

Women’s T20 WC: Australia beat England to win 7th title

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ London

Australian team proved its absolute supremacy in the women's game, winning an unprecedented seventh T20 World Cup title after making short work of hosts England by seven wickets in the final here on Sunday.

Among the greatest sporting outfits across all sports, the Southern Stars made a mockery of a record chase of 151 runs, completing the formalities in only 17.1 overs with Sophie Molineux winning her first ICC title as skipper.

Young Phoebe Litchfield (48 off 35 balls), possibly the best batter among the

younger crop in women's cricket, stitched a 100-run stand with veteran Beth Mooney (64 off 49 balls) that basically decimated an English attack which had to defend a total that was at least 25 runs sub-par on a decent batting track.

Their century stand came off just 69 balls — a marker why Australian women are a few country miles ahead of other teams in terms of skill and quality.

Litchfield, with superb hand-eye co-ordination, muscled her way to six fours and two sixes while Mooney's precision and penchant for rotating the strike left the Charlotte Edwards-coached side absolutely clueless.

At the halfway stage, Australia had raced to 100 and it was a mere formality with the asking rate dropping down to less than run a ball.

The best shot came out of Litchfield's closet when the victory seemed like a formality. Left-arm spinner Linsey Smith bowled one outside the left-hander's off-stump trying to keep it out of her hitting arc. Litchfield quickly got into a position where she played the reverse slog sweep with the ball sailing over backward point for a six.

Mooney wasn't one to be left behind as she lofted Sophie Ecclestone inside out over extra cover and then completed her fifty off just 38 balls, keeping her superb



record in ICC finals intact. She averages 90 whenever Mooney batted in an ICC final (T20I and ODI) for the Southern Stars. Also this was the first time she was dismissed in a T20 World Cup final.

Earlier, skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt scored a gritty half-century but Australian bowling unit displayed a lot of discipline to restrict hosts England to a sub-par 150 for 4 in the stipulated 20 overs.

Southern Stars skipper Sophie Molineux's decision to bowl first was completely vindicated by her bowling unit which kept the England batters under tight leash. And that too without the world's greatest woman all-rounder Elyse Perry rolling her arms

due to an injury.

Had Sciver-Brunt (58 not out off 53 balls) and Freya Kemp (44 not out off 28 balls) not added 80 runs for the fifth wicket, England wouldn't have reached the respectable figure of 150-plus. The England bowlers did have at least some chance to fight.

Sciver-Brunt struck five fours while Kemp hit four boundaries and a maximum.

The domination of the Australian bowlers could be understood from the simple statistic — only two sixes were hit by English women during the course of 20 overs. Alice Capsey hit one and Kemp, who gave the innings some push towards the end, struck the other off Molineux.

Nothing sweeter than walking off not out with a win: Bethell

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■ Manchester

England batter Jacob Bethell rated his unbeaten 76 against India in the second T20I among the finest innings of his career, saying it was especially satisfying because it came in a winning cause.

The 22-year-old has scored a century in each of the three formats. His only T20I hundred was in the semifinal of this year's T20 World Cup against India, a match England lost by seven runs.

On Saturday, Bethell produced a composed yet explosive unbeaten 76 to guide England to a four-wicket victory while chasing 191, helping the hosts take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

"I'd actually put it up close to the top. There's nothing



sweeter as a batter than walking off with a win, not out, walking in, shaking the boys' hands," Bethell said when asked where the innings ranked among his favourites for England.

"I've scored a few hun-

dreds, but only one of them was in a winning cause. We lost in Australia, we lost in India, so after those games you always think, 'What more could I have done?'"

"Whereas today, I'm all smiles. We've gone one-nil up

in the series. There's a few scars against India, so it's nice to get one up on them. It's also given me a lot of confidence going into the last three games."

Bethell was on 42 off 36 balls after 16 overs when he turned the game decisively in England's favour.

He hammered three sixes and a four in Ravi Bishnoi's 17th over, which also included two no-balls, collecting 29 runs before hitting an audacious reverse-ramp six off Harshit Rana. He smashed 34 runs off the final 10 balls he faced.

"In these kinds of chases, you're not going hard the whole time. It's about finding a couple of big overs and then the game swings," Bethell said. "If I'm honest, I probably would have targeted the other end more

because my leg side was towards the shorter boundary with the wind. But when you get a couple of free-hits and the bowler is under pressure, you have to make the most of it." Bethell walked in at No. 4 with England reeling at 1 for 2 after just five deliveries following ducks for both openers.

"I was pretty calm. When Brooky (Harry Brook) went out there, I said, 'Go well, Harry,' and then I was out there a couple of balls later. 'Jos (Buttler) was unlucky, but it's a strange feeling walking in at two down for not many. Brooky handled that situation unbelievably." England captain Harry Brook's counter-attacking 39 off just 15 balls, featuring four fours and three sixes, helped revive the innings after the early collapse.

Praggnanandhaa trails in Blitz

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Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa could not replicate his rapid form, managing just 3.5 points from the opening nine rounds of the blitz section, while France's Alireza Firouzja produced a brilliant display to emerge as the sole leader after the penultimate day of the Croatian leg of the Grand Chess Tour.

Alireza was simply brilliant in the faster version as he knocked down as many as eight points out of a possible nine and took a massive three points lead on 20 points over nearest rivals Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France.

Praggnanandhaa slipped behind to a distanced fourth on 15.5 points, while world champion D Gukesh had another average day to reach on 14 points for his fifth spot.

In what can be termed one of the most dominant performances in Grand Chess Tour history, Firouzja has left half the field at least



seven points adrift. Vincent Keymer of Germany is sixth on 13 points, Dutchman Anish Giri is another half a point behind, while Deac Bogdan-Daniel of Romania is on 11.5. Another two points behinds is Jordan van Foreest of Holland and Croatian Ivan Saric is at the bottom on just 5 points.

After a dramatic bounce back that saw him sharing the lead after the rapid section with Alireza, Praggnanandhaa apparently missed the thread in the blitz section. Starting of the

day with a win over Keymer, Praggnanandhaa took a draw in the next game with Giri but then four straight losses were enough to dent his confidence. The Indian ended with a net score of 3.5 points out of a possible eight on the fourth day of the tournament.

Things were not so much different for Gukesh even though he got a half point more than Praggnanandhaa. Four losses in patches for the youngest ever world champion did not help his cause much.

Babar Azam replaces Shan Masood as Pakistan Test captain

ASSOCIATED PRESS
■ Islamabad

Babar Azam has returned to lead Pakistan's Test cricket team after Shan Masood was axed from the role on Sunday.

Masood's firing seemed inevitable after the team fell to 12 defeats in 16 matches during his tenure, which began when he initially replaced Babar in late 2023. "We wanted to look for a captain who could lead the team in a much better way," selector Aaqib Javed told reporters in Lahore, "Shan's individual performance was good but as captain we weren't getting the desired results."

Javed said the selection committee was unanimous in recommending Babar as captain and no other player came up in the discussion.

Pakistan's results in Test matches took a sharp decline since Masood lost 3-0 to



Australia in his first series. Pakistan also lost 2-0 to Bangladesh at home for the first time and the only series win under Masood's captaincy came against England at home when Pakistan won 2-1 as eventually Pakistan finished at bottom of the last World Test Championship points table.

Javed pointed out several shortcomings of the Pakistan team in test matches under Masood's leadership that included losses against

South Africa and the West Indies. "The captain has a responsibility of finishing the games," Javed said. "Some things are the responsibility of the team, some are the responsibility of the selectors, and some are the responsibility of the captain. The captain's responsibility also includes maintaining the team's over rate, taking DRS decisions and making the right call at the toss."

Masood had a fair time with the bat during his captaincy as he scored two centuries and seven half centuries, including back-to-back fifties at Melbourne against Australia.

Babar had led Pakistan to 10 wins in 20 tests before Masood was handed the captaincy. Babar's tenure as skipper started with a 2-0 home win over South Africa and Pakistan also went on to clean sweep Bangladesh and Sri Lanka away from home.

India A outplay Sri Lanka A by 10 wkts as Brar excels



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■ Galle

Pacer Gurnoor Brar made a strong case for a Test debut in Sri Lanka next month with a match haul of 10 wickets in India A's resounding win in the second and final unofficial Test here on Sunday.

Courtesy Sai Sudharsan's 168, India A put up a daunting first innings total of 543, giving them a 177-run lead over Sri Lanka A. The game moved fast on the fourth and concluding day with Brar running through the Sri Lanka A batting unit with a six-wicket haul in the

Eala stuns Wimbledon champion Swiatek in historic win

KEN MAGUIRE
■ London

Alexandra Eala didn't have the option of playing on grass courts growing up in the Philippines. Instead, she used one that also doubled as a basketball court. "There would be the basketball hoops, so I couldn't really step back a lot because then I would hit the basketball hoop," Eala said.

The 21-year-old Eala found Centre Court at Wimbledon a bit more accommodating Saturday when she beat defending champion Iga Swiatek 7-6 (9), 6-2 in the third round at the grass-court major and made some history in the process.

Eala is the first Filipino player,



male or female, to reach the fourth round of a Grand Slam singles tournament.

The left-handed Eala dropped to her knees and rolled onto her back after hitting a forehand winner on her third match point.

"It's incredible to have my countrymen cheering me on and knowing that we're all in this together," she said in an on-court

interview as she looked around at the Philippines flags.

"This goes out to them, this goes out to my family, this goes out to all the little girls with ruffled socks and chubby cheeks. It means the world," said the 29th-seeded Eala, who saved two set points in the first-set tiebreaker. The third-seeded Swiatek earned her first Wimbledon women's title a year ago when she beat Amanda Anisimova 6-0, 6-0 in the final.

"I felt like Alexandra was more brave in important moments," Swiatek said Saturday. "In the tiebreak we both had many chances to close the set earlier, and it didn't go my way." (AP)

Ecosystem in country needs to back squash players to win at world stage: Tanvi Khanna

DEVARCHIT VARMA
■ Mumbai

Squash ace Tanvi Khanna believes that establishing the complete ecosystem of the sport within the country is essential for the skill expansion and global success of next generation players.

The world No. 74 Tanvi, who is in the Indian squad for the Asian Games to be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, in September-October, says India must imbibe lessons from top nations that have consistently produced champions. "I do believe we can

learn from other nations that have a history of producing champions, but the idea is to learn and bring back the same skills to fellow Indians, so, it's more sustainable and long term," Tanvi, who won the Squash PSA Challenger Tour here, told PTI in an exclusive interview.

"I strongly believe if we want the future generation to win medals for India, the entire ecosystem of coaches and players has to be in India. "This is the only way to inspire the future generations (and) this is

what countries like Egypt have, and India is currently lacking," she said. Tanvi does not adhere to the belief that full-time foreign coaches can improve Indian players' performance, but underlined the need to put in place world-class infrastructure.

"Another struggle is infrastructure. My academy has 6-7 kids who are India No.1 this year itself, a world junior medallist and multiple Asian junior medallists," she said. "We desperately need a full glass court in Delhi." (PTI)

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1. The Petitioner above-named has filed a Petition for fixing up of transmission tariff for 2019-24 and determination of transmission tariff for 2024-29 tariff block for 500 MVAr Thyristor Controlled Reactor (TCR) at Kurukshetra under "Implementation of 500 MVAr Thyristor Controlled Reactor at Kurukshetra 400kV bus" Scheme.
2. The beneficiaries of the Transmission system are: (a) Ajmer Vidut Vitran Nigam Ltd, (b) Jaipur Vidut Vitran Nigam Ltd, (c) Jodhpur Vidut Vitran Nigam Ltd, (d) Punjab State Electricity Corporation Limited (e) Haryana Power Purchase Centre (f) Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Ltd, (g) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd, (h) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd, (i) BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd, (j) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd, (k) Chandigarh Electricity Department, (l) Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd, (m) North Central Railway (n) New Delhi Municipal Council, (o) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board, (p) Central Transmission Utility of India Ltd. (q) HVPNL

Particulars						
Asset name: 500 MVAr Thyristor Controlled Reactor (TCR) at Kurukshetra						
Actual date of commercial operation		16.12.2023				
Estimated Completion Cost (in Rs Lakhs)		134.94 Cr				

3. Details of Truing up tariff for 2019-24 block: (₹in Lakhs)

Name of the Asset	Particular	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (Pro rata-107 Days)
Asset-1	AFC approved	-	-	-	-	565.86
	Revised AFC based on truing up	-	-	-	-	620.17

4. Details of Tariff for 2024-29 block: (₹in Lakhs)

Name of the Asset	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Asset-1	2049.21	2046.50	2131.21	2192.84	2146.52

5. A copy of the petition made for determination of tariff is posted on the website www.powergrid.in

6. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the petition may be filed by any person, including the beneficiary through the e-filing portal of the Commission, with a copy to the Petitioner within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Gurugram
Date: 06.07.2026

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