

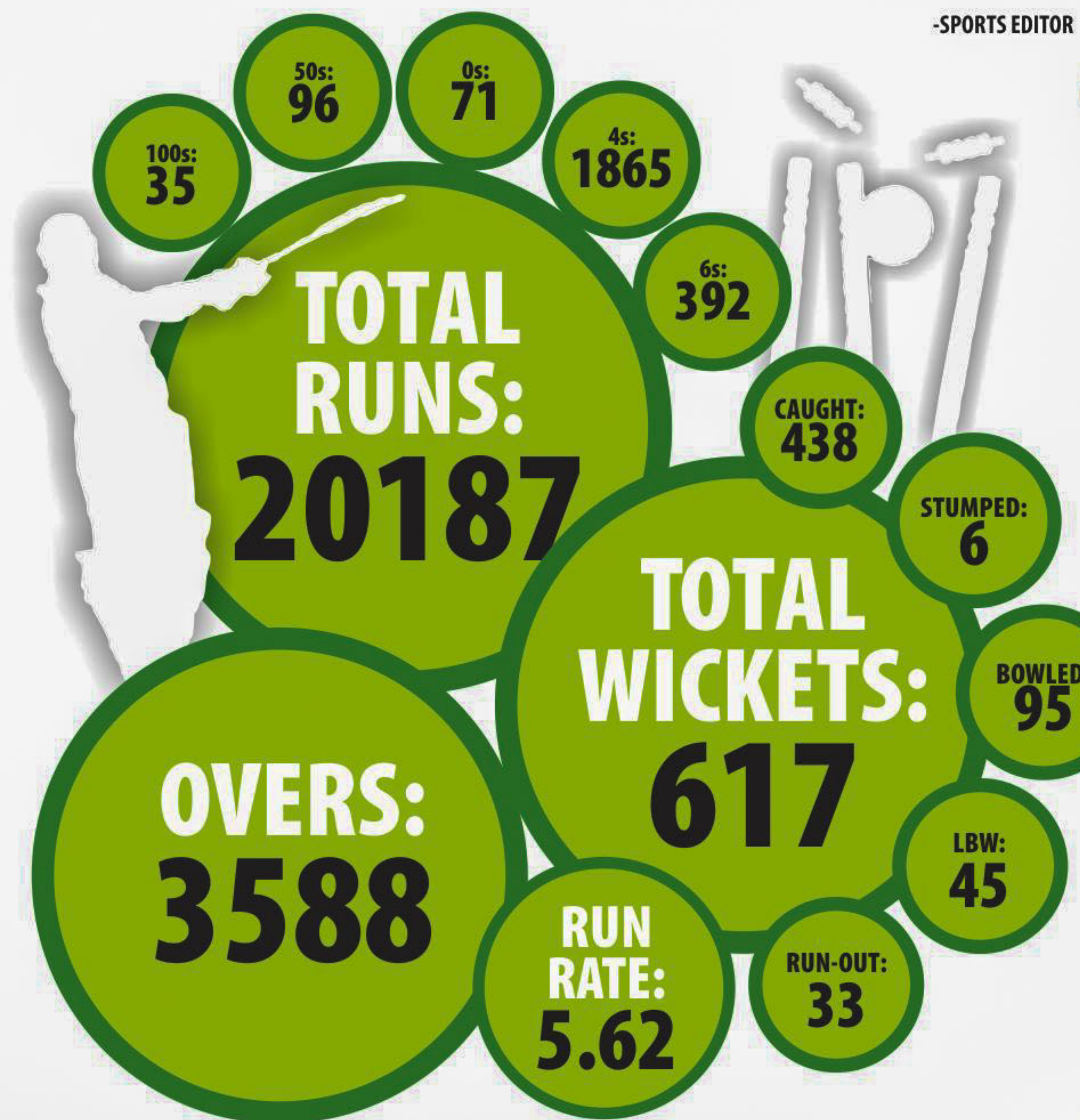


**RUNS OFF THE BAT**  
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# THE NUMBERS GAME

The knockout stage of the ICC World Cup 2015 is almost upon us after an exhilarating Group Stage filled with feats and records. 42 matches lead to a lot of numbers to crunch and digest, but we have tried our best to process, arrange, and present the Group Stage stats to you in an exclusive and entertaining format. It was a combined effort of The Daily Star Sports team's two newest members, **Saaber Shoyeb** and **Ekrum Hossain** who have compiled all the facts and figures. We believe it's an effort worth reflecting on for our readers after an absorbing four weeks where the Tigers were the beats of millions.

