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 Sri Lanka  
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Australia pacer Josh Hazlewood (L) was the stand-out performer yesterday, taking 4 wickets against Pakistan at the Adelaide Oval.

# Sad end to a great journey

BISHWAJIT ROY from Melbourne

There was an eerie sense of quietness amongst the Bangladeshi contingent at the team hotel yesterday. It almost felt as though the players were still going through the motions of their thumping defeat at the hands of India.

While some of the cricketers stepped out to enjoy some fresh air, many of them preferred staying in their rooms. The overall sentiment though remained the same. They felt unlucky and deprived. The one thing that was clear was that the players were yet to recover from the hangover.

"I accept that we didn't do well with the bat. But it got difficult after that decision [no-ball against Rubel Hossain] went against us. That did have an effect on us. We couldn't recover from then onwards," said a player.

"But on the whole it was a very good performance from India. Their bowlers judged our weaknesses very well and bowled accordingly. It was a sad end to a good journey," he added.

which is due to begin on April 10.

While Bangladesh did end up achieving their target by reaching the quarterfinals of the competition, chief selector Faruque Ahmed was a bit disappointed with the way the Tigers performed in the knockout stage.

"It was good that we reached the last eight. But I thought our batting could have been a lot better. We were unfortunate with some of the decisions but we should have put up a better show with the bat," said the former national captain.

Bangladesh left for Adelaide yesterday.

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They are scheduled to arrive in Bangladesh tomorrow evening. The manner in which the tournament ended for the Tigers clearly does not reflect the intensity with which they played throughout the World Cup.

From beating England to taking New Zealand down the wire, there was a lot of energy from this young side, which as Mashrafe put it, is only likely to grow in the coming year.

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## Clarke hails whirlwind Wahab

AFP, Adelaide

Australia captain Michael Clarke lauded Pakistani fast bowler Wahab Riaz, saying his side was lucky to survive the left-armed's torrid spell to win the World Cup quarterfinal.

Watson hit the winning boundary after a tense start to Australia's chase saw left-armed Wahab remove David Warner and Clarke in his first two overs.

But two dropped catches, both off Wahab's bowling, cost Pakistan dearly. Watson was on four when he hooked a bouncer high to fine-leg where Rahat Ali got under the ball but dropped the catch.

Wahab, who later returned for his second spell in the 29th over, almost removed Maxwell with his second

delivery, but Sohail Khan at third man failed to hold the top-edged pull.

"That spell by Wahab was as good as any I have faced in one-day cricket after a long time," Clarke said.

"Left-armers are always tough to face for right-hand batsmen because the ball comes on to you.

"If that catch off Watson had been taken, who knows what would have happened. This game would have been closer for sure.

"Fast bowling definitely played a part in this game for both teams. If Watson's catch had been taken maybe Pakistan's 213 may have been enough.

"But credit must go to the way we found a way to see through that spell. There was a bit of luck but it also showed Watson's experience."

Clarke said the loss of early wickets did not worry him.

"No, I was not worried by that start," he said. "That's the way the game goes when there are two new balls. Thankfully, we have depth in the batting."

Clarke praised the batting contributions of Smith, Watson and Maxwell, but said the win was set up by Josh Hazlewood's four for 35 that restricted the Pakistani batsmen.

"I think all our bowlers deserve credit, especially Josh who claimed four important wickets," he said. "It really was a good job by all."

Australia's eighth consecutive win over Pakistan on their own soil set up an enticing semifinal clash against defending champions India at the

## Wahab's burst from the past

ATIQUÉ ANAM

In a game which is seeing increasing dominance of bat over the ball, with all the rules favouring the batsman and making it all the more difficult for bowlers to dictate, the scene of a tearaway fast bowler pushing the batsmen to the ropes remain one of the rarest moments of sheer joy to genuine cricket lovers.

Just the other day West Indies coach and legendary fast bowler Curtly Ambrose ruefully said that the way one-day cricket's rules are favouring the batsmen teams might as well start using bowling machines rather than bowlers.

And then out of nowhere a Pakistani fast bowler produces a spell of breathtaking brilliance and venom, and you

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**PAKISTAN V AUSTRALIA**

PAKISTAN	R/B	4/6
Shehzad c Clarke b Hazlewood	5/13	0/0
Sarfraz c Watson b Starc	10/16	1/0
Haris c Haddin b Johnson	41/57	4/0
Misbah c Finch b Maxwell	34/59	1/2
U Akmal c Finch b Maxwell	20/25	2/0
Maqsood c Johnson b Hazlewood	29/44	1/0
Afridi c Finch b Hazlewood	23/15	3/1
Riaz c Haddin b Starc	16/22	2/0
Adil c Starc b Faulkner	15/22	1/0
Sohail c Haddin b Hazlewood	4/5	0/0
Rahat not out	6/21	0/0
Extras: (lb-5, w-5)	10	
Total: (All out in 49.5 overs)	213	
Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-24, 3-97, 4-112, 5-124, 6-158, 7-188, 8-188, 9-195.		

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**TODAY'S MATCH**  
 New Zealand v West Indies  
 Fourth Quarterfinal  
 Time: 7:00am  
 Venue: Wellington

## ICC blasts Kamal

AFP, Sydney

International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive David Richardson on Friday slammed his organisation's Bangladeshi president for questioning the integrity of umpires, saying allegations of fixing were "unfortunate" and "baseless".

Mustafa Kamal claimed decisions made by officials during Bangladesh's 109-run loss to India in their World Cup quarterfinal in Melbourne on Thursday seemed to have been "pre-arranged".

Kamal was angry that India's Rohit Sharma, who top-scored with 137, had not been given out when he was on 90.

Rohit had been caught at deep mid-wicket off the bowling of Rubel Hossain, but umpires Aleem Dar and Ian Gould signalled a no-ball for what appeared to be a legitimate waist-high delivery.

But Richardson defended Dar and Gould from all accusations of biased officiating.

"The ICC has noted Mr Mustafa Kamal's comments, which are very unfortunate but made in his personal capacity. As an ICC president, he should have been more considerate in his criticism of ICC match officials, whose integrity cannot be questioned," said Richardson.

"The no-ball decision was a 50-50 call. The spirit of the game dictates that the umpire's decision is final and must be respected," the former South Africa wicketkeeper added.

"Any suggestion that the match officials had 'an agenda' or did anything other than perform to the best of their ability are baseless and are refuted in the strongest possible terms," Richardson insisted.

Kamal said he was considering quitting his post in protest.

"As the ICC president, whatever I have to say I will say it in next meeting. It could happen that maybe I will resign," Kamal said in comments aired on Bangladeshi television.

"There was no quality in the umpiring. It looked like they took the field after it (the outcome) was pre-arranged," he alleged.

Kamal, whose position has been largely ceremonial since India's Narayanaswami Srinivasan became the body's chairman last year, said the ICC's acronym seemed to

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**SHANE WATSON**

Shane Watson had a hard time during this World Cup. Having scored only 23 runs in the first two matches and on the back of a prolonged lean patch, the all-rounder was dropped for the match against Afghanistan as Australia preferred to go with Mitchell Marsh. Watson felt his World Cup was over, he claimed later. But perhaps as a last chance, the Australian think-tank gave him another go against Sri Lanka, and the 33-year-old all-rounder grabbed the opportunity with both hands. He scored a valuable 67 and claimed a wicket and followed it up with 24 and a wicket against Scotland in the last group match. Yesterday when Watson came in to bat, his side were in trouble at 59 for three. From there Watson pulled his side out of trouble with an unbeaten 64-run knock. He had trouble facing Wahab Riaz and survived a scare, but made most of that opportunity to see Australia through to the semifinal.

**PAKISTAN V AUSTRALIA**

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Starc	10	1	40	2
Hazlewood	10	1	35	4
Johnson	10	0	42	1
Maxwell	7	0	43	2
Watson	5	0	17	0
Faulkner	7.5	0	31	1

**AUSTRALIA**

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sohail	7.5	0	57	1
Adil	5	0	31	0
Rahat	6	0	37	1
Riaz	9	0	54	2
Afridi	4	0	30	0
Haris	2	0	7	0

**Result:** Australia won by 6 wickets.  
**Player-of-the-match:** Josh Hazlewood.  
**Toss:** Pakistan

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