

Santner shines with bat and ball as New Zealand defeat Netherlands

Netherlands faded away in the 323 chase as New Zealand further consolidated their position at the top of the points table

● Mitchell Santner's blistering 36* and 5-wicket haul lead New Zealand to a 99-run win

AFP | Hyderabad

Mitchell Santner played a blistering innings and then took five wickets to guide New Zealand to a convincing 99-run win over the Netherlands in a World Cup match in Hyderabad yesterday.

The 31-year-old left-hander clubbed a 17-ball 36 not out in New Zealand's imposing total of 322-7 before achieving figures of 5-59.

Santner, the first New Zealand spinner to take five wickets in a World Cup match, dominated the Dutch who were bowled out for 223 in 46.3 overs.

The victory gave New Zealand two wins in as many games after crushing title-holders England by nine wickets in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

"We did a great job batting first, built partnerships at the top and the bowlers did a fan-



New Zealand's Mitchell Santner (C) shakes hands with his teammates at the end of the match

tastic job tonight," said Kiwis captain Tom Latham.

Netherlands were never in the hunt in the chase as they lost Vikramjit Singh (12), Max O'Dowd (16) and Bas de Leede (18) in the first 17 overs with just 67 on the board.

Top-scorer Colin Ackermann, with a 73-ball 69, and Teja Nidamanuru (21) added 50 for the fourth wicket but Santner removed Ackermann and skipper Scott Edwards (30) to virtually

end Dutch hopes.

Santner also dismissed Roelof van der Merwe (one) and Ryan Klein (eight) to complete his second five-wicket haul in his 97th ODI.

Fast bowler Matt Henry finished with 3-40 to wrap up the match.

"I was hoping we could keep them to around 280-300 when I won the toss because I do think it gets easier to bat here as the day goes on," said Edwards.

"New Zealand have a disciplined bowling attacking though and they aren't going to let that sort of total be easy for you."

Earlier, opener Will Young, Rachin Ravindra and Latham struck half centuries to anchor New Zealand's innings after they were sent in to bat.

Young scored an 80-ball 70, captain Latham made 53 off 46 balls while Ravindra hit a run-a-ball 51.

In the slog overs, Santner hit two sixes and three boundaries to bolster the total.

Young put on a solid start of 67 after 12 overs with Devon Conway before spinner Van der Merwe broke the stand by getting Conway caught at long-on.

Conway, who made an undefeated 152 against England, hit five boundaries and a six in his 40-ball 32.

Young found another able partner in Ravindra as both took New Zealand to 144 with a stand of 77 before pacer Paul van Meekeren had the opener caught at mid-on.

Mitchell Santner

Scorecard

New Zealand 322 for 7 (Young 70, Latham 53, van der Merwe 2-56) beat Netherlands 223 (Ackermann 69, Santner 5-59, Henry 3-40) by 99 runs



Mitchell Santner became the first New Zealand spinner to achieve a five-wicket haul in a World Cup match, showcasing his exceptional all-round skills and contributing significantly to his team's convincing victory

Van der Merwe struck for a second time when he had Ravindra caught behind.

Ravindra's run-a-ball 51 was spiced with a six and three boundaries and came after his 123 not out against England.

Daryl Mitchell played a solid hand with a quick 47-ball 48 comprising five boundaries and two sixes but fell at the start of the last power-play, bowled by

Van Meekeren.

Mitchell benefitted from a dropped catch on 22 but Glenn Phillips (four) and Mark Chapman (five) were removed quickly, leaving the late fireworks to Santner.

Latham hit six boundaries and a six.

Van Meekeren, Aryan Dutt and Van der Merwe took two wickets apiece.

Pakistan's only double centurion Fakhar faces World Cup axe

AFP | Hyderabad

Pakistan head coach Grant Bradburn insists his team's top-order batting is not a worry but that confidence may not spare Fakhar Zaman, the only man to have scored an ODI double hundred for his country.

Pakistan's openers have endured a miserable last five matches with just 35 as their highest partnership.

There has only been one century stand in the 16 games this year.

Left-hander Fakhar managed just 12 runs in a partnership of 15 with Imam-ul-Haq in Pakistan's 81-run win against the Netherlands in Hyderabad on Friday.

Fakhar, who famously smashed 210 not out against Zimbabwe in 2018, has a best of just 33 in his last 11 innings, a desperate run which followed three successive



Fakhar Zaman during a practice session (file photo)

centuries against New Zealand earlier this year.

For Tuesday's game with Sri Lanka, Fakhar is likely to make way for Abdullah Shafique who hit a half-century when the sides last met at the Asia Cup in Sep-

tember. Sri Lanka won that game by two wickets.

Bradburn still hopes the top-order clicks sooner rather than later.

"Look, we've got full faith in our top order," said New Zea-

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as yet."

Number three and skipper Babar Azam, the world's top-ranked ODI batsman, also failed against the Netherlands with an 18-ball five.

"The top three have scored the majority of our runs in the period before the World Cup," said Bradburn who praised Sri Lanka.

"Sri Lanka are a team that we've become familiar with over recent times and we know they have had the upper hand on us over the last year in white-ball cricket," said Bradburn.

"We respect the skills that Sri Lanka possess and we're really looking forward to taking them on tomorrow."

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan batting coach Naveed Nawaz urged his bowlers to remain positive despite conceding a record World Cup total of 428 against

South Africa in their first match.

"It's going to be batting-friendly pitches mostly so we've got to look at the execution in the game against South Africa and how we could have done better," said Nawaz.

"The guys who got runs, especially Kusal (Mendis), Charith (Asalanka), maybe Dasun (Shanaka), had they gone for a little bit longer, maybe another extra 30, 40 runs by each one of them, that could have got us close."

Mendis cracked eight sixes in his 76 while Asalanka scored 79 and skipper Shanaka 68 as Sri Lanka managed a fighting reply of 326.

"I think Pakistan is quite a strong opposition," said Nawaz.

"We have been playing Pakistan recently, so both teams know quite well about each team's strengths, weaknesses."

India's Gill to miss second World Cup match with dengue fever

AFP | Chennai

India batsman Shubman Gill has not recovered from dengue fever and will miss his team's second World Cup match against Afghanistan, officials said yesterday.

Gill sat out the hosts' six-wicket victory against Australia in Chennai on Sunday and will stay back in the southern Indian city "under the supervision of the medical team".

"Team India batter Shubman Gill will not be travelling with

the team to Delhi on 9th October 2023," the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said in a statement.

Rohit Sharma's India, one of the favourites to win the World Cup, will face Afghanistan at New Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium on Wednesday.

The team will then leave for Ahmedabad for the hotly-anticipated fixture against arch-rivals Pakistan on Saturday.

Gill's replacement Ishan Kishan fell for a duck off Australian pace bowler Mitchell Starc in the game on Sunday.



India's Shubman Gill plays a shot during a practice (file photo)

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