Root leads England to crushing win over WI

By Sports Reporter

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oe Root's classy unbeaten century helped England to a comprehensive eight-wicket victory over West Indies in a one-sided Cricket World Cup match at the Riverside Ground in Chester-le-Street on Friday.

John Archer and Mark Wood took three wickets each for England and bowled the West Indies out for 156 in 31 overs. England's fast bowlers, Archer and Wood, took the wickets of Windies' top order.


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Root moved up to open with

Stokes 4-0-25-0, Rashid 10-5-0-30-1 (3w), Wood 6.4-0-18-3 (1w), Archer 9-1-30-3 (1w), Plunkett 9.4-0-32-2, Bairstow 2-0-5-0.

Fall of wickets: 1-95 (Bairstow), 2-120 (Stokes), 3-128 (Rahman), 4-132 (Root), 5-143 (Lawlor), 6-156 (Mitchell).

With their pace bowlers in full flight, England took the wickets of Windies' top order, including captain Kraigg Brathwaite, who was clean bowled by Archer.

England's pace bowlers, Archer and Wood, took a wicket each in the opening overs. Archer had Brathwaite caught behind by Jos Buttler, who also took a catch to complete his hat-trick.

England's batsmen, Root and Stokes, scored 70 and 40 respectively. Root's innings was answered by Stokes, who scored a half-century. England declared for 309 in 52 overs.

With England's bowlers bowling at their best, Windies were all out for 156 in 31 overs. West Indies' top order failed to put up a fight as England's bowlers took wickets at regular intervals.

England won the match by an innings and 50 runs.
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Indian maestro Kohli is a model for Pakistan's Babar

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Pakistan’s Babar Azam has revealed his admiration for India captain Virat Kohli and his desire to emulate the Indian star's record of success.

"His (Kohli) winning ratio is higher (for India) so I am trying to achieve that as well," Babar said during a press conference in Manchester.

"I try to learn with experience. I always compare myself to him and try to work on my game to become a better player," Babar added.

Babar’s comments came in the wake of Pakistan’s impressive showing in the World Cup, where they have won three of their five matches so far.

"The whole team is positive when it comes to pitches at the ongoing World Cup. No doubt, India have a good bowling attack, but we have also a very strong pace attack, led by world-class quality,” Babar said.

Babar also praised Kohli’s batting and his ability to handle pressure.

"Who can realise the pressure better than me? But the way he bats in various conditions and his work ethics, there’s a lot to learn from him," Babar said.

The India-Pakistan clash will be watched by a vast global audience and Babar insists the match will be competitive.

"No doubt, India have a strong bowling attack and we know that whenever they come to India and Pakistan game they are definitely going to challenge," Babar said.

Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant also expressed his admiration for Kohli.

"He is a model for me. He sets the standard for cricket," Pant said.

The match is set to be a thriller, with both teams vying for a place in the semifinals.

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ICC reject Sri Lanka World Cup complaints of ‘cramped bus, poor pitches, no pool’

World Cup organiser has been forced to deny claims of match-fixing due to the quality of pitches and facilities available at the tournament.

Ashantha de Mel has complained of preferential treatment for “certain teams” across the event so far in English conditions.

However, by September 2019, Sri Lanka were unable to compare themselves with the best in the world. They finished the tournament without a single victory, losing all their matches.

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Pakistan have never beaten India in any World Cup match dating back to 1992, but Babar knows that their recent form could change tomorrow.

Babar also highlighted the importance of turning the spotlight on the teams that handle the pitches well and provide facilities.

"I hope that the teams that handle the pitches well show their gratitude."

Pakistan have lost against the West Indies and Australia, while their match against Sri Lanka was rained off.

The Old Trafford clash is a sell-out, with tickets now for the sold-out match of around $45,500.

"I don't have fond memories of my match against India in the World Cup 2017. But the current team is much stronger compared to the Pakistan side which lost against India because I bring the boat out of the players from the pavilion," Babar said.

Babar was低迷 through a difficult World Cup, but he managed to put in a good performance in the World Cup against the Pakistan in Lord's, where they won all their matches.

"If we are complaining but it is very unfair, then whatever happens, we will win the match," Babar said.

India’s Tendulkar sues Australian cricket bat maker over $2m in royalties

India’s Tendulkar has won a civil claim against the Australian cricket bat maker, which has defrauded him of $2 million.

Tendulkar became the world’s top ten countries and has been banned from cricket due to match-fixing.

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Froome progressing positively after crash, says doctor

Carles Puyol has long since retired from football, but former Barcelona and Spain defender Carles Puyol is arguably the greatest defender of his generation. He was a key part of the Barcelona team that won 14 La Liga titles, three Champions League titles and four Copa del Rey trophies, and he is widely regarded as one of the greatest defenders in history.

