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Quick win gives time for a beer

AFP, Auckland

New Zealand captain Brendon McCullum hailed the perfect finish to his side's thrilling one-wicket World Cup win over Australia in Auckland on Saturday, saying the game had finished so early a capacity crowd would have plenty of time for a drink.

"It was one hell of a game," said McCullum after his side's fourth win.

"It didn't go the distance but I'm sure everyone will go home happy. It's good to see both teams getting 300-plus but sometimes 150 games can be pretty exciting and everyone can go and have a beer now."

Charles in for Bravo

AFP, Sydney

West Indies have been allowed to call-up Johnson Charles to replace batsman Darren Bravo who was ruled out of the World Cup with a hamstring injury.

Charles, a 26-year-old top order batsman, has played 30 ODIs in which he has scored 869 runs with two centuries and as many half-centuries.

His last ODI was against New Zealand in Hamilton in January 2014.

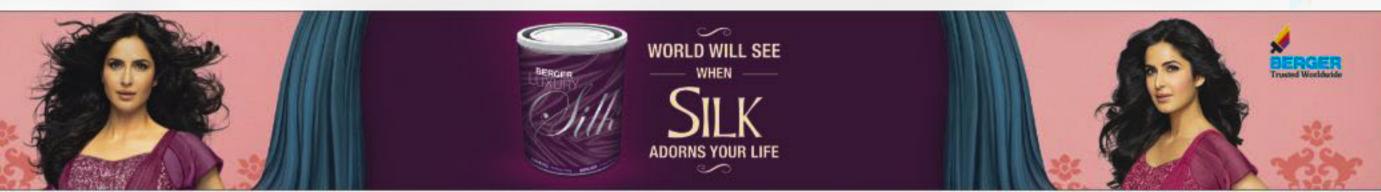
Bravo suffered a left hamstring injury in the 150-run win over Pakistan in Christchurch last weekend and missed Friday's 257-run defeat by South Africa at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The 26-year-old Trinidadian made 49 against Pakistan before he was forced to retire hurt.



The Indian bowling was too hot to handle for the amateurs of UAE during a lop-sided World Cup match at the WACA in Perth yesterday. India won by 9 wickets.

PHOTO: ICC



Bowlers impress Dhoni more

AFP, Perth

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni admitted Saturday that his bowling attack, so often overshadowed by the team's legion of batting superstars, will be key if they are to successfully defend their World Cup title.

India hardly broke sweat at Perth's WACA ground as they cruised past the part-timers of the United Arab Emirates by nine wickets, easily reaching in the middle overs," he added. the 103-run winning target they had been set.

But unlike their two

opening wins at the tournament which yielded totals of 300 and over against Pakistan and South Africa, Saturday gave India's bowlers the chance to make decisive contributions against a UAE side who won the toss and chose to bat.

"The bowlers have really stepped up and this has led to improvements in other parts of the side," said Dhoni.

"When we were losing games outside the sub-continent it was a concern and we couldn't get wickets

"Now we are getting wickets with the new ball and the spinners are able to put more pressure on in the middle overs. As a unit they are numbers as long as I contribute." doing well. They have shown they can do it game after game."

Ravichandran Ashwin took a career best of four for 25 with fellow spinner Ravindra Jadeja claiming two wickets.

In a reminder of the team's batting strength, Saturday saw opener Rohit Sharma make an undefeated fifty.

"I usually bowl at phases of the game when you are trying to buy wickets or cut the runs down but said Taugir. today went well," said Ashwin.

when it comes to this format I am unselfish. It doesn't matter about the

UAE skipper Mohammad Tauqir had seen his team lose two close games to Zimbabwe and Ireland but on Saturday they were simply outclassed by the champions with only Shaiman Anwar, who hit a century against the Irish, showing any resistance with a tidy 35 before being last man out.

"It was not a par score, we were outplayed by the Indian bowling,"

"We should have scored 200-plus "I am an attacking bowler but but Ashwin bowled brilliantly and we couldn't cope. Our top order needs to be more responsible."

Minnows dealt an MS blow

AFP, Perth

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni dealt a huge blow to cricket's non-Test nations Saturday when he warned that his world champions have no plans to play regular fixtures against them.

With controversy over the make-up of the 2019 World Cup -- where the number of teams is set to be slashed from 14 to 10 -- threatening to overshadow the ongoing tournament, Dhoni slammed the door on minnows' aspirations.

The 10 teams who will feature in England in 2019 will be based on a rankings system with the top eight as of September 30, 2017, booking their places with the other two slots decided by a qualifying tournament.

As all the Test nations play regular fixtures against each other in one-dayers, it will leave the likes of Afghanistan and Ireland struggling to make the tournament as the major teams are not obliged to play Associate sides.

After brushing aside the United Arab Emirates by nine wickets on Saturday to record their third win in three games at this World Cup, Dhoni said demands on Indian cricketers were too high to add any more fixtures.

"I don't see India playing any more games," he said.

"We can't, unless we play two games in one day, which is just not possible. India can't play any more games."

Despite the magnitude of Saturday's defeat, UAE skipper



Mohammad Tauqir said it was important for his side to get the opportunity to test themselves against the best.

"I think the more we play against these bigger nations, the more we learn and the more we perform," said Tauqir, whose team have been beaten in all three games although they pushed Zimbabwe and Ireland before losing narrowly. "The more we play, the better for the associate nations."

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has been widely criticised for the decision to reduce the number of teams in future World Cups with claims that the tournament will become a 'closed-shop' for the games major powers.

It has also been seen as a regressive move for a body expected to grow the game globally.

On Friday, however, ICC chief executive David Richardson told AFP that the size of the 2019 World Cup has yet to be decided.

"I've learnt never to say never to anything. I'm sure the format of the next World Cup will be debated after this one has finished," he said.

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New Zealand	4	4	0	0	8	+3.589
Sri Lanka	3	2	0	1	4	-0.063
Bangladesh	3	1	1	1	3	+0.287
Australia	3	1	1	1	3	-0.305
Afghanistan	3	1	0	2	2	-0.760
England	3	1	0	2	2	-1.415
Scotland	3	0	0	3	0	-1.735
		P	ool B			
India	3	3	0	0	6	+2.630
South Africa	3	2	0	1	4	+1.260
Ireland	2	2	0	0	4	+0.338
West Indies	4	2	0	2	4	-0.313
Zimbabwe	3	1	0	2	2	-0.827
UAE	3	0	0	3	0	-1.326
Pakistan	2	0	0	2	0	-2.260
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POINTS TABLE

WORLD CUPS' 1-WICKET WINS											
Winners	Ballsleft	Target	Opposition	Venue	Date	Winners	Balls left	Target	Opposition	Venue	Date
West Indies	2	267	Pakistan	Birmingham	Jun 11, 1975	England	1	301	West Indies	Bridgetown	Apr 21, 2007
Pakistan	0	217	WestIndies	Lahore	Oct 16, 1987	Afghanistan	3	211	Scotland	Dunedin	Feb 26, 2015
South Africa	10	210	Sri Lanka	Providence	Mar 28, 2007	New Zealan	d 161	152	Australia	Auckland	Feb 28, 2015



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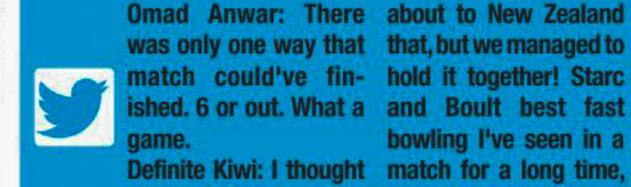




Two VIP guests were at the Eden Park, Australia PM Tony Abbot and his Kiwi counterpart John Key saw the game between their countries. Brett Lee poses with a kangaroo before the game as an Indian fan celebrates his team's win over UAE.







match could've fin- hold it together! Starc ished. 6 or out. What a and Boult best fast bowling I've seen in a Definite Kiwi: I thought match for a long time, New Zealand were edge of the seat stuff.