-SPORTS EDITOR



## BATTING RECORDS

### TOP BATSMEN



#### KUMAR SANGAKKARA

Innings: 6, Runs: 496, Avg: 124.0, SR: 119.52, 4s: 54, 6s: 7. The only batsman to score 4 ODI centuries in a row.



#### Fastest 50 in World Cups:

**Brendon McCullum** 77(25)-50 off 18 balls 4s:7, 6s: 4, SR:308.00 [vs ENG]



#### Fastest 150 in ODIs:

**AB de Villiers** 162\*(66)-150 off 64 balls (4s:17, 6s: 6) SR: 245.45 [vs WI]



#### Highest individual score:

**Chris Gayle:** 215 (147), 4s: 10, 6s: 16, SR: 146.25 [vs ZIM]



### THE ROCK

1<sup>st</sup> Bangladeshi to score a WC century, also 2 100s in a row: **Mahmudullah** 128\* vs NZ & 103 vs ENG

Highest WC team total: AUS 417/6 vs AFG. Also the highest win margin in the same match by AUS, 275 runs.

Highest successful run chase in this WC, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest among all WC matches: BAN 322/4 vs SCO 318/8

Number of 300+ innings in this WC (only in group stages): 24. Previous record: 17 (2011 WC, all stages).

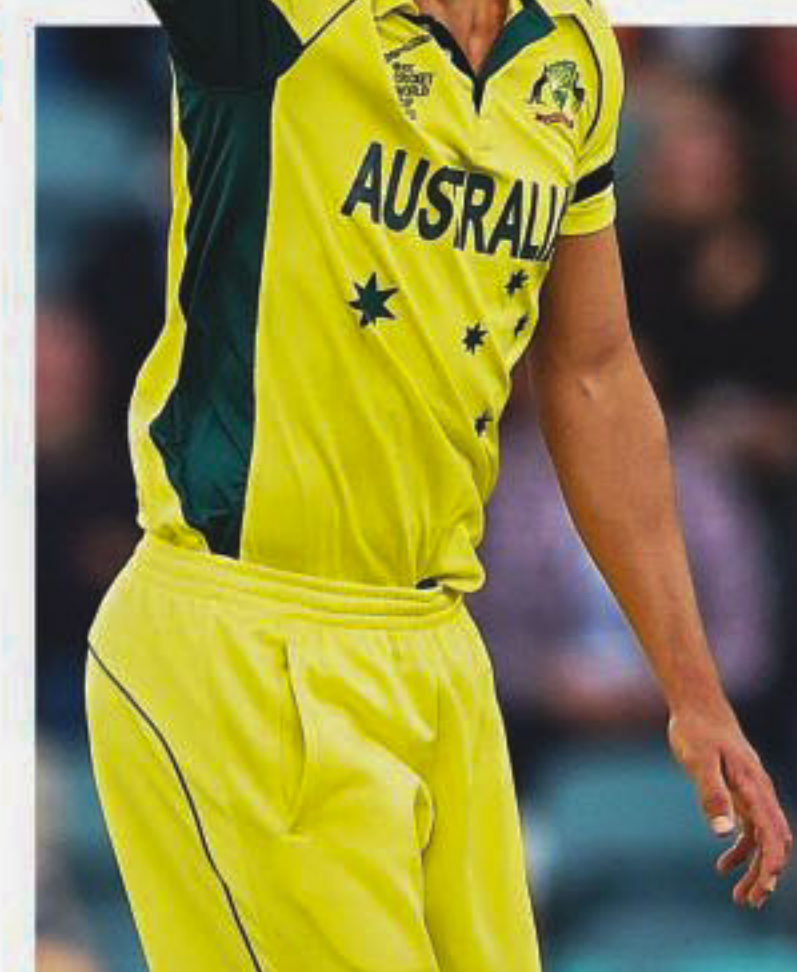
Highest WC Partnership: 372 runs

Overs: 49.4 RR: 7.48 CH Gayle (215) MN Samuels (133) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket.

