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Cups' firsts

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VIRAT KOHLI HIT A LANDMARK 107 IN INDIA'S 300 FOR 7 IN THE WORLD CUP MATCH AGAINST PAKISTAN AT THE ADELAIDE OVAL ON SUNDAY. HIS WAS THE FIRST CENTURY BY AN INDIAN IN WORLD CUP MATCHES AGAINST THE ARCHRIVALS. HE SURPASSED SACHIN TENDULKAR'S 98 AT CENTURION IN 2003 WHERE PAKISTAN OPENER SAEED ANWAR SCORED 101.

SOUTH AFRICA'S DAVID MILLER AND JP DUMINY SMASHED FIGHTING HUNDREDS TO PUT IN A RECORD-BREAKING STAND IN THEIR WORLD CUP OPENER AGAINST ZIMBABWE ON SUNDAY. MILLER HIT 138 NOT OUT FOR HIS HIGHEST ODI SCORE AND DUMINY BLASTED 115 NOT OUT AS THEY RAISED A PARTNER OF 256 RUNS, WHICH ITSELF IS A NEW ODI RECORD FOR THE FIFTH WICKET, LET ALONE THE WORLD CUP.

PAKISTAN CAPTAIN MISBAHUL HAQ BECAME THE FIRST PLAYER TO FEATURE AT THE WORLD CUP FOR A TEST-PLAYING NATION AT THE AGE OF 40-PLUS SINCE SOMACHANDRA DE SILVA, WHO PLAYED FOR SRI LANKA IN 1983.



COOLEST PARTNERS IN TOWN: David Miller (L) and JP Duminy shared 256 runs -- the highest stand for the fifth wicket -- to spoil Zimbabwe's chances of an upset at Hamilton yesterday. The pair rescued the Proteas from a precarious 83 for 4.

AB's Zim caution

AFP, Hamilton

Relieved South Africa captain AB de Villiers forecast Zimbabwe will cause upsets in the World Cup after his team upstaged their African rivals in a nervy start to the tournament on Sunday.

South Africa were indebted to a brilliant career best 138 not out by David Miller and JP Duminy's unbeaten 115 for a commanding total of 339 for four before restricting Zimbabwe to 277 all out in a 62-run win at Hamilton's Seddon Park.

Miller and Duminy lifted the Proteas from a nervous 83 for four during a new one-day international record stand for the fifth wicket of 256.



"I am very happy at the performance, we had a really good game today," said de Villiers as South Africa, bidding for a maiden World Cup title, made a winning start to their Pool B campaign.

But de Villiers warned Zimbabwe could upset one of the more fancied sides before the end of the tournament.

"They [Zimbabwe] played some excellent cricket and I will not be surprised if they upset a couple of teams in this World Cup," the Proteas captain instead.

Reflecting on Sunday's match, de Villiers said Zimbabwe had made the most of winning the toss.

"There is no doubt that played a good part in getting them ahead early on as it was a really difficult wicket to bat on in the first 15 to 20 overs.

"It got easier and luckily David and JP made full use of that and played exceptionally well in that great partnership that won us the game today.

"We have seen David demolish the attacks like that and he is capable of that," said de Villiers, himself one of the most feared ball-strikers in world cricket.

"To see at this high level and in this biggest tournament is great and it shows where this guy is going in his career."

De Villiers paid tribute to Duminy as well by saying: "JP also showed good form, he was a bit out of touch with his injuries but seeing him bat like that is very pleasing."

In reply, Zimbabwe were cruising along nicely with Hamilton Masakadza (80) and Chamu Chibhabha (64) adding a brisk 105 runs for the second wicket to give South Africa a scare.

But leg-spinner Imran Tahir dismissed both Chibhabha and Masakadza to finish with three for 36 in his 10 overs, a feat de Villiers said was exceptional.

"Imran did well right from when he came to bowl, but



MOST 6s HIT BY A PLAYER

David Miller
South Africa

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MOST 4s HIT BY A PLAYER

Aaron Finch
Australia

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SCOREBOARD

IND-PAK			
INDIA	R	B	4s
R Sharma c Misbah b Sohail	15	20	2
Dhawan run out	73	76	7
Kohli c Akmal b Sohail	107	126	8
Raina c Harris b Sohail	74	56	5
Dhoni c Misbah b Sohail	18	13	1
Jadeja c Harris b Sohail	3	5	0
Rahane b Sohail	0	1	0
Ashwin not out	1	1	0
Shami not out	3	3	0
Extras: (lb-2, w-3, nb-1)	6		
Total: (For 7 wkt in 50 overs)	300		
Did not bat: Yadav, M Sharma.			
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-163, 3-273, 4-284, 5-296, 6-296, 7-296.			
Bowler	O	M	R
Irfan	10	0	58
Sohail	10	0	55
Afridi	8	0	50
Riaz	10	0	49
Yasir	8	0	60
Haris	4	0	26

PAKISTAN			
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Shehzad c Jadeja b Yadav	47	73	5
Younis c Dhoni b Shami	6	10	1
Haris c Raina b Ashwin	36	48	3
Misbah c Raina b Shami	76	84	9
Masqadza c Raina b Yadav	0	2	0
Akmal c Dhoni b Jadeja	4	0	4
Afridi c Kohli b Shami	22	22	1
Riaz c Dhoni b Shami	4	2	1
Yasir c Yadav b M Shama	13	23	1
Sohail c Yadav b M Shama	7	10	1
Haris not out	1	5	0
Extras: (lb-1, w-10, nb-1)	12		
Total: (All out in 47 overs)	224		
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-79, 3-102, 4-102, 5-103, 6-149, 7-154, 8-203, 9-220.			
Bowler	O	M	R
Yadav	10	0	50
Shami	9	1	35
M Shama	9	0	35
Raina	1	0	6
Ashwin	8	3	41
Jadeja	10	0	56

SOUTH AFRICA			
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De Kock c Ervine b Chatara	7	16	1
Amila Pannayara	11	26	1
Du Plessis c Taylor b Chigumbura	24	32	0
De Villiers c Ervine b Kamungozi	25	36	1
Miller not out	138	133	7
Duminy not out	115	100	7
Extras: (lb-1, w-16, nb-2)	19		
Total: (For 4 wkt in 50 overs)	339		
Did not bat: Behardien, Philander, Steyn, Tahir, Morkel.			
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-21, 3-67, 4-83.			
Bowler	O	M	R
Pannayara	10	0	73
Chatara	10	1	71
Mire	6	0	61
Chigumbura	4	0	30
Williams	8	0	44
Kamungozi	8	0	34
Raza	3	0	19
Masakadza	1	0	6

ZIMBABWE			
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Chibhabha c Duminy b Tahir	64	82	10
Raza b Philander	5	13	1
Masakadza c Amila b Tahir	80	74	8
Taylor c Philander b Morkel	40	40	4
Williams c De Kock b Duminy	8	13	1
Ervine c De Villiers b Steyn	13	21	0
Chigumbura run out	8	7	0
Mire c De Villiers b Philander	27	25	2
Pannayara c De Villiers b Tahir	4	4	1
Chatara c b Morkel	6	11	1
Kamungozi not out	0	0	0
Extras: (lb-13, w-9)	22		
Total: (All out in 48.2 overs)	277		
Bowler	O	M	R
Philander	8	0	30
Morkel	8.2	1	49
Steyn	9	0	64

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Hesson finds loopholes			
AFP, Christchurch	New Zealand coach Mike Hesson believes he has found "areas to exploit" in England and Australia after taking a close look at the second half of his rivals' World Cup opener.		
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