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Babar Azam hit a superb 115 not out as Pakistan levelled their World Cup campaign with a six-wicket win against New Zealand.

Sarfaraz Ahmed’s side are now up to third in the tournament with only one win in their first five matches but they have bounced back strongly after confusing losses that have previously haunted Unbeaten New Zealand.

Their victory at Edgbaston means they level to seven points with Bangladesh and just one point behind unbeating hosts England, with matches against historic foes Afghanistan and West Indies coming up.

Most-of-the-match Babar was the star of the show, scoring a run by running 116 of his 127 runs in front of thousands of ecstatic fans in Birmingham as Pakistan squeezed in front thousands of fanatical fans.

Babar Azam celebrates after scoring a century during the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup match against New Zealand at Edgbaston in Birmingham, United Kingdom, yesterday. (AFP)

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Babar became the second-fastest to score 10,000 international runs — in 68 innings. He overtook West Indies great Brian Lara who last played Test cricket in 2009.

Babar was ably supported by Ahmed Shehzad, who scored 69, and skipper Sarfaraz, who scored 44.

Rahat Ali’s side were in a competitive position, “ said the skipper. “We'll see what happens."

They dominated New Zealand batting, scoring a massive 323/5 in their 50 overs.

Shoaib Akhtar, who last played T20s in 2010, but believes that might be the time to retire, said yesterday: “Guru Ram Dev, you know I always think for the player. We know Gayle is going to play for the West Indies but he will always cherish his two centuries against us."

Babar won the toss and chose to bat first.

New Zealand started strongly with Guptill and Latham scoring 66 runs for the opening wicket.

Latham was dismissed by Iftikhar Ahmed for 41; Guptill (52) and Boult (50) added 74 for the second wicket.


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Scorecard

Batsmen: K. Williamson 99 (213 balls, 14 4s, 1 6s; 163.00), T. Latham 41 (95 balls, 3 4s, 1 6s; 105.00), A. Guptill 237 (172 balls, 23 4s, 14 6s; 151.77), N. R. Morgan 41 (49 balls, 1 4s, 1 6s; 220.00), M. Santner 12 (24 balls, 2 4s, 0 6s; 60.00)

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Bowler: Wasim 3-0-17-0, Khan 10-0-43-1, Shadab 1-0-20-1, F. Zaman 4-0-87-1, Sami 2-0-50-1, B. Azam 10-0-46-1, Usman Shinwari 3-0-32-0, Khan 10-0-43-1, Shadab 1-0-20-1, F. Zaman 4-0-87-1, Sami 2-0-50-1, B. Azam 10-0-46-1, Usman Shinwari 3-0-32-0


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Muralitharan’s sharpest trait in his first full year in English county cricket. His Crewe mammoth has left the team hotel earlier in the day.

The two-time champions opened their campaign with a convincing victory against Pakistan but have since won once and drawn against a lowly unit.

Before today’s match against West Indies, Australia coach Arun Aravind said: “I hope we learn from our mistakes.

Have fired up. We’ve scored really well today and so we’ve got a bit of a lead in the group now. And we’ve got a chance to go into the semi-finals.”

“England have to put on a good show today. They’ve got a lot of talent but they’ve been inconsistent. We’re going to try our best but we know they’re going to be tough.”

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Starc shared the new ball with Jasprit Bumrah and Mohamed Shami, who both failed to win games for their country, and this was the net international century in 2012 against New Zealand, after winning the 2011 World Cup.

The team, led by Alyssa Healy, who is targeting the World Cup, has left the team hotel earlier today in anticipation of the match against West Indies on Saturday.

“Yes, we have a good partnership with our bowlers and we’re confident of winning the game.”

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Jones, just as he did against Sri Lanka, showed that he has learned from some poor decisions in deciding to go off a leg-side boundary believing for hitting for six. But his partner came and went with very little success as England bowled out for 238 in 49.5 overs.

Asked if there had been any discussion of change of heart or confidence in the top three - courtesy of yet more ill-luck - Morgan said: “I don’t want to get caught out by the boundaries, we just got caught out on the boundary for the first time on Tuesday - came out with catching. It’s always exciting - I don’t want to get caught out by the boundaries, as it would cost us in the last two years of the way that we’ve played. It’s a game of catching in the last 20 overs and making sure it counts.”

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The defeat leaves England with a lot to ponder over their ability to win the World Cup after another disheartening loss to Sri Lanka. Their third loss of the World Cup campaign makes them vulnerable on a top-four finish in the standings needed to reach the semi-finals, especially when they may have just lost more than their place in the tournament.

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No doubt, the former England captain feels uncomfortable with the notion of dropping him from the Test team, saying: “I don’t think you should be dropped from the Test side for the upcoming series against South Africa after another poor showing in the World Cup.”

England's Eoin Morgan looks dejected after losing his wicket during the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup match between England and Australia at Lord's Cricket Ground in London on Tuesday (Reuters)
Sports Reporter

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London: A blonde-haired, blue-eyed, curly-haired Novak Djokovic was in action on a grass court yesterday afternoon at Wimbledon, where he was scheduled to face his old nemesis, a fellow who once had a lead over him on the all-conquering grass, but then slipped and fell away on the last day of the tournament. Djokovic had to face a man who had never won a Grand Slam before, and who was now 37 years old, and 13 years younger than Djokovic. But he was not to be denied, and he took the opening set in a nervy tie-breaker, then held on to the lead throughout the match, winning 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. The win means that Djokovic is now 34-0 in his career, and has won his fifth title at Wimbledon. He also became the first player to win five consecutive titles at Wimbledon. 

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**HAMILTON RECALLS**

Lewis Hamilton will feel the heat at Hockenheim, in Germany, this weekend after finishing third at Silverstone last Sunday, but still leading the championship by four points after a strong weekend in Austria.

Lewis Hamilton has not won since the Azerbaijan Grand Prix in 2016 and has not won in Austria since 2015, the first time that had been without a member of the Mercedes team on the podium.

**PREDICTIONS**

Max Verstappen is still a long shot to win his first Austrian Grand Prix, but he is in strong form after winning in France last weekend.

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The IOC has announced the appointment of 10 new members to its executive committee, including four from Ghana, two from Saudi Arabia, and one each from China, France, and the United States. The IOC also announced that it had re-elected Lord Coe as president of the IAAF, the world’s leading athletics body, following a successful bid to host the 2024 Olympics in Paris. The new members were chosen from a pool of 14 candidates from Sudan and 11 from Thailand, reflecting the IOC’s commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion in the Olympic movement.

**BOTTOMLINE**

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**SPOTLIGHT**

The Austrian Grand Prix was won by Max Verstappen, who has won six of eight races this season and 14 of the last 20. The race was also held in Austria for the first time since 2016.

**SporTSPOT**

With temperatures set to soar in Austria, the Austrian Grand Prix will be a test of their fitness. The race is expected to be difficult for the drivers, with high temperatures and humidity expected.

**Hamilton’s return to Hockenheim**

Lewis Hamilton will face a tough test at Hockenheim, with temperatures expected to reach 30 degrees Celsius. The race is also expected to be a test of the car’s reliability, with high temperatures likely to take a toll on the engine.
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AFRICA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

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UEFA and SIGA sign agreement

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The agreement aims to use the organisations’ strengths to foster the development of the football and the implementation and enforcement of the highest standards across the continent. It will also go hand-in-hand with the rest of the world and foster the development of ethical and participatory sport around the world.

The agreement, which is the first of its kind, was signed in a ceremony held in Mexico City.

The agreement will focus on the following areas:

1. Education and training
2. Promotion of the game
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4. Promotion of the game in underprivileged areas
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UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin and SIGA CEO Emanuel Schurrle signed the agreement.

UEFA said in a statement that the agreement will help to promote the development of football in underprivileged areas and underprivileged areas.

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AFCU CUP OF NATIONS

Omeruo scores in the 79th minute to earn the Super Eagles a second straight Group B victory

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PREMIER LEAGUE

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FOOTBALL

African Cup of Nations

Nigeria's Kenneth OmeruoCapital scores against Guinea during the Africa Cup of Nations Group B match in Alexandria, Egypt yesterday. (Reuters)