## BOWLING RECORDS

### TOP BOWLER

**Mitchell Starc** balls: 222, runs: 136, wickets: 16, 4W:1, 5W:1  
3<sup>rd</sup> best figures in a WC innings: **Timothy Southee** (NZ) 7-33 vs ENG  
Hat-trick: S T Finn (ENG) vs AUS (Haddin, Maxwell, Johnson)



#### TOP 5 BOWLERS

PLAYER	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BBI	AVE	ECON	SR	4	5
MA Starc (Aus)	37.0	2	136	16	6/28	8.50	3.67	13.8	1	1
TA Boult (NZ)	56.0	11	234	15	5/27	15.60	4.17	22.4	0	1
JH Davey (Scot)	50.0	2	311	15	4/68	20.73	6.22	20.0	1	0
Mohammad Shami (IND)	43.0	6	189	15	4/35	12.60	4.39	17.2	1	0
JE Taylor (WI)	50.3	2	257	14	3/15	18.35	5.08	21.6	0	0

TRIVIA: THE TOP 5 BOWLERS HAVE TAKEN OVER 12% OF ALL THE WICKETS IN THE GROUP STAGE!

#### POWERPLAY COMPARISON

POWERPLAY 1 ● POWERPLAY 2

**3861** RUNS **2353**

**129** WICKETS **63**

**814** OVERS **364**

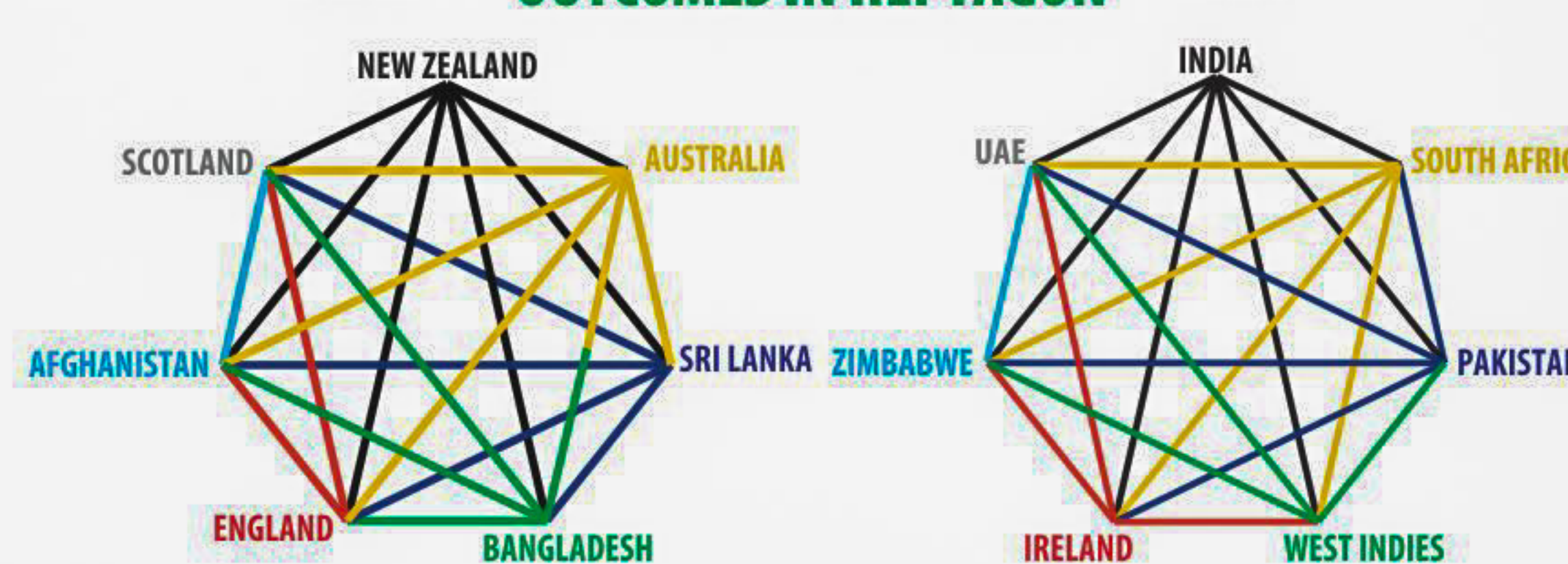
**4.74** RUN RATE **6.46**



PLAYER	MAT	RUNS	HS	AVE	SR	100	50	0	4S	6S
K Sangakkara (SL)	6	496	124	124.00	119.51	4	0	0	54	7
BRM Taylor (Zim)	6	433	138	72.16	106.91	2	1	0	43	12
AB de Villiers (SA)	6	417	162*	83.40	144.29	1	2	0	35	20
TM Dilshan (SL)	6	395	161*	79.00	98.25	2	1	1	46	3
Mahmudullah (Ban)	5	344	128*	86.00	82.89	2	1	0	28	6

TRIVIA: THE TOP 5 BATSMEN HAVE SCORED A OVER 10% OF ALL THE RUNS IN THE GROUP STAGE!

