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India sink England to clinch series

Chahal spars Poms collapse

BANGALORE, India, Feb 1, (AFP): Leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal claimed six wickets to demolish England and hand India a 75-run series-clinching win in the third and final Twenty20 international in Bangalore on Wednesday.

Chahal recorded his T20 best of 6-25 to help skittle out England for 127 in 16.3 overs. The visitors, chasing 203, lost eight wickets for eight runs in the space of 18 deliveries.



India's Yuzvendra Chahal bowls during the third Twenty20 international cricket match against England at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore, India on Feb 1. (AP)

The 23-year-old Chahal became only the second bowler in T20 cricket to get six wickets in an innings after Sri Lanka's Ajantha Mendis achieved the feat twice with figures of 6-8 and 6-16.

The attacking spinner started England's batting rot in the 14th over of the innings, getting dan-

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germen Joe Root (42) and skipper Eoin Morgan (40) on consecutive deliveries to derail the tourists' chase.

Root and Morgan had kept the chase alive with their 64-run third-wicket stand but the innings fell apart after their departure.

Chahal got three wickets in his fourth over to rip through the England middle and lower order — five batsmen were out on zero — as India won the series 2-1.

Chahal, who relieved the man of the match and series award for his eight scalps in three games, got great support from seamer Jasprit Bumrah's three wickets.

Earlier scintillating half-centuries from Suresh Raina and Mahendra Singh Dhoni helped India post a mammoth 202 for six after being put into bat.

India rode on the 55-run third-wicket partnership between Raina (63) and Dhoni (56) to thwart the England bowling attack after an early wicket fall.

The hosts lost skipper Virat Kohli for two after a terrible mix up with Lokesh Rahul (22) saw the star batsman being run out. Kohli was furious with Rahul for not responding to his call for a single.

Raina counter-attacked with two boundaries and five sixes during his 45-ball knock as he put on crucial partnerships with Rahul and Dhoni.

Rahul was bowled by Ben Stokes but the left-handed Raina carried on the power hitting as he recorded his fourth T20 fifty with a six off leg-spinner Adil Rashid.

Dhoni, who smacked five fours and two sixes in his 36-ball blitz, joined forces with Raina as the duo carted the England bowlers to all parts of the ground.

Raina fell in the 14th over while Dhoni, who put on 57 runs with veteran batsman Yuvraj Singh, stayed on until the second delivery of the final over.

A vintage Yuvraj turned on the heat with his 10-ball 27 as he hit seamer Chris Jordan for two fours and two sixes to give India 24 runs in the 18th over.

India, who won the Test (4-0) and ODI (2-1) series against England, now head into the one-off Test against Bangladesh starting next week in Hyderabad.



Women's skeet gold medalists Kuwait display the national flag on the podium after receiving their medals. — Details Page 41

Scoreboard

BANGALORE, India, Feb 1, (AFP): Final scoreboard of the third and final Twenty20 international between India and England in Bangalore on Wednesday:

INDIA
 V. Kohli run out (Jordan)..... 2
 L. Rahul b Stokes..... 22
 S. Raina c Morgan b Plunkett..... 63
 M.S. Dhoni c Rashid b Jordan..... 56
 Y. Singh c Buttler b Mills..... 27
 R. Pant not out..... 6
 H. Pandya run out..... 11
 Extras (b4, lb3, w8)..... 15
 Total (6 wickets; 20 overs)..... 202
 Fall of wickets: 1-4 (Kohli), 2-65 (Rahul), 3-120 (Raina), 4-177 (Yuvraj), 5-191 (Dhoni), 6-202 (Pandya)
 Bowling: Mills 4-0-32-1 (4w), Jordan 4-0-56-1 (2w), Plunkett 2-0-22-1, Stokes 4-0-32-1 (2w), Ali 4-0-30-0, Rashid 2-0-23-0
 To bat: A. Mishra, J. Bumrah, Y. Chahal, A. Nehra

ENGLAND
 J. Roy c Dhoni b Mishra..... 32
 S. Billings c Raina b Chahal..... 0
 J. Root lbw b Chahal..... 42
 E. Morgan c Pant b Chahal..... 40
 B. Buttler c Rahi b Bumrah..... 0
 B. Stokes c Raina b Chahal..... 2
 M. Ali c Kohli b Chahal..... 6
 L. Plunkett b Bumrah..... 0
 C. Jordan st Dhoni b Chahal..... 0
 A. Rashid not out..... 0
 T. Mills c Kohli b Bumrah..... 0
 Extras (lb2, w3)..... 5
 Total (all out; 16.3 overs)..... 127
 Fall of wickets: 1-8 (Billings), 2-55 (Roy), 3-119 (Morgan), 4-119 (Root), 5-119 (Buttler), 6-123 (Ali), 7-127 (Stokes), 8-127 (Jordan) 9-127 (Plunkett), 10-127 (Mills)

Bowling: Nehra 3-1-24-0, Chahal 4-0-25-6, Bumrah 2-3-0-14-3, Mishra 4-0-23-1, Pandya 2-0-17-0, S. Raina 1-0-32-0
 Toss: England
 Result: India won by 75 runs
 Series: India clinched the three-match series 2-1
 Umpires: Anil Chaudhary (IND) and Nitin Menon (IND)
 TV umpire: Chettithody Shamshuddin (IND)
 Match referee: Andy Pycroft (ZIM)

German clubs shatter record

BERLIN, Feb 1, (AFP): German clubs shattered the previous record in splashing out 97.35 million euros (\$105m) on fresh talent during the Bundesliga's January transfer window.

Bayern Munich, Germany's richest club, kept their purse closed but have signed Hoffenheim's Germany pair Niklas Sule and Sebastian Rudy for next season.

However Bayern's rivals took the chance to boost their squads.

The combined winter spending of the Bundesliga's 18 clubs, based on transfer sums according to transfermarkt.de, easily beat the previous record of 65 million euros set during the 2014/15 season.

However, the 97.35 million euros was dwarfed by the £215 million (250 million euros) that Premier League clubs shelled out.

Dortmund made one of the most eye-catching buys when they snapped up Sweden's 17-year-old striker Alexander Isak — dubbed the next Zlatan Ibrahimovic — from AIK.

Isak heads a trio of teenage talent which Bundesliga clubs want to nurture despite no experience in a top league.

Promising Jamaican teenager Leon Bailey, 19, joined Bayer Leverkusen from Belgium's Genk.

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Ivanovic joins Russia's Zenit

MOSCOW, Feb 1, (AFP): Defensive stalwart Branislav Ivanovic ended his hugely successful Chelsea career on Wednesday when he signed for Zenit Saint Petersburg for an undisclosed fee.

The 32-year-old Serbian has signed a two-and-a-half-year contract with an option of another year.

"I had a strong desire to return to Russia," Ivanovic, who scored five goals in 54 matches for Lokomotiv Moscow in 2006-07 before joining Chelsea in 2008, told the Zenit website.

"I feel high motivation and a desire to continue playing at the highest level."

Ivanovic won two Premier League titles, one Champions League, one Europa League, three FA Cups and one League Cup during his spell at Chelsea.

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