

## England top Group B but Pakistan also into Super Six

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However, the Pakistan girls too have qualified for the Super Six stage starting from Saturday, as they finished third among four teams in Group B.

Although they were beaten by both India Women and England by big margins, on Monday they defeated Sri Lanka Women by 57 runs at the Manuka Oval in Canberra to ensure that ended among the top six teams in their pool.

Pakistan had got off to an excellent start yesterday, after winning the toss and batting, but the loss of Nain Abidi (27) when the score was 51-1 sparked a dramatic collapse, as the final nine wickets fell for just 27 runs.

Marsh bowled a beautifully controlled spell of spin bowling, well supported by the left-arm spin of Holly Colvin, who took 1-8 in her 10-over spell, before Charlotte Edwards wrapped up the tail with two wickets.

In reply, Sarah Taylor (11) fell early on to Qanita Jalil, before Ebony Rainsford-Brent (18) and Charlotte Edwards (32 not out) added 35 for the second wicket.

Although Rainsford-Brent was dismissed by Sana Mir, going for an ugly slog, England cruised to a comfortable win with 26.5 overs to spare.

The defeat at the hands of India on Thursday has left Sri Lanka to play in the seventh-eighth position play-off against South Africa on Saturday, after both the teams finished winless from three matches.

Fixtures for the Super Six stage: March 14 Sri Lanka v South Africa, seventh-eighth position play-off, North Sydney No.2. March 14 Australia v India, North Sydney Oval. March 14 New Zealand v England, Bankstown. March 14 West Indies v Pakistan, Drummoyne. March 16 Australia v Pakistan, Bankstown. March 17 India v New Zealand, North Sydney Oval. March 17 England v West Indies, Drummoyne. March 19 Australia v England, North Sydney Oval. March 19 India v West Indies, Bankstown. March 19 New Zealand v Pakistan, Drummoyne.

### Women's World Cup Super Six

Teams P W L Pts NRR

Eng Women 2 2 - 4 +1.638

NZ Women 2 2 - 4 +0.831

India Women 2 1 1 2 +1.201

Aus Women 2 1 1 2 +0.410

WI Women 2 - 2 0 -1.030

Pak Women 2 - 2 0 -2.871

Note: Super Six teams have carried over points gained against other qualifiers

### Score board

Pakistan Women won toss

Pakistan Women

Nain Abidi c Morgan b Marsh 27

Bismah Maroof c Marsh b Brunt 13

Sukhan Faiz c S C Taylor b Marsh 7

Sajida Shah b Marsh 5

\*Urooj Mumtaz lbw b Marsh 0

Sana Mir c Greenway b Marsh 0

Almas Akram not out 9

Javeria Khan b Colvin 1

Asmavia Iqbal c Shrubsole b Edwards 2

Qanita Jalil b Brunt 2

&dagger;Batool Fatima lbw b Edwards 1

Extras (lb1, w10) 11

Total (all out, 39.5 overs) 78

Fall: 1-31, 2-51, 3-54, 4-59, 5-59, 6-61, 7-64, 8-70, 9-77

Bowling: Brunt 10-1-25-2 (4w); Shrubsole 7-0-27-0 (2w); Marsh 10-3-15-5 (3w); Colvin 10-7-8-1; Edwards 2.5-1-2-2 (1w)

England Women

&dagger;S J Taylor c Javeria b Qanita 11

E J C L R C Rainford-Brent b Sana 18

\*C M Edwards not out 32

L S Greenway not out 10

Extras (b2, lb2, w7) 11

Total (2 wkts, 23.1 overs) 82

Did not bat: C M G Atkins, S C Taylor, B L Morgan, H L Colvin, L A Marsh, K H Brunt, A Shrubsole

Fall: 1-19, 2-54

Bowling: Qanita Jalil 3-0-17-1 (2w); Almas Akram 3-0-14-0 (3w); Sajida Shah 2-0-11-0 (2w); Asmavia Iqbal 3-0-6-0; Sana Mir 7-2-14-1; Javeria Khan 5.1-1-16-0

Result: England Women won by 8 wickets

Points: England Women 2, Pakistan Women 0

Player of the Match: Laura Marsh

Umpires: G A Abood and T H Wijewardene (Sri Lanka). TV umpire: J K Brookes. Match referee: D T Jukes (England)

Pakistan's next match: Saturday (tomorrow) Super Six stage v West Indies, Drummoyne Oval Sydney