

Sir Lankans

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ENG vs SL

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SRI LANKA 232/9 IN 50 OV

D Karunaratne c Buttler b Archer 1 (8b)
K Perera c Ali b Woakes 2 (6b)
A Fernando c Rashid b Wood 49 (39b, 6x4, 2x6)
K Mendis c Morgan b Rashid 46 (68b, 2x4)
A Matthews not out 85 (115b, 5x4, 1x6)
J Mendis c&b Rashid 0 (1b)
D de Silva c Root b Archer 29 (47b, 1x4)
T Perera c Rashid b Archer 2 (6b)
I Udana c Root b Wood 6 (4b, 1x4)
S Malinga b Wood 1 (5b)
N Pradeep not out 1 (1b)

■ Extras: (lb 4, w 6) 10
■ Fall of wickets: 1-3 (Dimuth Karunaratne, 1.6 ov), 2-3 (Kusal Perera, 2.2 ov), 3-62 (Avishka Fernando, 12.5 ov), 4-133 (Kusal Mendis, 29.4 ov), 5-133 (Jeevan Mendis, 29.5 ov), 6-190 (Dhananjaya de Silva, 43.3 ov), 7-200 (Thisara Perera, 45.4 ov), 8-209 (Isuru Udana, 46.4 ov), 9-220 (Lasith Malinga, 48.3 ov)

■ Bowling:
C Woakes 5-0-22-1
J Archer 10-2-52-3
M Wood 8-0-40-3
B Stokes 5-0-16-0
M Ali 10-0-40-0
A Rashid 10-0-45-2
J Root 2-0-13-0

ENGLAND 212 IN 47 OV

J Vince c K Mendis b Malinga 14 (18b, 2x4)
J Bairstow lbw Malinga 0 (1b)
J Root c K Perera b Malinga 57 (89b, 3x4)
E Morgan c&b Udana 21 (35b, 2x4)
B Stokes not out 82 (89b, 7x4, 4x6)
J Buttler lbw Malinga 10 (9b, 1x4)
M Ali c Udana b de Silva 16 (20b, 1x6)
C Woakes c K Perera b de Silva 2 (4b)
A Rashid c K Perera b de Silva 1 (2b)
J Archer c T Perera b Udana 3 (11b)
M Wood c K Perera b Pradeep 0 (4b)

■ Extras: (lb 1, w 5) 6
■ Fall of wickets: 1-1 (Jonny Bairstow, 0.2 ov), 2-26 (James Vince, 6.5 ov), 3-73 (Eoin Morgan, 18.4 ov), 4-127 (Joe Root, 30.3 ov), 5-144 (Jos Buttler, 32.3 ov), 6-170 (Moeen Ali, 38.3 ov), 7-176 (Chris Woakes, 40.1 ov), 8-178 (Adil Rashid, 40.5 ov), 9-186 (Jofra Archer, 43.4 ov)

■ Bowling:
S Malinga 10-1-43-4
N Pradeep 10-1-38-1
D de Silva 8-0-32-3
T Perera 8-0-34-0
I Udana 8-0-41-2
J Mendis 3-0-23-0
■ Sri Lanka won by 20 runs

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT	NRR
Aus	6	5	1	0	0	10	+0.849
NZ	5	4	0	0	1	9	+1.591
Eng	6	4	2	0	0	8	+1.457
Ind	4	3	0	0	1	7	+1.029
SL	6	2	2	0	2	6	-1.119
Ban	6	2	3	0	1	5	-0.407
WI	5	1	3	0	1	3	+0.272
SA	6	1	4	0	1	3	-0.193
Pak	5	1	3	0	1	3	-1.933
Afg	5	0	5	0	0	0	-2.089

Top 4 teams after the ninth round will qualify for the semis.

Islanders come up with a MBE-worthy bowling performance, led by Lasith Malinga's four-wicket haul, to stun favourites England

JOHN PYE
LEEDS, JUNE 21

ANGELO MATHEWS posted a defiant, unbeaten 85 and Lasith Malinga collected four wickets in vintage fashion as the veterans combined to guide Sri Lanka to an upset 20-run win over England at the Cricket World Cup on Friday.

England had been aiming to retake the lead in the standings with a win at Headingley and appeared to be on track after Jofra Archer and Mark Wood took three wickets apiece to restrict Sri Lanka to 232-9.

But when Malinga removed Jonny Bairstow on the second ball and dismissed opener James Vince (14) in the seventh over, England was suddenly wobbling at 26 for 2. The massive win over Afghanistan earlier in the week suddenly seemed like an age ago.

Malinga returned to take 2-12 in his second spell, claiming his 50th World Cup wicket when he had Joe Root (57) caught behind edging down the leg side. He made it 51 when he trapped Jos Buttler (10) lbw with a full ball that crashed into the batsman's boot. The paceman became just the fourth bowler to take more than 50 wickets at the World Cup, joining retired greats Glenn McGrath (71), Muttiah Muralitharan (68) and Wasim Akram (55).

