
RUTHLESS JAFFRY DEMOLISHES INDIA Syed Jaffry's Magnificent 132

Pakistan XI vs India XI

Ashburton Oval, Kaleen
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Pakistan continued their winning streak against India with a thumping 165-run victory at Ashburton Oval in Kaleen.

Syed Jaffry hit a blistering 132 as Pakistan scored a massive 275 for 3 - their highest ever one-day total in a 30 over game. Captain Irfan Yousaf's decision to bat first proved to be a good one on a batting wicket. Syed Jaffry and Khurram Butt shared the valuable partnership to score 142 in the last 13 overs to put India under enormous pressure.

Khurram Butt's 51NO was completely overshadowed by Syed Jaffry, who scored the second century of his career with a record 8 sixes and 10 fours. There was some evidence of the early dampness in the pitch that was behind Chakra's mind, but his nervous pace attack failed to use it. Although Ravi managed to get an early wicket of Nadir Khan in the first over of the innings. But Irfan Yousaf and Syed Jaffry kept their cool and consolidated the innings with some sweetly timed shots and took charge of the proceedings. Syed Jaffry was particularly in devastating form hitting Prakash and Kumar for a combined score of 85 in their 6 overs. Syed Jaffry hit Prakash penultimate over of the innings for 22 runs with 3 huge sixes.

Earlier, India were on target to contain the Pakistan batsmen at drinks (15 overs) when the score was 91 for one wicket, but centre stage was completely destroyed by the brilliance of Syed Jaffry, Irfan Yousaf and Khurram Butt. Syed Jaffry and Irfan Yousaf started the momentum early on by putting a valuable partnership of 80 runs in 14.1 overs at drinks as the scoreboard read 91 for one wicket at the end of 15 overs. Soon after drinks Irfan Yousaf in pursuit to increase the run-rate was caught behind, but with wickets in hand Pakistan was never to look back. Syed Jaffry took control and hit the accelerator, smacking consecutive sixes on his way to complete his second century. Khurram Butt was as consistent scoring yet another quick half century to consolidate the Pakistan scoreboard and taking the match away from India.



At the end it was a score too much for the India, requiring a huge run rate of 9.2 per over against Pakistan's pace attack and variety of bowlers. India tried to keep pace with the required run rate of 9.2 per over from the off. But with Afzaal Anjum's pace, India could only see the wickets flying all over. At the start of the innings Shahid Zia could not control the swing of the new ball and bowled six consecutive wide deliveries, but then managed to be more consistent at a later stage. Pakistan gave opportunity to every bowler with debutant Sadeeq and Sohail Akbar impressive with the new ball as well. India could not benefit from a few dropped catches by Pakistan fielders and were bowled out for a mere 110 runs.

The rare sight was when Pakistan had 7 slip fielders lined up and enjoying the sweet victory over India.

At the end India were demoralised and have no answer to the ruthlessness of the Pakistani team. India is still looking for a victory over Pakistan since February 2005.

"It's been an outstanding effort from the whole team. It says a lot about the team that we've known for a long time, but when we play against India we've to play at our best when it counts, and we have managed to do that. Scoring a century against India is what I will always remember throughout my career, and is surely one of my best innings"

- Syed Jaffry



Pakistan XI Scorecard

Nadir Khan	Caught bowled Ravi08
Irfan Yousaf	Caught bowled Kolli39
Syed Jaffry	Caught bowled Rakesh132
Khurram Butt	NOT OUT51
Waqas	NOT OUT00
Sohail Akbar	DNB	
Sadeeq	DNB	
Tahir	DNB	
Afzaal Anjum	DNB	
Shahid Zia	DNB	
Extras	45
TOTAL		275

India XI Bowling Card

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs
Ravi	6	2	1	24
Kolli	6	0	1	48
Chakra	4	0	0	37
Vijay	1	0	0	08
Vankat	4	0	0	25
Vijay Jr	2	0	0	22
Rakesh	1	0	1	10
Prakash	3	0	0	46
Kumar	3	0	0	43