#### POOL A OUTCOMES IN HEPTAGON POOL B



#### BOUNDARIES BY TEAMS

NEW ZEALAND 4s: 135, 6s: 27	AUSTRALIA 4s: 144, 6s: 35	SRI LANKA 4s: 172, 6s: 25	BANGLADESH 4s: 129, 6s: 24	ENGLAND 4s: 123, 6s: 18	AFGHANISTAN 4s: 87, 6s: 19	SCOTLAND 4s: 124, 6s: 17
INDIA 4s: 139, 6s: 27	SOUTH AFRICA 4s: 157, 6s: 50	PAKISTAN 4s: 116, 6s: 22	WEST INDIES 4s: 120, 6s: 52	IRELAND 4s: 148, 6s: 28	ZIMBABWE 4s: 152, 6s: 34	UAE 4s: 119, 6s: 14

## Magic moments

#### RAMBO INSPIRES AFGHANS

Afghanistan fast bowler Hamid Hassan has become a cult hero, charging in with bandanna strapped tightly around his head, with cheeks painted in the colours of the Afghan flag. He admits his hero is Rambo but unlike Sylvester Stallone's on-screen lone wolf, he performs a nifty cartwheel when he takes a wicket.

#### GAYLE TAKES TWEET REVENGE

If West Indies Cricket Board president Dave Cameron was trying to get Chris Gayle fired up when he retweeted a call from a fan to pension off the star opener, it certainly did the trick.

"Gayle goes ... Can't buy a run. Let's give him a retirement package ... Can't fail repeatedly and still front up based on reputation," was the post retweeted

by the Windies boss.

Two days later, Gayle smashed the first ever World Cup double century in the win over Zimbabwe.

Cameron apologised for his blunder.

"No offense intended. Full apologies extended. Rally round the West Indies," he wrote on Twitter.

#### JOYCE FREED ON BAIL

Ireland's Ed Joyce had a lucky break when he survived the ball hitting the stumps while batting against the United Arab Emirates in Brisbane.

Amjad Javed thought he'd struck with his fourth ball when an inswinger beat Joyce's defence and caused the LED lights on the balls to flash. But although the off-ball was disturbed, it landed back in its groove and

Joyce, who stood his ground as seamer Javed cele-

brated prematurely, was not out.

#### AFGHANISTAN TO WIN WORLD CUP, SAYS ROBOT

A New Zealand robot predicted World Cup glory for Afghanistan although even the machine's programmer said such an outcome was unlikely.

The University of Canterbury's robot Ikram made the prediction using software developed by doctoral student Eduardo Sandoval.

It was wide of the mark as Afghanistan went out of the tournament with just a win against Scotland to their name.

#### CHOKES ON YOU, MAXWELL

Glenn Maxwell joked with the Auckland crowd that



## TERRIFIC TIGERS

Mushfiqur Rahim is the fourth wicketkeeper to have scored a fifty and effected four or more dismissals in a World Cup match. The three other keepers are Brad Haddin, Ridley Jacobs and Kumar Sangakkara.

Mahmudullah is the only batsman to score a century against NZ in this WC. He is also the only Bangladeshi batsman to score a century in the WC, and also happens to have 2 in a row. Bangladesh's highest totals in the World Cup when batting first (288/7) came against NZ. The Tigers were the first team to face NZ and have wickets remaining at the end of their innings in this WC.

Shakib Al Hasan and Rubel Hossain both have 4 wicket hauls in the World Cup. Bangladesh is the only Test playing nation whose batsmen had never previously scored a WC century.



New Zealand would crumble in their pursuit of a modest 152-run target to defeat his Australians by turning to the fans and making a choking gesture by clasping his hands around his throat. Moments later, Kane Williamson launched a six over Maxwell's head for a dramatic one-wicket win.

#### BUGS LIFE IN HAMILTON

New Zealand and Bangladesh players had to call for insect sprays to fend off swarms of black bugs which descended on Hamilton's Seddon Park.

On a steamy, muggy day in the city, bugs caused a number of brief stoppages as Bangladesh batted in the early afternoon.

It was also reported that nearby pharmacies had run out of insect repellent as players and fans sought relief

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