Puyol made his debut for Barcelona in 1998 and went on to spend 17 seasons at the club, retiring in 2015. He was a versatile defender who could play in any position along the backline and was known for his no-nonsense approach to the game.

Puyol's����spanish��life after football has been somewhat quieter, although he has remained active in the sport behind the scenes. He is currently the coach of FC Red Bull Salzburg in the Austrian Bundesliga.

In an interview with Spanish newspaper AS, Puyol spoke about his time at Barcelona and the influence he had on the club. He also discussed his retirement and his plans for the future.

"I was a young and gifted player when I arrived at Barcelona," Puyol said. "I had to work hard to prove myself, but I was always surrounded by great players who helped me to develop.

"I learned a lot from playing with players like Pep Guardiola, Xavi Hernandez and Andres Iniesta. They were not only great players on the pitch, but also great people off it.

"When I look back on my career, I am proud of what we achieved together. We won countless trophies, competed against the best teams in the world and inspired millions of fans around the globe.

"But I also have mixed feelings about my retirement. It was a difficult decision, but I knew that I had to stop at some point. I was not getting the same level of enjoyment from the game that I once did.

"Now I am enjoying my new role as a coach. I am still learning and developing as a manager, but I am happy to be working with young players and helping them to reach their potential.

"But my heart will always be with Barcelona. It is a special club with a special history. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to play for them and I hope to one day return as a manager.

"In the meantime, I will continue to support the club from the sidelines and I will always be a Barca fan."

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Raptors dethrone Warriors to capture first NBA crown

It 'means a lot for our city and the players.'

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Los Angeles Angels designated hitter Shohei Ohtani is congratulated by third base coach Mike Gallego on his three-run home run during the first inning against the Tampa Bay Rays in St. Petersburg, Florida, on Friday night. (USA TODAY Sports)
FOOTBALL

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Girelli inspires Italy to knockouts after thumping Jamaica

Iwabuchi sets Japan on their way to a 2-1 victory over Scotland in Rennes

PSG TO KICK OFF LIGUE 1

Gigi's home team Paris Saint-Germain took a step closer to qualifying for the last 16 with a win over Argentina.

SUAREZ ‘WANTED TO DISAPPEAR FROM THE WORLD’ AFTER LIVERPOOL DEFEAT

Liverpool's Luis Suarez is said to have resigned amid a scan-and AC Milan elder left the Parisian side a perfect six points — three more than Bayern Munich and Manchester United.

SPOTLIGHT

Real Madrid confirm signing of 'Japanese Messi' Kubo

Real have confirmed the signing of teen sensation Reo Kubo.

FOCUS

Maradona leaves Mexican club

Argentina legend Diego Maradona has resigned as coach of Mexican club Dorados.

ITALY’S GIULIANA BITTO ZAMPIGNI DESERTS ITALO-AMERICAN CAFÉ AFTER RUDE MARADONA

Italian woman Giuliana Bittol’zamperini said she had left her restaurant in Mexico City after a战 with ex-footballer Diego Maradona.

Leonardo back at PSG replacing Henrique as sporting director

The move comes after the incumbent director deposed his post on Friday.

PSG, trying to balance the books to avoid Financial Fair-Play sanctions from Uefa, has sold several players.
Tiger record for US Open lead

Woods produces an outstanding performance on the greens as he scrambled to a 1-under par 70 to seize US Open lead

By Dainius Fiaidal

CHELSEA are set to make a formal approach to former England international Frank Lampard as their No. 1 target to replace Maurizio Sarri, who was announced as Juventus’ new manager earlier this year.

Lampard, who has been preparing Derby County for the Championship play-off final in his first season as a manager, is considered to be one of the best managers of the next generation. His approach to Derby County, which includes attacking football and exciting young talent, has caught the eye of Chelsea, who are looking to strengthen the team for the new season.

Chelsea enjoy a fine relationship with the Championship club whose chief executive, Stephen Pearson, rates his management of Derby highly. Chelsea's approach to Derby County has been described as a 'low-cost' option compared to other managerial targets.

Frank Lampard, who spent 13 years playing for Chelsea, guided Derby to the League One play-off final earlier this year, but was narrowly beaten by Reading. He is seen as a possible replacement for Sarri, who has been linked with the Juventus job.

Chelsea's interest in Lampard is not a surprise, as they have been linked with several managerial targets before and during the transfer window. However, it is not yet clear if Chelsea will make a formal approach for Lampard, or if other managers will be considered.

If Chelsea do make a formal approach for Lampard, it would be a significant step towards ensuring the team's success for the upcoming season.