



(TOP L-R) Rookie Pakistan batsman Fakhar Zaman took full toll of early fortune to hit 114 and take Pakistan to 338 for four before fast bowler Mohammad Amir packed off India's top three to set up a crushing win in the final of the Champions Trophy at The Oval yesterday. (BOTTOM L-R) The Indian fans were out in force at The Oval but it was going Pakistan's way as after Fakhar, Mohammad Hafeez unleashed fireworks in the end and in the chase, India's biggest hope Virat Kohli departed early, leaving the Pakistan fans to laugh last and loudest.

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### IND-PAK SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN	R/B	45/65		
Azhar run out	59/71	6/1		
Fakhar c Jadeja b Pandya	114/106	12/3		
Babar c Yuvraj Singh b Jadeja	46/52	4/0		
Shoaib c Jadhav b Kumar	12/16	0/1		
Hafeez not out	57/37	4/3		
Wasim not out	25/21	1/1		
Extras: (lb-9, w-13, nb-3)	25			
Total: (For 4 wickets in 50 overs)	338			
Fall of wickets: 1-128, 2-200, 3-247, 4-267.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bhuvaneshwar	10	2	44	1
Bumrah	9	0	68	0
Ashwin	10	0	70	0
Pandya	10	0	53	1
Jadeja	8	0	67	0
Jadhav	3	0	27	1

INDIA	R/B	45/65		
Sharma lbw b Amir	0/3	0/0		
Dhawan Sarfraz b Amir	21/22	4/0		
Kohli c Shadab b Mohammad	5/9	0/0		
Yuvraj lbw b Shadab	22/31	4/0		
Dhoni c Imad b Hasan	4/16	0/0		
Jadhav c Sarfraz b Shadab	9/13	2/0		
Pandya run out	76/43	4/6		
Jadeja (Babar b Junaid)	15/26	0/0		
Ashwin c Sarfraz b Hasan	1/3	0/0		
Bhuvaneshwar not out	1/8	0/0		
Bumrah c Sarfraz b Hasan	1/9	0/0		
Extras: (lb-2, w-1)	3			
Total: (All out in 30.3 overs)	158			
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-6, 3-33, 4-54, 5-54, 6-72, 7-152, 8-156, 9-156, 10-158.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Amir	6	2	16	3
Junaid	6	1	20	1
Hafeez	1	0	13	0
Hasan	6.3	1	19	3
Shadab	7	0	60	2
Imad	0.3	0	3	0
Fakhar	3.3	0	25	0

Toss: India, who chose to field.  
 Player-of-the-match: Fakhar Zaman (PAK)  
 Player-of-the-series: Hasan Ali (PAK)

## Pakistan's rousing triumph

AL-AMIN from The Oval



Pakistan's first triumph in the Champions Trophy, which they completed after posting a massive 338 for four and then restricting bitter rivals India to 158 at The Oval, owes much to the fourth over of the pulsating contest, which will definitely be treated as the game-changing moment.

Few might argue that Mohammad Amir's opening burst, that accounted for India's two most prolific batsmen -- opener Rohit Sharma for a three-ball duck in the first over and captain Virat Kohli for five in the third over -- was as important for Pakistan to win their first world title since the 2009 World Twenty20.

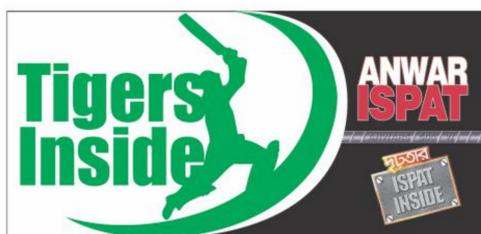
But it was the first ball of the fourth over that turned cruel for India and a blessing for Pakistan. Opener Fakhar Zaman was heading for the dressing room after nicking Jasprit Bumrah behind the wicket to MS Dhoni. He was then on three and standing on the edge of the boundary as the TV umpire was checking whether the bowler has overstepped or not.

The left-hander, who was playing only his fourth one-day game after debuting in the tournament, returned to the crease much to the delight of the Pakistan fans. He took his guard and also took his time before unleashing a

breath-taking innings of 114 off 106 balls.

The 27-year-old first put on 128 runs for the opening stand with Azhar Ali. Interestingly it was Pakistan's first back-to-back century partnership for the opening stand after a long gap of 14 years since their last exploits against New Zealand in 2003.

It also spoke to how important that partnership was for a success-starved Pakistan. When Azhar Ali was dismissed for 59 off 61 balls, it was



Fakhar who was to be blamed for the run-out. It was an easy single but the left-hander was watching the ball instead of responding to his teammate's call. He was certainly disappointed but his reaction after Azhar's dismissal was something amazing for someone playing only his fourth one-day international and that too in a big final.

The hard-hitting batsman took the attack to the left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja, hitting a

massive six and a couple of savage boundaries in the 26th over that produced 15 runs. He took his aim at off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin in the next over, smashing one over long-on, ran for three but it should have been a four through the covers and a late cut for four down to third man. He also raced to his 100 off just 92 balls with the help of 12 fours and two sixes.

