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 Sri Lanka
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Match facts

Pakistan were **33** for 2 after 15 overs, the lowest 15-over score in this World Cup.

Mohammad Irfan picked up his career-best ODI haul of **4/30**.

Sri Lanka have now successfully chased **300** or more 8 times, only second to India's 15 times.

The unbroken **212**-run stand between Kumar Sangakkara and Lahiru Thirimanne is their third highest in World Cups.

At **25** years and 174 days, Lahiru Thirimanne has become the youngest Sri Lankan to score a World Cup hundred.

Joe Root became the youngest World Cup centurion for England, at **24** years and 61 days.



Pakistan's Wahab Riaz had a field day against Zimbabwe at the Gabba in Brisbane yesterday. After scoring a fluent fifty, the left-arm paceman captured four wickets to lead his side to an unlikely win.

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SCORECARDS

ENGLAND V SRI LANKA

ENGLAND	R/B	4/6
Moeen c Lakmal b Mathews	15/26	3/0
Bell b Lakmal	49/54	7/0
Ballance c & b Dilshan	6/14	1/0
Root lbw b Herath	121/108	14/2
Morgan c Dilshan b Perera	27/47	2/1
Taylor c Dilshan b Malinga	25/26	1/1
Buttler not out	39/19	6/1
Woakes not out	9/8	1/0
Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-9, nb-2)	18	
Total: (For 6 wks in 50 overs)	309	
Did not bat: Broad, Finn, Anderson		
Fall of wickets: 1-62, 2-71, 3-101, 4-161, 5-259, 6-265.		

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Malinga	10	0	63	1
Lakmal	7.4	0	71	1
Mathews	10	1	43	1
Dilshan	8.2	0	35	1
Herath	5.5	0	35	1
Perera	8.1	0	55	1

SRI LANKA

SRI LANKA	R/B	4/6
Thirimanne not out	139/143	13/2
Dilshan c Morgan b Moeen	44/55	4/2
Sangakkara not out	117/86	11/2
Extras: (b-8, lb-1, w-3)	12	
Total: (For 7 wks in 47.2 overs)	312	
Did not bat: Jayawardene, Mathews, Karunaratne, Chandimal, Perera, Herath, Malinga, Lakmal.		
Fall of wickets: 1-100		

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	8	0	48	0
Broad	10	1	67	0
Woakes	9.2	0	72	0
Finn	8	0	54	0
Moeen	10	0	50	1
Root	2	0	12	0

Result: Sri Lanka won by 9 wickets.
 Player-of-the-match: Kumar Sangakkara.
 Toss: England

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Score more, Misbah asks batters

AFP, Brisbane

Pakistan skipper Misbahul Haq told his batsmen to shape-up or ship out of the World Cup after the 1992 champions scraped a 20-run win over Zimbabwe on Sunday.

It was Pakistan's first victory of this World Cup after losing by 76 runs to India and suffering a 150-run hiding at the hands of the West Indies in their previous two Pool B fixtures.

Misbah needed his bowlers to set up Sunday's win after his side had been limited to a modest 235 for seven by another poor top-order effort.

It was Pakistan's highest total of the tournament but a long way off the fourteen 300 and over totals so far registered elsewhere in the event.

"We need to work hard to improve our batting. All the teams are getting to 280, 290, or 300, so we need to start well and capitalise," said Misbah.

So far at the World Cup, Pakistan have scored 224 all out against India and were dismissed for just 160 by the West Indies.

Misbah has his team's best two scores of 76 against Pakistan and 73 on Sunday.

Umar Akmal and Sohaib Maqsood got beyond fifty

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against the West Indies while Wahab Riaz scored a half-century against Zimbabwe at Brisbane's Gabba ground.

"It was really tough because it was a make or break game for us. You can't believe how happy we are because we were out of the tournament if we'd lost this game," added the captain.

"The pitch wasn't easy. It was a bit two-paced and it was really difficult to rotate the strike.

"I felt 250-260 would be really challenging today. We were 15-20 runs short but we showed the kind of quality we have in the bowling line-up and credit should be given to the fast bowlers."

The win gave Pakistan, who won the World Cup when the tournament was last staged in Australia and New Zealand 23 years ago, their first two points.

But they are second from bottom in their pool, with just the top four sides going into the quarterfinals.

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KUMAR SANGAKKARA

Teams in Pool A must be cursing Bangladesh's fielders. Those catch-drops against Sri Lanka seemed to have woken up the sleeping lion and boy is he enjoying himself. After 400 ODIs one would have expected Kumar Sangakkara to be way past his prime; but here he is smacking one century after the other. He may be getting tired a lot sooner these days -- going by his post-match statements -- and these ODIs may also be the last few of his career, but the 37-year-old looks like he can go on for years. After Tillakaratne Dilshan was sent back in the 19th over, England hoped for a comeback. But that opportunity never arrived as Sangakkara's 117 off 86 balls took Sri Lanka home without any hassles.

WAHAB RIAZ

Being a Pakistani fan at the moment must be difficult. They have failed to break the India jinx, their top order hasn't managed to score runs on placid batting tracks and they are also having hard times with some of their coaching management; heck even Bangladesh seem to be enjoying a slightly better run. However, it was under these circumstances that Wahab Riaz put in one of the performances of his life to bring them back from the brink. He first scored a vital 54 off 46 balls at number eight to give them a feather of a chance and then bowled some fierce bouncers which rocketed at 145 kph to scalp four wickets. It was the kind of performances that can lift his side's spirit.

THIRD EYE
A recipe for Tigers

ATIQUÉ ANAM

Well, well, well. Pakistan are finally off the mark. It has taken the former champions two bashings and a close escape to register their first points on the board. Does this team look like going through to the knock-out rounds? Or do these players look anything like their predecessors, who had the character to turn matches on their heads from points of no return?

