendis	1	6	0	0
Buttler c BAW Mendis b Malinga	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
Dernbach not out	2	2	0	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-3, nb-1)	9			
Total (9 wickets; 20 overs)	150			
Fall of wkts 1-16, 2-18, 3-18, 4-73, 5-76, 6-91, 7-93, 8-144, 9-147				

BOWLER	O	M	R	W
Mathews	3	0	21	0
Kulasekara	4	0	22	1
Malinga	4	0	31	5
Mendis	4	0	40	0
A Dananjaya	4	0	26	2

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.



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

PHOTO: STAR

Yuvraj pays back

AFP, Colombo



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

Dhoni 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 Lakshmiopathy 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.

We're not

FROM PAGE 16 sent back Jacques Kallis in his second over.

Watson admitted he was surprised how South Africa continued to flourish in big events.

"Every tournament we go into, they've got an unbelievably strong side," Watson said. "They've just got an amazing amount of talent."

"I'm not exactly sure why they can't seem to really perform at the big events over the last 10 or 15 years. Because the quality of players they have, they should really be dominating."

South Africa's strategy in the must-win game against India will be plotted by coach Gary Kirsten, who made a name for himself by coaching the Indians to the title in the 50-over World Cup last year.

Mourinho eyes English return

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho says he wants to return to an English Premier League club after his spell in the Spanish capital comes to an end.

"I just say openly that for many reasons after Real Madrid, Spain, Inter, Italy, Chelsea, England, Porto, Portugal, that after this project, the next step will be England for many reasons but when I don't know," said Mourinho, who coached Chelsea from 2004-7 before moving to Inter Milan.

The Portuguese coach, speaking in an interview with CNN, remained tight-lipped about which club he might be tempted by amid speculation he would be among the favourites to succeed Sir Alex Ferguson at Manchester United.

"I call him the boss because he's the boss of the coaches and I hope that when I go back to English football he still manages Manchester United," Mourinho said of Ferguson.

"I don't think about that, especially as I have a four-year contract with Real, I sign it and when I sign it, I sign it because I wanted to be in Real Madrid at this period of my career and I don't think in another club."

But Mourinho admitted that he remained in contact with Chelsea's Russian billionaire owner Roman Abramovich.

"We are in touch a lot, and the last example is Michael Essien was going to another club and when I said (gestures in making a telephone call) 'please leave it to your friend' he left it to his friend."

"We have a great relationship in fact."

All to play for in Group 2

FROM PAGE 16 points as Pakistan (2) but a slightly inferior net run-rate (-0.452 as opposed to Pakistan's -0.426) and then India can even afford to lose to South Africa who have a net run-rate of -0.605, provided that Dhoni's men manage to keep the defeat to manageable proportions.

However, if Pakistan become the first team to bring the high-flying Australia down, then not only must India win, but win by a big enough margin to go through ahead of their neighbours on run-rate.

Everybody however will be looking forward to see how Pakistan manage to recover from their pathetic show against their archrivals and whether they can stop Shane Watson, for whom 'purple patch' would be an understatement to describe the form he is in.

Australia have had a phenomenal run in the competi-

LOCAL snippets

SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Bangladesh Ansar & VDP and Jessore moved into the final of the KFC National Women's Super League after beating their respective rivals in the semifinals at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The final will take place tomorrow at the same venue.

Bangladesh Ansar came from behind to beat Narayanganj 2-1. Mithila put Narayanganj ahead while Kabina Chakma cancelled the lead before Jahannara Khatun stuck the decider three minutes from time.

In the day's other match, Jessore also defeated Tangail by identical 2-1 goals with Sharmin Akter and Rehana Khatun scoring one goal each for Jessore. Jannatul Rikta netted for Tangail.

Women's College/Uni Handball

The 15th Delta Life Women's College/University Handball tournament gets underway today at the Shaheed M Mansur Ali National Handball Stadium.

Twelve teams, split into four groups, will play round-robin matches and the top finisher from each of the four groups will advance to the semifinals to be held on October 6.

Siddeshwari Girl's College will face Central Women's College in the inauguration match while Eden Women's College and Home Economic College will be facing Ahmed Bawani School and College and Dhaka Imperial College respectively on the opening day.