He was more aggressive after his century before a top-edge off an attempted pull ended his innings exactly 30 overs after he had started his charmed second. But by the time he was dismissed Pakistan were perfectly placed at 200 for two to build on his total. Babar Azam then hit a fine 46 and Mohammad Hafeez a 37-ball 57 to take the total to a level that their impressive bowling unit could comfortably defend.

If Fakhar was the hero that the full house at The Oval and 50-odd on the rooftop of Archbishop Tenison's School saluted as the unlikely hero of the game, young right-arm pace bowler Bumrah would be remembered as the villain, especially for the India fans. It was not the first no-ball, and the costliest one, he bowled in the game. A wayward Bumrah also bowled two consecutive no balls in the match.

But the latest edition of ICC Champions Trophy, which presented a new winner, will be remembered for Fakhar for turning a three into a memorable 114.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

YEAR	CHAMPIONS	RUNNERS-UP
1998	South Africa	West Indies
2000	New Zealand	India
2002	India/Sri Lanka	N/A
2004	West Indies	England
2006	Australia	West Indies
2009	Australia	New Zealand
2013	India	England

### TRIVIA

- Pakistan won by the biggest margin in an ICC tournament final with their 180-run romp against India. The previous largest was when Australia defeated India by 125 runs in 2003.
- 338 was Pakistan's highest total in any tournament final and second-largest total against India.
- Fakhar Zaman became the first Pakistani to score a century in the final of either the World Cup or Champions Trophy.
- Targets of 250 or more in ICC event finals have only been chased successfully twice.
- This edition was the first time that 100 sixes were hit in the Champions Trophy.
- In eight ODI finals, Virat Kohli has an average of 22 with no fifties or hundreds.
- This is the highest margin of victory in India-Pakistan matches, eclipsing their own 159-run win over India in Delhi, 2005.

## Outplayed in all departments: Kohli

SPORTS REPORTER from The Oval



The ICC Champions Trophy has always been generous to participating teams. It has produced seven different winners in eight editions. Even perennial bridesmaids like South Africa and New Zealand won this trophy. On Sunday at The Oval it invited Pakistan into its long list of winners.

Pakistan's victory against India was as spectacular as their campaign in the tournament. After losing their opening game against India by 145 runs, they staged a remarkable turnaround, winning their next three games against Sri Lanka, South Africa and England, in the semifinal, quite convincingly.

They dominated the game from the word go and finished it in some style. When Hasan Ali had Jasprit Bumrah caught by his captain Sarfraz Ahmed in the 31st over with a nasty bouncer, there were not many Indian fans around at the ground to see the complete collapse of an imposing batting line-up. A few Pakistan fans stormed the ground to greet their cricketing heroes only to be neutralised by the bouncers on the ground.

India went into the final with seven straight wins against Pakistan.

"There is not one team that plays the game. You will have to accept the loss because the other team has outplayed you in every department of the game," said the India captain after the final.

"Despite losing early wickets we were looking for a big partnership to set up the game nicely. The way Hardik [Pandey] was hitting we thought we can take the game deep. But he was run out in a terrible mix-up," said Kohli, who scored five before becoming the second victim of a fired-up Mohammad Amir.

Asked if Pakistan's victory was a big moment for the region, he said: "I congratulated them in the post-match. I would do the same here because they deserved to win. They certainly played really good cricket, and they also needed victories like these as a team. You understand those dynamics as a team. Things are not happening and then you win a tournament like this."

Although it was a chastening defeat for Kohli, it was something to savour for his Pakistan counterpart Sarfraz. The wicketkeeper-batsman made a statement even before he took questions from the press and appealed that this victory should open the gate for international teams to tour Pakistan in the future.

## Pakistan deserve it: Arthur

REUTERS, London



Pakistan enhanced their long-held reputation as one of the most unpredictable teams in world sport with an extraordinary and overwhelming victory over bitter local rivals India in the Champions Trophy final on Sunday.

Widely written off after an abject display in their opening group match against the same opponents, the lowest-ranked team going into the tournament suddenly rediscovered their mojo.

"The thing about that loss to India was we knew that was an aberration. It wasn't the norm because we had prepared properly. We knew the calibre of players we had so we just had to keep believing."

A brilliant century by Fakhar Zaman laid the foundations for an imposing total of 338 for four and Mohammad Amir came up with a devastating opening spell to rip out the cream of India's batting, Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Shikhar Dhawan.

"What I do know is that Mohammad Amir, he's a big match player," South African Arthur. "When the game is on the line and

the bigger the game the more he performs, the more ramped up he gets. He's got proper big match temperament, and he showed that today on the biggest stage."

It was Pakistan's first global 50-over title since the 1992 World Cup and a sweet moment for a team who have been unable to host international cricket in recent years

due to security concerns. "I'm sure that the nation of Pakistan is really happy tonight because they deserve it for what they've been through. "The fans not identifying with their heroes because they just don't see international cricket. So let's hope that this really kick-starts that momentum in Pakistan again."



The Pakistan team converge upon captain Sarfraz Ahmed (C) after the 180-run win over India in the Champions Trophy final was completed at The Oval yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS