

# Taylor stands tall as Black Caps seal one-day series

Jamieson makes a memorable debut; India pays the price for rickety middle-order



**Surprise packet:** Kyle Jamieson not only came up with a vital contribution with the bat but also picked up two wickets as New Zealand ruled Eden Park. • AP

## INDIA IN NZ

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New Zealand exorcised the ghosts of a nightmarish T20 whitewash with a series-clinching 22-run victory against India in the second One-Day International here on Saturday.

Revenge, as they say, is a dish best served cold! And, on a chilly Auckland night, New Zealand defended a total of 273 by restricting India to 251 in 48.3 overs, taking an

unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

### Hat-trick

The victory also completed a hat-trick of ODI wins for the Black Caps starting from their World Cup semifinal in Manchester last year.

The victory was more creditable as regular skipper Kane Williamson and top bowlers Trent Boult and Lockie Ferguson were unavailable.

New Zealand's 6 foot 8 inch debutant Kyle Jamieson

(2/42 and 25 off 24 balls) won the Player-of-the-Match award for an all-round show.

Ravindra Jadeja (55 off 73 balls) and Navdeep Saini (45 off 49 balls) raised visions of pulling off an improbable win with a 76-run eighth-wicket partnership.

Tim Southee, despite running temperature, was brilliant with the new ball as his in-cutter got rid of Virat Kohli but it was poor shot selection from a well-set Shreyas Iyer (52) and Kedar Jadhav (9) in the middle overs that cost India dear.

The inexperienced opening pair of Mayank Agarwal and Prithvi Shaw had another poor day.

Earlier, the in-form Ross Taylor produced a rearguard act with an unbeaten half-century to rescue New Zealand to a competitive 273 for eight in 50 overs.

Taylor scored 73 not out (74b, 6x4, 2x6) — his 51st half-century — and put on 76 off 51 balls for the ninth wicket with Jamieson to lift the hosts from 197 for eight.

## STAT SPHERE

**1** This is India's first series loss, across formats, since the 2019 World Cup. In 12 bilateral series since then and prior to this reverse, the team had won 11 and drawn 1

**1** Taylor averages 81.81 in ODIs in New Zealand since 2016 — the highest among all batsmen with more than 300 runs in the country during this period

**1** Saini's 45 (49b) is his highest score in First Class cricket, bettering the 42\* (42b) he made for Delhi (vs Orissa, Ranji Trophy, January 2015)

**5** The 64 runs he conceded in the second ODI is the fifth costliest spell in Bumrah's ODI career, and worst figures since the start of 2018

**6** New Zealand has won an ODI series against India after six years, the Black Caps' first since the 4-0 victory at home in January 2014. India's winning streak of three ODI series has also ended



**Guptill's half-century improved his average against India in ODIs to 27.0. It is the least among all opponents against whom the Kiwi opener has played in more than one match**

## SCOREBOARD

### NEW ZEALAND

Martin Guptill run out 79 (79b, 8x4, 3x6), Henry Nicholls lbw b Chahal 41 (59b, 5x4), Tom Blundell c Saini b Shardul 22 (25b, 3x4), Ross Taylor (not out) 73 (74b, 6x4, 2x6), Tom Latham lbw b Jadeja 7 (14b), James Neesham run out 3 (5b), Colin de Grandhomme c Shreyas b Saini b Jamieson 45 (49b, 5x4, 2x6), Yuzvendra Chahal run out 10 (12b, 1x4), Jasprit Bumrah (not out) 0 (1b); Extras (lb-4, w-12): 16; Total (in 48.3 overs): 251.

### FALL OF WICKETS

1-93 (Nicholls, 16.5 overs), 2-142 (Blundell, 26.3), 3-157 (Guptill, 29.2), 4-171 (Latham, 33.1), 5-175 (Neesham, 34.2), 6-185 (de Grandhomme, 36.6), 7-187 (Chapman, 37.4), 8-197 (Southee, 41.3).

### INDIA BOWLING

Shardul 10-1-60-2, Bumrah 10-0-64-0, Saini 10-0-48-0, Chahal 10-0-58-3, Jadeja 10-0-35-1.

### INDIA

Prithvi Shaw b Jamieson 24 (19b, 6x4), Mayank Agarwal c Taylor b Bennett 3 (5b), Virat Kohli b

Southee 15 (25b, 1x4), Shreyas Iyer c Latham b Bennett 52 (57b, 7x4, 1x6), K.L. Rahul b de Grandhomme 4 (8b), Kedar Jadhav c Nicholls b Southee 9 (27b, 1x4), Ravindra Jadeja c de Grandhomme b Neesham 55 (73b, 2x4, 1x6), Shardul Thakur b de Grandhomme 18 (15b, 3x4), Navdeep Saini b Jamieson 45 (49b, 5x4, 2x6), Yuzvendra Chahal run out 10 (12b, 1x4), Jasprit Bumrah (not out) 0 (1b); Extras (lb-4, w-12): 16; Total (in 48.3 overs): 251.

### FALL OF WICKETS

1-21 (Mayank, 2.3 overs), 2-34 (Shaw, 4.6), 3-57 (Kohli, 9.4), 4-71 (Rahul, 13.2), 5-96 (Jadhav, 20.5), 6-129 (Shreyas, 27.3), 7-153 (Shardul, 31.1), 8-229 (Saini, 44.3), 9-251 (Chahal, 47.5).

### NEW ZEALAND BOWLING

Bennett 9-0-58-2, Southee 10-1-41-2, Jamieson 10-1-42-2, de Grandhomme 10-1-54-2, Neesham 9.3-0-52-1.

### Toss: India; MoM: Jamieson.

New Zealand won by 22 runs to take a 2-0 lead in three-match series.

**Next match:** Feb. 11 (Tuesday), Mount Maunganui, 7.30 a.m. IST.

# Kohli plays down ODI defeat

Batsmen did it in the first, bowlers this time around: Kiwi skipper Latham

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The high-flying Indians have been brought down by the Kiwis in the ODIs, but an unperturbed Virat Kohli says this format is not much relevant this year, referring to the fast-approaching T20 World Cup and the engrossing fight for World Test championship.

After the high of the T20 whitewash, the Indians have conceded an unassailable 2-0 lead in the ODI series following a 22-run defeat in the second match here on Saturday.

### Impressed

"These were two pretty good games, great for the fans. I am particularly impressed with how we finished the game. First half we let things slip. I think Saini and Jadeja



**Tough customer:** Jadeja raised Indian hopes through a fine partnership with Saini. • AP

showed great character, but, as I said, one-day cricket in this calendar year is not as relevant as T20Is and Tests,"

Kohli said at the post-match presentation.

The India skipper said despite the defeat, India has

taken some positives from the series.

"This was a game where we could have taken chances and capitalised. We didn't know Saini can be as good with the bat. We want guys to figure out situations themselves. We could definitely consider changes, we have nothing to lose now."

New Zealand skipper Tom Latham hailed it as a "great victory". "Last time the batters won the game, today the bowlers did the job. I think that total was okay, it was a funny wicket. We managed to take wickets upfront and the bowlers kept taking wickets. We've had some close games with India, delighted to get the win," he said.

"Kyle on debut was fantastic. Delighted for him. It'll be great to win 3-nil from here. Fingers crossed."

# Surreal, says Jamieson

Debutant's dreams come true with allround contribution

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New Zealand's debutant pacer Kyle Jamieson termed his maiden international game "surreal" after he won the Man-of-the-Match award here on Saturday.

The Black Caps took a 2-0 lead in the three-match series as Jamieson was involved in a vital partnership with Ross Taylor and then took two for 42.

### Impact

"Pretty surreal. You kind of grow up dreaming of these moments. Get your first cap and hope to make an impact and to play some sort of role in helping us first to get to a total and then restrict a pretty good batting line-up is very pleasing. And to have a series win tops it all," he said on Saturday.



**The rock:** Taylor's partnership with Jamieson turned vital. • AP

"The debut wicket (was more special than the runs). I think hitting the six was a bit of a bonus. My role is to bowl and take wickets and restrict runs. To get that first one under the belt is quite special. But I think being able to perform that role, my core role, is special to me," Jamieson said.

When asked if he is more comfortable batting or bowling, Jamieson said: "That's a great question. On these small grounds, maybe bowling. I don't know, I am not probably the guy to ask. I don't bat enough to have a fair representation, but look, I enjoy the challenges of both."

# India begins as the favourite

Bangladesh may give defending champ a run for its money

## U-19 WORLD CUP

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Defending champion India is the overwhelming favourite to win a record fifth U-19 World Cup title here on Sunday, but a tough fight is expected from first-timer Bangladesh in an all-Asian final.

If the India squad for the 2018 edition had the likes of Prithvi Shaw and Shubman Gill, who have expectedly gone on to play for the senior team, the exploits of opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, spinner Ravi Bishnoi and pacer Kartik Tyagi in the current edition have made them overnight stars.

### Undisputed leader

Irrespective of what happens in Sunday's final, India has reinforced the fact that it is the undisputed leader at the under-19 level and the cricketing structure the BCCI has developed is working better than any other board in the world.

India, which walloped Pakistan by 10 wickets in the semifinal on Tuesday, will be playing its seventh final since 2000 when it lifted the trophy for the first time.

India probably is the only

side which fields a fresh squad in every U-19 World Cup edition and since there is no dearth of talent and a proper structure is in place, the talent keeps coming up.

"The fact that we allow a cricketer to play the U-19 World Cup only once is a big reason behind the team's success. Most teams have cricketers who have played in the previous edition," India U-19 fielding coach Abhay Sharma said.

### System working well

"It just goes to show that the system under the visionary leadership of Rahul Dravid (NCA head) is flourishing. Credit to the BCCI as well that other teams want to follow our structure."

Heading to the mega event, India colts played about 30-odd games in different part of the world. To get used to the South African conditions, they played a quadrangular series before they played their World Cup opener against Sri Lanka.

In the final, India takes on Bangladesh, a team which too has reaped the benefits of meticulous planning since its quarterfinal loss in the 2018 edition.

Though the Priyam Garg-

led Indian side got the better of it in the Tri-series in England and Asia Cup last year, Bangladesh has always put up a fight and Sharma expects it would be no different on Sunday.

"They are a very good side. There is a lot of mutual respect. I can tell you that," he said.

### Maiden final

Considering it is its maiden final, it is a bigger game for Bangladesh. If it wins, it will be a sweet revenge against the subcontinental giant, which has found a way to tame Bangladesh at the senior level in close finals.

"We don't want to take unwanted pressure. India is a very good side. We have to play our 'A' game and do well in all three departments. Our fans are very passionate about their cricket. I would want to tell them to keep supporting us," said Bangladesh skipper Akbar Ali.

**Match starts at 1.30 p.m. (IST).**

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# India eyes fifth, Bangladesh chases history

As India and Bangladesh gear up for the final of the under-19 World Cup, a look at some numbers, past and present



**Strike force:** India skipper Priyam Garg, second from right, will look to pacer Kartik Tyagi and leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi to do the damage. • COURTESY ICC

### India vs Bangladesh OVERALL

Matches 22; India 18; Bangladesh 3; No Result 1

### UNDER-19 WORLD CUP

Matches 4; India 3; Bangladesh 1

### 2020 campaign

■ India has won all its matches

■ Bangladesh, too, has won all its games (its group match against Pakistan ended in a No Result owing to rain)

■ India's Yashasvi Jaiswal leads the overall batting chart with 312 runs

### Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi (13 wickets) and paceman Karthik Tyagi (11) have been the pick of the bowlers for India

■ The 176-run unbeaten opening stand between Jaiswal and Divyansh Saxena, against Pakistan in the semifinal, is the highest partnership of this edition

■ The under-19 World Cup's maiden edition was held in 1987-88. The tournament, hosted and won by Australia, was labelled the Bicentennial Youth World Cup

■ India has emerged champion four times: 2000, 2008, 2012 and 2018

■ Australia has triumphed thrice (1988, 2002, 2010), Pakistan twice (2004, 2006), and England (1998), South Africa (2014) and West Indies (2016) once. Bangladesh is yet to win the World Cup

**The prestigious Player-of-the-series award has been won by four Indians so far.**

■ Yuvraj Singh (203 runs and 12 wickets) - 2000

■ Shikhar Dhawan (505 runs) - 2004

■ Cheteshwar Pujara (349 runs) - 2006

■ Shubman Gill (372 runs) - 2018

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# IOC lifetime award for Gopi Chand

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM  
HYDERABAD

India's chief National badminton coach P. Gopi Chand was on Saturday named among the recipients of the International Olympic Committee's 2019 Coaches Lifetime Achievement Award.

"This award, coming across Winter and Summer Olympics, and the fact that there were so many illustrious coaches in so many disciplines across the globe is something which means a huge, huge recognition for me," Gopi Chand told *The Hindu* on receipt of the news.

"It is all the more special when you happen to be the first Indian to get it across all

Olympic disciplines," the 46-year-old former All England champion said.

"Frankly, I think this is not just a recognition for me but for all coaches in India. And, coming in the Olympic year, it is a huge morale-booster to badminton," said Gopi Chand, who has won most of the prestigious awards instituted by the Government of India.

"I must thank the Government of India, Sports Authority of India and Badminton Association of India which have been very supportive in me discharging my duties as the chief National coach. But for them it would not have been possible," he said.



**Huge recognition:** P. Gopi Chand was named among recipients of the IOC's 2019 Coaches Lifetime Achievement Award. • FILE PHOTO