He almost bagged a five-wicket haul, but Ben Stokes was dropped by Kusal Mendis at deep midwicket on his penultimate delivery. Malinga finished with figures of 4-43 off 10 overs. Stokes responded by going on the attack, with nine wickets down, stroking two sixes and two boundaries. He tried to retain the strike as much as possible, declining singles, but was left stranded on 82 when No. 11 batsman Wood was caught behind at the end of the 47th over.

Offspinner Dhananjaya de Silva's 3-3 in nine balls triggered the late collapse, starting when Moeen Ali (16) was caught on the long-on boundary in the 39th over.

Sri Lanka's win shakes up a tournament that was being predictable. For England, it was a defeat that seemed to come out of nowhere, but was similar to the letdown when it was beaten by Pakistan after winning the tournament opener so emphatically against South Africa.

England responded to that loss to Pakistan by beating Bangladesh, West Indies and Afghanistan and was confident of overhauling Australia for top spot in the standings before their match against a struggling Sri Lanka.

"The experienced guys had to come into the game. Unfortunately, we couldn't win the last two games but we managed to scrap today... fantastic," Mathews said. "We had to play our best cricket to beat the best team. Throughout the competition, they've been running over sides. We had to come over something extraordinary, which we did today."

Sri Lanka had only one win — over Afghanistan — two washed out games, and two losses coming into Headingley. After being on the brink of missing the semifinals, the Sri Lankans have six points and renewed hope. There was a positive for England, with Archer returning 3-52, his fifth three-wicket haul in six games, to equal Australia pacesman Mitchell Starc at the top of the tournament's bowling list with 15.

Fellow fast bowler Mark Wood took 3-40 to improve his tally to 12, and wrist spinner Adil Rashid took two wickets with consecutive balls in a haul of 2-45.

The Sri Lankans had three 50-plus part-

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How Sri Lanka's win has upset the applectart

SRI LANKA upsetting England has not only infused life into the World Cup but also intrigued the top-four race. Had England won the match, they would have joined Australia on top with 10 points and rendered the semifinal equation almost straightforward. But as the scenario is, England could still crash out. For the next three matches are against those teams the hosts haven't beaten in a World Cup in the last 27 years—India, Australia and New Zealand. England might still sneak in, but not before a few anxious moments.

Similarly, Sri Lanka's victory has given impetus not only to their last-four prospects but also to Bangladesh, Pakistan and West Indies. Sri Lanka have six points, Bangladesh five, but both West Indies and Pakistan, pegged on three points, have a game in hand. Of them, Bangladesh have the (relatively) least tough run-in, games lined up against India (toughest), Pakistan and Afghanistan. And most of these teams have the opportunity to settle the deal between themselves as most of them are playing each other. That could spice up the next fortnight.



Ben Stokes was unbeaten on 82 off 89 deliveries. Reuters

nerships but didn't consolidate, and twice lost wickets in pairs, relying on Mathews' 115-ball dig to get them to a defendable total.

Avishka Fernando scored 49 from 39 balls and was within a shot of his half-century when he guided a ball from Wood to third man to end a 59-run third-wicket stand.

That brought Mathews to the crease and he shared a 71-run partnership with Kusal Mendis, who scored a patient 46 from 68 balls before Adil Rashid struck twice in two deliveries. England needs to rebound quickly for its game against Australia at Lord's next Tuesday, while Sri Lanka gets a break before taking on South Africa in Durham next Friday. AP

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Sri Lanka's Nuwan Pradeep celebrates dismissing England's last man Mark Wood to give his team a 20-run win. Reuters

West Indies still in last-four race: Holder

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
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Holder says it is just a matter of bringing their best game to the table against the Black Caps, a side who they out-played in a pre-tournament warm up last month. "I think we still have a possible chance to qualify for the semi-finals, but we've just got to take it game by game," Holder told reporters at Old Trafford. "This encounter with New Zealand is very important. We all know what's at stake and we just have to come and bring our 'A' game. It's as simple as that."

On Russell's fitness, Holder said he is definitely out of the weekend clash, but the rest of the squad in available for selection. "We've still got a few niggles within the group. We're trying to manage niggles the best we possibly can," said Holder.

"I think one guy who probably may be definitely out tomorrow is Russell. I don't think he's fit enough to go tomorrow. But everybody else should be good to go."

Russell, 31, has been struggling with a chronic knee injury for the last five years. West Indies lost a close game to Australia on June 6 and then failed to defend 321 against Bangladesh early this week.

Holder said the team, which skipped practice on Friday but went through a bonding exercise, have tried to talk among themselves in a bid to get their act together. "We've had a few frank discussions within the dressing room to find ways in which we can improve on. I think all teams would get themselves in that situation at some point," Holder said.

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Change your specs, Chris

THE SELF-ANOINTED Universe Boss, Chris Gayle, has been batting like a lost pauper in the tournament, his four outings producing a meagre 107 runs, though the wretched run has left his joie de vivre untouched. He has indulged the crowd with a few of his usual jigs and flashiness, sporting a variety of sunglasses. An over-size single-pieced retro visor he flashed against Bangladesh has become a smashing hit on the social media.

