



It was a milestones day for Pakistan yesterday. Imamul Haq (L) became the youngest Pakistani to score a World Cup ton while Babar Azam (C) became the highest run-getter for Pakistan in a single edition of the World Cup. Finally, Shaheen Shah Afridi became the youngest to take a fiver in World Cups, finished with the most wickets by a teenager in World Cups and recorded the best figures by a Pakistani in World Cups.

PHOTO: ICC/TWITTER/REUTERS

BEST QUOTE



যেহাইট চকলেট পিষ্টাশিও মিশ্রিত হলে ভরবেই মন!

In Sri Lanka we have one domestic season. The players have only one chance to showcase their talent and we have to identify players only from that.

Dimuth Karunaratne
Sri Lanka captain



We have to take the emotion out: Langer

AFP, Manchester

Australia coach Justin Langer believes Steve Smith and David Warner will be under no extra pressure when they face South Africa for the first time since both batsmen were given 12-month bans for ball-tampering.

Both Smith and Warner have been subjected to repeated booing by English crowds during the World Cup – the pair's first major international tournament since their suspensions ended.

"They got a good taste of what they were going to expect from the moment we turned up in England," Langer told reporters at Old Trafford on Thursday.

"This game is significant for a lot of our players, but we've just got to take all the emotion out of it."

Reigning champions Australia are already through to the semis but today's match could determine whether they finish top of the standings and so avoid a last-four clash against resurgent hosts England.

"We're here to take the two points, keep the winning momentum going forward and for those guys this is just another exciting game of World Cup cricket," said Langer.

Warner, one of the leading run-scorers at the World Cup, became a father again when his wife gave birth in London to the couple's third child last weekend, and Langer was delighted with the form of both his star batsmen.

"They're cherishing playing cricket for Australia again, they're both playing really well," he said.

Australia, for all they have won a record five World Cups, were not among the favourites coming into this edition, with some pundits arguing their "old-fashioned" approach was ill-suited to modern ODIs where scores of around 400 are increasingly commonplace.

There were also concerns the lingering fall-out from the ball-tampering scandal would prove a distraction. But instead Australia were the first team to qualify.

"To get to this point has taken a lot of hard work from where we came from in Cape Town," said Langer, appointed after Darren Lehmann resigned in the aftermath.

"It was one of the great crises in Australian cricket, a lot of heartache, certainly a lot of pain.

"But when it came to the World Cup, we talked about when Steve and David come back we want to make sure we build a really strong team so they come in seamlessly."

It's certainly worked so far with Australia the first team into the semi-finals.

"I've talked for a long time about the formula which works for Australian cricket," said Langer. "It's a proven formula, we had to trust it and we are trusting it."

As for Cape Town providing any further motivation, Langer said: "We've had enough emotion in Australian cricket for the last 12 months to last us a lifetime."

"The motivation for us is to get two points and end up on top of the World Cup table."

"We talked about making Australians proud of us back home; hopefully we're doing that. We talked about earning respect again from other countries; hopefully we're doing that, not just by the way we're playing our cricket but also by the way we are going about our business on and off the cricket field."

"We talk about humility as one of our values. We don't just say it because it's a word on a wall, it's not just corporate speak. We actually believe it."

Malik confirms ODI retirement

AFP, London

Pakistan batsman Shoaib Malik confirmed his retirement from ODIs without making a farewell appearance in his side's victory over Bangladesh.

Malik said last year that he intended to quit ODIs after the World Cup and he followed through with that plan yesterday.

The 37-year-old will continue to play T20s, but he admitted it was an emotional moment to call time on his ODI career.

"I am retiring from one-day cricket," said Malik.

"I'm sad as I'm leaving the format I loved the most but this will allow me to spend more time with my family and concentrate on the Twenty20 World Cup next year," added Malik.

Malik was disappointed to finish on a low note.

"Yes, I wanted to help my team win the World Cup as a senior but at times things don't go the way you think and that's part and parcel of cricket," he said.

"I never thought that I will play 20 years for Pakistan but when you play with hard work and honesty you achieve the best and that happened with me."

HAPPY MOMENT

HAVAL
See. Drive. Believe.
Test Drive Today
01841448800
haval.com.bd f havalbangladesh

Bangladesh's World Cup game against Pakistan yesterday was the first ever ODI game for the Tigers at the historic Lord's ground. It is a dream for every cricketer to register their name in the honours board of the prestigious venue by scalping a five-wicket haul or by scoring a century. Bangladesh's left-arm seamer Mustafizur Rahman grabbed the opportunity with both hands and registered his second fiver of the World Cup against Pakistan and that helped him put his name on the honours board. It was the fifth ball of the 50th over when Mustafizur removed Mohammad Amir and achieved the feat, which was undoubtedly the happy moment of the day for the Fizz.

Kiwis can fire in semis, says Stead

REUTERS, London

New Zealand coach Gary Stead has backed his misfiring side to find their lost form in the World Cup and advance to their second successive final.

"Our first goal was to make the semifinals and we're pretty sure we're going to be there so that is a really good thing," Stead told reporters as the Bangladesh-Pakistan was ongoing.

"There are some individuals who obviously aren't getting the runs and wickets that they want to."

"But cricket is a harsh game and we know that you're not going to be perfect every day. As long as we can perform collectively well then that's our best chance of going further in the tournament."

Stead was also confident batters would step up.

"We know from the opening position spot those guys have had a tough tournament," Stead added. "We are under no illusions. It will be tough, but if we can fire a few shots and play at the best of our ability then I think we're a real chance."



PHOTO: ICC

Although the world's foremost all-rounder was not at his best with the ball yesterday, Shakib Al Hasan continued his impressive streak with the willow in the World Cup. He scored fifth half-century, to go along with his two centuries, and climbed back to the list of top run-getters in the tournament. Before the match, the ICC posted this photo with the cheeky caption: "Shakib Al Hasan sitting with all the players having a better World Cup than him."

HAPPY FRIED CHICKEN DAY
6TH JULY '19

ON EVERY BILL... YES. EVERY SINGLE BILL ALL DAY **TODAY**

1 PC CHICKEN FREE TODAY!

Powered By: BRAC Chicken paragon

Dine-in | Takeaway | Delivery

CONNECT WITH US www.kfcbd.com f /kfcbangladesh @ /kfcbd_official

Transcom Foods Limited