Kohli and Shami star as clinical India hands Windies a drubbing

Dhoni's half-century and Pandya's cameo propel India to 268 for seven, before an exceptional bowling effort completes the job for the Men in Blue



Run machine: Virat Kohli's poise and application shone through as he top-scored for India on a sluggish wicket. • AFP



K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR

Bollywood numbers were a recurrent chorus and vocal chords found fresh life through unbridled enthusiasm as a packed Old Trafford heaved with a vast majority of Indian fans. There was much to cheer for the boisterous audience while Virat Kohli's men extended their unbeaten run in this World Cup.

After scoring 268 for seven against the West Indies here on Thursday, India bowled out the opposition for 143 in 34.2 overs and registered a 125-run victory.

India's fifth triumph oushed its tally to II and a better net run-rate (+1.463) helped it go past New Zealand to the second slot and inch closer to a semifinal berth. The West Indies,

though, found its tenuous dreams for a last-four finish dissipate.

Gayle fails

A Chris Gayle special was needed if the West Indies had to harbour hopes of a successful chase but the opener failed. The southpaw nearly chopped Mohammed Shami onto his stumps and when the spearhead dug it short, Gayle's half-swat found Kedar Jadhav. Worse was to follow when Shai Hope was unable to thwart Shami's excess inward move-

The West Indies found respite through a 55-run partnership that Sunil Ambris and Nicholas Pooran scripted for the third wicket. But Hardik Pandva dismissed Ambris and Pooran followed suit as he chanced his arm against spinner Kuldeep Ya-

The men from the Caribbean Islands were in trouble at 80 for four in the 21st over while illustrious predecessors like Clive Lloyd in the member's stand and Michael Holding and Curtly Ambrose from the commentary boxes watched with a wistful look.

The spirited comeback never happened as captain Jason Holder perished to Yuzvendra Chahal and, Jasprit Bumrah, after softening up Carlos Brathwaite with a series of yorkers, drew the edge and an air-borne M.S. Dhoni plucked a right-handed catch. Off the next ball, Bumrah scalped Fabian Allen and, though a hat-trick proved elusive, the fight had ebbed away from the West

Slow pitch

Earlier, like the trams that slither through Manchester, India steadily progressed after Kohli elected to bat. The pitch was slow and the fast bowlers kept it tight except when they sprayed bouncers. But India found its core runs from Kohli (72), Dhoni (56 not out), K.L. Rahul (48) and Pandva (46).

Openers Rahul and Rohit Sharma were watchful against Sheldon Cottrell and Kemar Roach. The last named got one to nip back and there was ambiguity over whether the Mumbaikar had edged to wicket-keeper Hope but Holder sought a review and to Rohit's consternation, the plea was validat-

Rahul then buckled down and stitched a 69-run second-wicket partnership with Kohli. The alliance settled after a few scares due to etched his fourth consecutive 50 and added 40 for the fifth wicket with Dhoni.

The former skipper enjoyed a reprieve on eight as Hope missed a regulation stumping off Allen. At the



uppish flicks and haphazard running. There was bonhomie too. Gayle effected a diving save and Kohli applauded his former Royal Challengers Bangalore team-mate.

Wobbling middle-order

Just as Rahul neared his fifty, he played all over a Holder delivery and Vijay Shankar, after essaying a few drives, failed to counter Roach's late moment. The middle-order wobbled as Jadhav fell as another West Indian review for a caught-behind was upheld. Meanwhile, Kohli

other end, panache was evident in a Kohli on-drive off his counterpart Holder, but immediately the premier willow-wielder miscued a swivel pull. A touch tentative at 180 for five in 38.2 overs, India needed a second-wind and it breezed in through a 70-run sixth-wicket partnership between Dhoni and Pandva. The duo ran hard and smote a few.

Holder employed Brathwaite following a thumb injury that briefly benched Oshane Thomas and the Indians prospered. The last 10 overs

SCOREBOARD INDIA VS WEST INDIES

STAT SPHERE

Kohli (417 innings) is the

in T20Is)

417 Kohli

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453 Tendulkar

464 Ponting

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fastest to reach 20,000 runs

Tests, 11.159 in ODIs and 2,263

Kohli is the first Indian captain to win his first five games in

The 125-run win by India is its

biggest against West Indies in the WC in terms of runs, better-

ing the 80-run victory in the

2011 edition. West Indies' last

win against India in the quad-

West Indies scored the fewest

runs in the first PowerPlay (10 overs) in this WC replacing the

rennial event came in 1992

30-2 managed by NZ vs WI Shami has become the first

four-for against West Indies in

4/16 Shami, Manchester, 2019

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3/12 Mohinder, Lord's, 1983

3/26 Zaheer, Chennai, 2011

the WC

BEST BOWLING

INDIA

K.L. Rahul b Holder 48 (64b, 6x4), Rohit Sharma c Hope b Roach 18 (23b, 1x4, 1x6), Virat Kohli c sub b Holder 72 (82b, 8x4), Vijay Shankar c Hope b Roach 14 (19b, 3x4), Kedar Jadhav c Hope b Roach 7 (10b, 1x4), M.S. Dhoni (not out) 56 (61b, 3x4, 2x6), Hardik Pandya c Allen b Cottrell 46 (38b, 5x4), Mohammed Shami c Hope b Cottrell O (2b), Kuldeep Yadav (not out) O (1b); Extras (b-1, w-6): 7: Total (for seven wkts. in 50 overs): 268.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-29 (Rohit, 5.6), 2-98 (Rahul,

20.4), 3-126 (Shankar, 26.1), 4-140 (Jadhav, 28.5), 5-180 (Kohli,

offered 82 and the final five bequeathed 49. Pandya and Shami fell in succession but Dhoni stood tall in the last over bowled by Thomas. A sequence of 6, 0, 0, 4, 0, 6 helped India find a muchneeded surge that persisted through a sunny afternoon.

Next assignment

INDIA: June 30 vs England Edgbaston, 3 p.m.

WEST INDIES: July 1 vs Sri Lanka, Chester-le-Street,

38.2), 6-250 (Pandya, 48.2), 7-252 (Shami, 48.5).

WEST INDIES BOWLING Cottrell 10-0-50-2, Roach 10-0-36-3, Thomas 7-0-63-0, Allen 10-0-52-0, Holder 10-2-33-2, Brathwaite 3-0-33-0. **WEST INDIES**

Chris Gayle c Jadhav b Shami

6 (19b, 1x4), Sunil Ambris lbw b

Rahul b Shami 18 (29b, 1x4),

(13b), Carlos Brathwaite c Dhoni

b Bumrah 1 (5b), Fabian Allen

lbw b Bumrah O (1b), Kemar

Roach (not out) 14 (21b, 3x4),

Shami has also become the

WC, after Umesh in 2015

West Indies, with Thurs-

day's defeat, has become the third team to crash out of

this edition after Afghani

stan and South Africa. The Men in Maroon could

not improve on their

lone semifinal entry (in 1996) after the 1983

4 Consecutive half-centuries for Kohli in

He is the third player

to do so for India, after Sidhu (1987), Tendulka

He is also the third

one to notch up four

fifties on the trot as

captain, after Graeme

Smith (2007) and Finch

46 Number of dot balls bowled by

Holder, the most recorded by a bowler in

a single match in

Gayle's last ODI ton

against India was back in

2006. He has gone without

a ton against the Men in Blue for 21 matches over 13 years

after scoring four in his first 17

this WC

(1996 & 2003)

second Indian to to register consecutive four-fors in the

Pandya 31 (40b, 2x4), Shai Hope 7-107 (Allen, 26.2), 8-112 (Hetb Shami 5 (10b, 1x4), Nicholas myer, 28.3), 9-124 (Cottrell,

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Pooran c Shami b Kuldeep 28 **INDIA BOWLING** (50b, 2x4), Shimron Hetmyer c Shami 6.2-0-16-4, Bumrah 6-1-9-2, Pandya 5-0-28-1, Kuldeep Jason Holder c Jadhav b Chahal 6 9-1-35-1. Jadhav 1-0-4-0. Chahal

Sheldon Cottrell lbw b Chahal 10

(8b, 1x4, 1x6), Oshane Thomas c

Rohit b Shami 6 (11b, 1x4); Extras

(b-9, lb-3, nb-1, w-5): 18; Total

FALL OF WICKETS

6.5), 3-71 (Ambris, 17.6), 4-80

(Pooran, 20.2), 5-98 (Holder,

23.5), 6-107 (Brathwaite, 26.1),

1-10 (Gayle, 4.5), 2-16 (Hope,

(in 34.2 overs): 143.

Toss: India. MoM: Virat Kohli. India won by 125 runs.



OP SHOWS											
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'On wickets like this, 250-260 a good score'

Big game against England but we are confident, says Rahul

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR MANCHESTER

Pitch-forked into the opener's slot after Shikhar Dhawan was ruled out following a left-thumb fracture, K.L. Rahul has done reasonably well up the order in the World Cup. In his new role, Rahul scored 57, 30 and 48 against Pakistan, Afghanistan and the West Indies respectively. He is aware that he has to capitalise on his

A happy Rahul, who played his part in India's triumph over the West Indies, addressed the press at Old Trafford here on Thursday. Excerpts

Surface tension: The pitch was similiar to the one in Southampton. It was slow but here there was a bit of two-pace. On wickets like this, 250 or 260 was a good score. After the first 10 overs, after the discussions we had - Rohit (Sharma) and I, Virat (Kohli) and I – we sent the



off against Afghanistan, picking up another four-for. • AP

feedback to the dressing room that this isn't a 300

Opening clues: At this level you need to be ready. I know Shikhar getting injured was unfortunate, but I was prepared to bat up the order. I had to work harder at number four because I never batted there all my life. You need to be ready for whatever slot the team gives you.

Starts and dismissals: Getting those first 20 to 30 runs are always difficult and then

Top of the charts

- India on Thursday dethroned England to rise to the top of One-Day International rankings
- As per the latest rankings released by the ICC, India leads with 123 points, followed by England (122) and New Zealand (114)

to get out, not to take it deep, is disappointing. I will sit and assess it but I won't break my head about it. Against Afghanistan, it (reverse-sweep) wasn't a bad shot, mostly I get it right but the timing of it wasn't right. Here against the West Indies, it was a good ball (from Jason Holder).

The big one against England: If we play our best cricket, like we did in the last few games, that should help us end up on the winning side. Big game against England but we are confident.

Playing against India an eye-opener: Roach

The West Indies speedster feels it is always tough bowling to Kohli

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

mar Roach termed the World Cup game against India as an "eye-opener" and despite the defeat, felt that cricket in the Caribbean islands has a future. Roach spoke to the media at Old

West Indian spearhead Kepositive. Trafford here on Thursday.

The mindset: After the

game against Pakistan, the guys were confident and then we had those close games against Australia and New Zealand but we couldn't get off the line. We have a couple of young guys who have the future ahead of them and we need to be

The India-Kohli effect: In-

dia's performance was good, it is a tough team and has quality batsmen. Playing against them is always an eye-opener and it is a good lesson for the rest of the tournament. It is always tough bowling to Virat, he is a quality player.

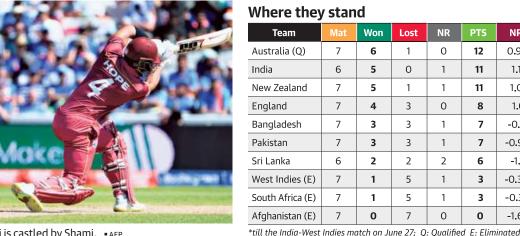
Appraisal: I was in good rhythm, picked a few wickets and was economical. It

was a slow pitch and we bowled well, and did a pretty good job to stick India to 260 but today was an oddday for our batsmen.

The road ahead: The games against Sri Lanka and Afghanistan will be tough. I think we have a bright future and there are good players like (Shimron) Hetmyer and

Where they stand												
Team	Mat	Won	Lost	NR	PTS	NRR						
Australia (Q)	7	6	1	0	12	0.906						
India	6	5	0	1	11	1.160						
New Zealand	7	5	1	1	11	1.028						
England	7	4	3	0	8	1.051						
Bangladesh	7	3	3	1	7	-0.133						
Pakistan	7	3	3	1	7	-0.976						
Sri Lanka	6	2	2	2	6	-1.119						
West Indies (E)	7	1	5	1	3	-0.320						
South Africa (E)	7	1	5	1	3	-0.324						
Afghanistan (E)	7	0	7	0	0	-1.634						

No Hope: Shai is castled by Shami. • AFP



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Turnaround: The win against England has given plenty of hope to the Sri Lankans as

Batting a worry for Lanka in must-win game

South Africa has only pride to play for

WORLD CUP

SHAYAN ACHARYA CHESTER-LE-STREET

It's do-or-die for Sri Lanka as it takes on South Africa in a World Cup fixture at the Emirates Riverside here on

Placed seventh with six points in the kitty, a win against the Proteas would take Sri Lanka up to the fifth spot, trailing close behind England, and tighten the race for the semifinals.

The islanders, who turned around their campaign in the tournament after stunning England in Leeds last week, have a good chance against a lowly South Africa side, which is already out of the semifinal race.

Cause for concern But Sri Lanka's batting de-

partment remains a cause for concern. Angelo Mathews struck form in the last outing, but it is now time for the others to step up.

Though the seasoned La-



four wickets - and Dhananjaya de Silva helped Sri Lanka defend a relatively modest target against England, the side lacked consistency in their batting.

And in his pre-match media interaction, Lankan coach Chandika Hathurusingha admitted that there have been discussions with the players on their batting

"That is what we have discussed even before the England game. They all have done this before, especially someone like Mathews, a world-class player, and he showed a lot of mental resilience in that innings," Hath-

sith Malinga – who scalped urusingha said, referring to Mathews' knock of unbeaten 85 against England.

> been its worst-ever campaign in the tournament, where it failed to go past the first round - for the second time since 1992. But when it takes on Sri Lanka, the Faf du Plessis-led side will play for pride.

For South Africa, this has

With a bright day expected, Chester-le-Street gears up for its World Cup debut, hoping for a run feast. The last match on this ground between England and Australia a year ago - was a high-scoring affair, with England running down a 311run target in just 45 overs.

'A tough future awaits South Africa'

Bacher also says management was right in de Villiers' issue

INTERVIEW

SHAYAN ACHARYA

In his long career as cricket administrator, Ali Bacher, has seen South African cricket come a long way. After failing to make it to knockout stage, Bacher, former chief of United Cricket Board, admits that the next couple of years would be tough for South African cricket. In London on work, Bacher spoke to Sportstar on a range of issues. **Excerpts**

This is for the first time since 2003 that South Africa has failed to make it to the World Cup knock-outs. Your thoughts.

I had predicted that we will have difficulty in reaching the semifinals. We had three great players. A.B. de Villiers, on of the greatest, is not available. Hashim Amla



Ali Bacher. ■FILE PHOTO

two-three years ago was averaging 50 in ODIs. He is 36 now, so age is obviously catching up.

Then, Dale Steyn, who in my opinion is our best-ever fast bowler. His career is also coming to an end. You have a lot of younger players with potential but the problem is, they are inexperienced.

The young pace bowlers, Kagiso Rabada and Ngidi Lungi, have failed to make a mark in English conditions. Rabada, according to Stevn. is our best-ever fast bowler. The problem is, he is overbowled. He looked a bit jaded against Pakistan.

Ngidi has just started. He has some injury problems, and you can see that while he is bowling.

With senior players set to retire, how will the future

It's gloomy at the moment. In the next couple of years, we will have a tough time in international cricket.

But if the selectors have faith in the young players, I think we will have a much stronger side before the next World Cup.

The house looked divided over de Villiers' comeback? It doesn't matter who you are, you cannot (make a choice) on whether or not to play. It destroys team spirit. The team management did the right thing.

All's well



Andre Russell thanked his well wishers after a successful knee surgery.

Andre Russell/Instagram

Akram's tips work wonders for Shaheen Afridi

The 19-year-old rattled the Kiwis with a sensational burst

SHAYAN ACHARYA

At first sight, it is not possible to guess Shaheen Afridi's age. The youngster looks somewhere between 15 and 18, but smiles and says: "I am

Born on April 6, 2000 in the Khyber region of Pakistan, Shaheen can speak Pashto with ease, but is more comfortable with Urdu and Hindi these days.

Playing his third World Cup match for Pakistan, Shaheen proved lethal, scalping three for 28 against New Zealand at Edgbaston on Wednesday. "You can say that toperformance was good," he says to a handful of Indian and Pakistani scribes.

Support us

The youngster is just nine months old in international



Telling spell: Playing his third World Cup match, Shaheen Afridi proved lethal, scalping three for 28. • REUTERS

cricket, and obviously, he doesn't have much idea about how ugly the criticism can get when the team fares poorly.

"I want to tell the fans to support us. This is your team, this is your pride. This is your Pakistan, so support

Shaheen reveals that the senior players protected the juniors "thoroughly' after the defeat against India. "All the senior players guided us. It is sad if you start criticising after one or two games. This should not be done. This is your team and in sport, there will be wins and losses," he says.

Being a left-arm quick, Shaheen admires Wasim Akram. He spoke to the pace great ahead of the game against New Zealand.

Hit the raw line

"I speak to Wasim *bhai* over phone and whenever he is around, I get to learn a lot from him. I discuss a lot of things," says Shaheen. Akram was at Edgbaston as a commentator for the game.

"He was telling me that with your swing, hit the raw line. I did just that," the young gun says.

Coming from a family which has produced another cricketer – Riaz Afridi, who played a lone Test for Pakistan – Shaheen had a fair idea about the road ahead even at an early age

Being a part of the Pakistan under-19 side last year, Shaheen took time to settle down in the senior ranks, but is grateful to bowling coach Azhar Mahmood.

"Working with Azzu bhai at the nets has helped me. I have learnt a lot from him. All credit to him."

Similar script

At a time when there is talk of the uncanny resemblance between Pakistan's 1992 World Cup-winning campaign and the current one, Shaheen isn't bothered about it

"In 1992, I was not even born," he jokes.

"Our target will be to ensure that the team does well and wins the World Cup."

Weekes recovering after suffering a heart attack

AGENCIES

West Indies legend Everton Weekes is expected to be discharged from hospital in the coming days after suffering a heart attack overnight.

The 94-year-old, who



Everton Weekes. ■ SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

scored 4,455 Test runs at 88.61, is recovering at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital It is understood that

Weekes' condition is not as serious as first feared. Weekes is regarded as

one of the finest cricketers of all-time, having made 15 hundreds in the longest format and 19 half-centuries after making his debut in 1948.

The Barbados native is the only man to score five consecutive Test centuries accomplished against India in 1948 and 1949. Weekes, Frank Worrell and Clyde Walcott became known as the 'Three Ws'.

Federer was 'great draw' on 1999 Wimbledon debut

I never thought he could achieve what he has, says the legend's first ever opponent Jiri Novak



Early days: A young Roger Federer playing in a Davis Cup match for Switzerland in 2000. ■ FILE PHOTO

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

The 17-year-old youth on the other side of the Wimbledon net looked like an easy match-up for Jiri Novak, but the five-setter made the grizzled Czech rethink the man who would become "exceptional and an icon".

Sigh of relief

Novak could breathe a sigh of relief as the scoreboard said he had beaten a certain Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 after two hours and 18 minutes in the first round in 1999.

Federer made his Wimbledon debut that day 20 years ago but few imagined that

the youngster would eventionship with Federer – not tually go on to be widely regarded as the greatest player of all time.

"I was in the top 100, I had no problem qualifying for Wimbledon and I played against Roger who was a junior and a wild card," Novak said. "I was thinking – what a great draw, I wasn't too good on grass so I thought this was a good chance to win a match," added Novak, who was 24 at the time.

"I thought he wasn't bad but during the match I never thought he could achieve what he has," said Novak of a player who has gone on to win 20 Majors.

Novak had a special rela-

because of that Wimbledon match, but through Federer's wife Mirka, born in Slovakia which formed a single country with the Czech Republic until 1993. "We had trainings togeth-

er, we were a bit closer than normal because of Mirka and his Czech physiotherapist Pavel Kovac," said Novak. "In the players' room, we played table tennis or pool.

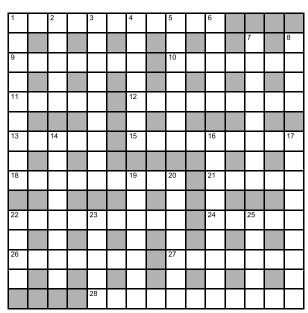
He was always closer to the Czechs. But we never talked about his Wimbledon debut," he added. Novak retired from the

sport at 32, but he stays on as a coach and keeps watching Federer on the circuit.



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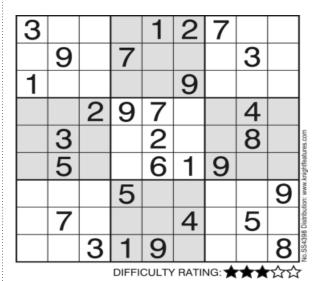
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FAITH

Hurdles to Moksha

Jivatmas are bound by their countless sins that constitute a veritable ocean. How is one to remove these sins that are tough hurdles which prevent one from attaining moksha? Sastras reiterate that the answer is in accepting the path of prapatti or saranagati, pointed out Velukkudi Sri Krishnan in a discourse. The power and greatness of surrender has been illustrated in the Ramayana and in the Bhagavad Gita when the Lord Himself incarnates as Rama and Krishna and propounds this path for the struggling jivatmas. Rama's promise of unconditional protection to those who seek Him, and Krishna's total assurance to rid those jivatmas who take refuge in Him of all sins stand as a beacon light of undying

Ramanuja's Gadya Traya is a prayer that reflects his subtle grasp of the truth in the Vedas regarding surrender as the only and sure path to moksha. Ramanuja does atma bhara samarpana, that is seeks surrender at the feet of Thayar and Namperumal in Srirangam. He teaches every jivatma the spirit in which one has to surrender to the Lord by renouncing one's ego. By honest self-assessment alone can one realise that there is no way by which the sinful acts that continue to haunt one since time immemorial can be absolved. The only hope is in the form of the compassionate Lord who promises to rid him of sins and lead him out. This is the greatest fortune for him, to entrust himself to the Highest and Supreme Lord, who holds the sole authority to grant moksha. All other means of help in this world cannot equal that of the Lord. He alone has the full power and willingness to remove all obstacles, tangible and subtle, seen and unseen, in the way to salvation. When He is the guide, there is no cause for anxiety or worry.

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