But the UK magazine Optician has diagnosed his experimental spree with the shades that are causing the run-drought. "Naturally, if you experiment with too many different types and colours of shades, you end up with vision problems. We advise him to not only stick to a particular type of shades but also consult an ophthalmologist. He's 39, he should know." They even offered free eye test and an offer to become their brand ambassador. Imagine, Gayle batting like Virender Sehwag in the back-end of his career. Call him spec-tacular boss then.

At Cup, West Indies B team

With the West Indies on a free-fall after their raging start, the knives are promptly out at the selectors. The announcement of the A team that's hosting India offered more fodder for criticism. An editorial in Barbados Today was scathing: "We think the selectors had accidentally swapped the teams. At least a dozen of them should have been playing in England. They must have been drunk when picking the team. Seems like they have sent the B team to the World Cup."

Two of the names that kept repeating were those of Roston Chase and Rakheem Cornwall, both off-spinning all-rounders. Chase was their architect in the series win over England, and Cornwall, though on the heavier side, is considered the most promising all-rounder in the Isles and has been on the selectors' radar for a long time without getting due recognition. Moreover, amidst a bunch of rake-hell aggressors, Chase's composed batting would have been invaluable.

Left-arm spinner Jemel Warrican was another name they thought should've been in the team list. The editorial ended sarcastically: "West Indies would have afforded to not pick a quality spinner if the selectors had persuaded Michael Holding and Curtly Ambrose to drop the mic for the ball! Or maybe ask Courtney Walsh to come in disguise." A bit of nostalgia, West Indies can't quite forego.

Lloyd's advice: Bat like Kane

Shai Hope's 121-ball 96 against Bangladesh drew a lot of flak from the Caribbean media. But two-time World Cup winning skipper Clive Lloyd is firmly behind him, praising him and comparing him to New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson, who the other day produced a masterful century. "If West Indies had won that match, Hope's 96 would have been up there with Williamson's century. I advise the top-order to bat like Williamson and Hope, rather than trying to hit every ball out of the ground. This is not T20," he wrote in his column for Jamaican Observer. He also advised the seamers to embrace



GAME FACE

For a West Indies fan it has not been smooth sailing so far. File

a more condition-specific approach. "They are trying to blast people out and I don't think they understand the English conditions. You cannot always do that here be-

cause the pitches during this competition have been batsman-friendly despite the rain. It might be green but it doesn't always fly around. Even in those days when we had

Holding and Gamer and all those guys, we never went all out on short ball."

A snub, a friendship

A Jamaican journalist asked Marlon Samuels who he thought the selectors should have picked. He had no hesitation in spelling out Dwayne Bravo's name. "None of the bowlers are experienced or crafty, the cutters, slower ones, the yorkers nobody in the Caribbean, perhaps the world, as Bravo. If I had been a selector, his would have been the first name on the sheet."

Whether Bravo read it or not, he told a Trinidadian radio station that not picking Samuels was the biggest mistake the selectors made. "Marlon Samuels is a surprise. I think Marlon was there with the team throughout the playoffs (World Cup qualifiers) and in the series after the team had qualified so him being left out was a surprise to me," Bravo said in an interview on 95.5FM. Something was wrong, who knows?" he observed.

What makes their mutual support even more intriguing is that they were not the best of chums in their playing days, their antagonism flaring up during West Indies' aborted tour of India in 2014.

Apparently, Samuels, the highest run-getter in the series, was against the abandonment while Bravo was one of its vehement supporters. Maybe, a snub is all it takes to re-forge lost friendship.

One trick ponies

World Cup-winning minds think alike. On Friday — the 44th anniversary of Clive

Lloyd lifting the first World Cup trophy — the legendary captain, along with teammates circa 1975, termed the current iteration of the West Indies "one-dimensional".

West Indies showed their hand well in advance against Bangladesh, urging their opponents to prepare for chin music. But with Plan A failing during the match, the boy band — "One Dimension" or "1D", if you will — led by captain Jason Holder couldn't form a Plan B. The team conceded 25 wickets against Bangladesh, 21 of which were short balls gone too short. The bouncers on target were dispatched by Shakib-al Hasan and Liton Das. "It would appear that they only have one way to play with no variation to their game plan," Lloyd wrote in his column. "They are trying to blast people out and I don't think they understand the English conditions."

Viv Richards, speaking to *The Antigua Observer*, agreed with his skipper's assessment. "There didn't seem to be any planning, where if this particular plan isn't going to work, then what about plan B, plan C or whatever the case is... We are too one-dimensional," Richards was quoted as saying by *The Antigua Observer*. "Short-pitched bowling" worked against Pakistan, and when you're coming up against other teams, sometimes it may not work, and there just didn't seem to be any particular planning or any particular strategy or any intensity of West Indies wanting to win that match and defend that particular total."

Andy Roberts, he of terrifying bouncers, rounded up the "one-dimensional" critique. "You don't just run up and bowl short. You become one-di-men-sion-al and the bats-man will just sit back and expect it and then hit you away." **ENS**