This current team, led by the under pressure Misbahul Haq, look frustratingly short of both character and spirit. Having won the toss against Zimbabwe yesterday, Pakistan trotted to 14 for 2 in the first powerplay, the lowest in the tournament so far. Against West Indies in the previous match, the score was 25 for 4. This type of batting hardly fits the bill in modern one-day cricket, and only shows how much struggle it has been for the Pakistanis so far. The only good thing about this team is their bowling attack; which despite missing the likes of Saeed Ajmal, Mohammad Hafeez and Junaid Khan, has given the team hope when the batting had left them with little to hope for. The future for this team, at least in this tournament, looks quite bleak.

Meanwhile, in Pool A, Sri Lanka have all but confirmed their quarterfinal berth with three consecutive wins, after an opening match defeat against New Zealand. Even at this early stage, it looks like the first three quarterfinal berths will be grabbed by New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Australia, leaving the

fourth spot to a two-way battle between England and Bangladesh.

As a direct consequence of Sri Lanka's nine-wicket victory over England yesterday, Bangladesh will stay at the third position till March 5, when they will meet Scotland. And with a win over Scotland, a team Bangladesh have never lost against in ODIs (3 times the two sides met), will keep them at that position, by the end of that day, unless of course the Australians pound Afghanistan by a massive margin, to get ahead of Bangladesh on net run rate.

Despite the three points in their bag, it must be confessed that the Tigers haven't looked quite convincing so far, not by any stretch of imagination. The overall performance against Sri Lanka, except for some early discipline from the pace bowlers, was appalling.

The shoddy fielding and wicket-keeping rubbed on to the bowling at the latter stage as the Lankans posted 332 runs on the board, taking the game away from the Tigers. Even during the 105-run win against Afghanistan, when fielding was less tested, the batting effort left a lot to be desired. It took some late aggression from Shakib Al Hasan and Mushfiqur to get the score to 267, on a pitch which looked tailor-made for 300.

One reckons that sort of timid approach will help their cause little when they take on England and New Zealand, the last two opponents in the group stages, on March 9 and 13 respectively.

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Taylor is clueless

AFP, Brisbane

Zimbabwe wicketkeeper Brendan Taylor said he couldn't comprehend his team's 20-run loss to Pakistan at the World Cup in Brisbane on Sunday.

Zimbabwe appeared well on track as Hamilton Masakadza (29), Taylor (50) and Sean Williams (33) dominated the Pakistan attack.

But some soft dismissals handed the momentum back to Pakistan.

Taylor said Zimbabwe had targeted this match as one they could win and said they had only done half the job.

"We certainly did target this match and we felt that half the job was done particularly well by restricting them to 235," he said.

"But they came out in the first 15 overs and made it pretty difficult for us [to score runs].

"We needed a partnership but unfortunately 50 and 30 run partnerships won't get you over the line.

"It is extremely difficult to comprehend this loss."

Taylor said the experienced batsmen, including he and Williams, had to shoulder much of the blame.

"We both felt like we were cruising nicely but again we found ways to get out at crucial periods -- some soft dismissals as well," Taylor said.

"That's been a major downfall for us in the last four games, crucial periods when batters have needed to get through those initial periods, then finding ways to get out.

"It's not helping the team's cause."

The 29-year-old said Zimbabwe still believed they could reach the final eight, despite having to play tournament heavyweights India in their final pool match.

"It's definitely a little more added pressure -- we feel we are 80 per cent there," he said.

PAKISTAN V ZIMBABWE

PAKISTAN	R/B	4/6
Jamshed c Raza b Chatara	1/9	0/0
Shehzad c Taylor b Chatara	0/11	0/0
Sohail c Williams b Raza	27/44	2/0
Misbah c Williams b Chatara	73/121	3/0
Akmal b Williams	33/42	3/0
Afridi b Williams	0/2	0/0
Maqsood c & b Mupariwa	21/17	2/0
Riaz not out	54/46	6/1
Sohail not out	6/8	0/0
Extras: (lb-3, w-17)	20	
Total: (For 7 wks in 50 overs)	235	
Did not bat: Rahat, Irfan.		
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-4, 3-58, 4-127, 5-127, 6-155, 7-202.		

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Panyangara	10	1	49	0
Chatara	10	2	35	3
Mupariwa	8	1	36	1
Williams	10	1	48	2
Masakadza	3	0	14	0
Chigumbura	1	0	7	0
Raza	7	0	34	1
Mire	1	0	9	0

ZIMBABWE

ZIMBABWE	R/B	4/6
Chibhabha c Harris b Irfan	9/18	2/0
Raza c Harris b Irfan	8/15	0/0
Masakadza c Misbah b Irfan	29/54	4/0
Taylor c Akmal b Riaz	50/72	6/0
Williams c Shehzad b Rahat	33/32	2/0
Ervine c Akmal b Riaz	14/29	1/0
Mire c Akmal b Irfan	8/14	0/0
Chigumbura c Akmal b Riaz	35/35	4/0
Mupariwa c Akmal b Riaz	0/2	0/0
Panyangara run out	10/28	0/0
Chatara not out	0/0	0/0
Extras: (b-3, lb-2, w-13, nb-1)	19	
Total: (All out in 49.4 overs)	215	
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-22, 3-74, 4-128, 5-150, 6-166, 7-168, 8-168, 9-215.		

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Irfan	10	2	30	4
Sohail	10	0	45	0
Rahat	10	0	37	1
Riaz	9.4	1	45	4
Afridi	10	1	53	0

Result: Pakistan won by 20 runs.
 Player-of-the-match: Wahab Riaz.
 Toss: Pakistan

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