Other participating teams are Mirpur Girl's Ideal Laboratory Institute, Kabi Nazrul Govt College, Mirza Abbas Women's Degree College, Holycross College, Dhaka Cantonment Girl's Public School and College and Lalmatia Women's University College.

Football coaches course

The AFC "C" Coaching Certificate Course got underway yesterday with the participation of 25 persons, most of them who are already in the coaching profession.

Among them, former national booters Jewel Rana, Abu Faisal, Nizam Majumder, Julfikar Mahmud Mintu and Manwar Hossain are the most well-known while one woman participant is also taking part in the course conducted by Iranian instructor Andreshir P Novdchi and assisted by BA Jubair Nipu and Saiful Bari Titu.

It is the first AFC C Coaching Course in five years as such coaching course was held in 2007 during the AFC U-14 Football Festival at BKSP.

Bangladesh have 107 qualified coaches --18 of them A-licensed, 29 B-licensed and 60 C-licensed.

What's on, Watson?

FROM PAGE 16 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
Wickets: 10	Runs: 466
BBF: 3/11	Highest Score: 72
Average: 14.00	Average: 22.19
	Strike Rate: 138.69

NZ KO-ed in super

FROM PAGE 16 the West Indian innings to 139 in 19.3 overs, before Taylor's unbeaten 62 kept New Zealand in with a chance for an upset win.

With New Zealand needing 14 off the last over, Taylor hit a six off the fourth delivery bowled by Samuels but managed just a single on the penultimate ball to leave his team two short of victory.

Doug Bracewell hit the final delivery but was run out while taking a second run, as the West Indian players celebrated jubilantly.

Sunil Narine took 3-20 off his four overs to keep New Zealand in check. Taylor hit three sixes and as many fours off 40 balls.

Chris Gayle top-scored with a fluent 30 while Kieron Pollard (28) and Samuels (24) also chipped in with useful contributions, but none of the batsmen could capitalise on their good starts.

Bracewell provided New Zealand with a double breakthrough by dismissing Johnson Charles (eight) and Andre Russell (six) in his first two overs, leaving the West Indies in a difficult situation.

Southee, who came as first change, removed Gayle in the seventh over to deepen the West Indies' plight. Gayle hit three boundaries and two sixes off just 14 deliveries.

Off-spinner Nathan McCullum finished with 2-19, dismissing Samuels and Darren Bravo (16) as the West Indies lost three wickets in the space of just 15 runs.

Another Rd 2 exit

AFP, Beijing

World number five Petra Kvitova crashed out of a WTA Tour event in Round Two for the second week in a row Monday, losing in straight sets at the China Open to unheralded Carla Suarez Navarro.

The fourth seed lost 6-3, 6-2 against the Spanish player ranked 46 in the world, just over a week after being humiliated by Croatia's Petra Martic at the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo.

The 2011 Wimbledon champion from the Czech Republic had received a first-round bye in Japan before losing to Martic, then 73rd in the standings, and her poor form in Asia continued in Beijing, largely due to poor serving.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Chances, for short	38	Apiece	1 Re 26-Down	24	"Born in the —"
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7 Walk through mud, maybe	41	Deuce top	3 Permission	26	Pupil's place
12 Shell game need	45	Gis' alarm clock	5 Pinnacles	28	Citi Field athlete
13 Gorilla	47	Ostrich's kin	6 Jaunty chapeau	30	Knock
14 Anorak	48	Perfumery fixative	7 Skewer	31	Census statistic
15 Attempt	52	Rotating part	8 Trail the pack	32	Playwright Levin
16 Greenish-blue	53	Measure	9 Hockey legend	33	[Uncorrected]
18 —	54	Type units	10 Tackle	36	Punch
19 Put forth	55	Intention	11 Owns	37	Illinois city
20 Eats	56	U-shaped river bend	17 Schlep	40	Fairy tale baddies
22 Schedule abbr.	57	Witness	21 "America's Most Wanted" host	42	Summarize
23 Oil job	58	Thickness		43	Cybermessage
27 Mornings (Abbr.)				44	Delicious
29 Inspiring horror				45	Concoct
31 Super-market section				46	Being (Lat.)
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF TINKERBELL GRANTS YOU MAGICAL FAVORS, I DO BELIEVE YOU SHOULD SAY "THANK YOU FAIRY MUCH!"
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals H