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BIRMINGHAM: England's Jonny Bairstow (C) plays a shot past India's wicketkeeper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (L) during the 2019 Cricket World Cup group stage match between England and India at Edgbaston in Birmingham, central England, yesterday. — AFP

England beat India to revive semis hopes

Bairstow smashes century, Stokes provides late burst

BIRMINGHAM: A spirited England ended India's unbeaten run in the Cricket World Cup with a 31-run victory in a high-scoring group match to boost their semi-final prospects yesterday. Jonny Bairstow smashed a belligerent 111. Jason Roy returned from a hamstring injury to make 66 and Ben Stokes (79) provided the late burst in England's commanding 337-7 after electing to bat on an Edgbaston featherbed.

Rohit Sharma smashed his third hundred of the tournament and Virat Kohli his fifth successive half-century but India did not get another significant partnership and finished on 306-5. England leapfrog Pakistan to fourth place with 10 points from eight games, while India remain second on 11 from seven matches. The hosts missed opener Roy particularly in their back-to-back defeats by Sri Lanka and Australia which had jeopardised their semi-final prospects. The 28-year-old made an instant impact on his return, forging

the tournament's highest opening stand with Bairstow and both survived some torrid moments before tearing into the Indian attack during their 160-run stand.

Bairstow nearly deflected a couple of inside edges on to the stump and Roy got a caught-behind reprieve on 21 when he gloved Hardik Pandya. The umpire, however, declared it wide and the Indians deliberated for a while before deciding against reviewing the decision in front of an anxious crowd of predominantly India fans.

England reached the 150 mark in the 21st over and it took a stunning catch by substitute fielder Ravindra Jadeja in the deep to send back Roy. Bairstow brought up his eighth ODI century off 90 balls, celebrating by dropping his helmet, stretching out his arms and soaking in the applause.

Mohammed Shami (5-69) returned to end Bairstow's 109-ball blitz which included six sixes and 10 boundaries. India managed to

stem the boundary flow in the 30-40 over period, when they conceded only 43 runs while claiming two wickets.

Stokes clobbered three sixes and six boundaries in his blistering knock before Jasprit Bumrah dismissed him in the final over. India, clad in their away orange-and-blue jerseys, wobbled early in their chase. Chris Woakes began with three maiden overs, catching the scoreless KL Rahul off his own bowling in his second. India could have been in a deeper crisis but Root, who made 44 with the bat, spilled Rohit, then on four, at slip off Jofra Archer.

Rohit went on to stitch a 138-run partnership with Kohli, the duo frustrating the English attack with their risk-free accumulation. Kohli duly brought up his half-century but once again fell short of a hundred, slicing Liam Plunkett (3-55) to backward point.

Rohit could not be denied his 25th ODI century but he fell to Woakes after making

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England v India World Cup match in Birmingham yesterday:	
England	India
J. Roy c sub (Jadeja) b Yadav 66	KL Rahul c and b Woakes 0
J. Bairstow c Pant b Shami 111	R. Sharma c Buttler b Woakes 102
J. Root c Pandya b Shami 44	V. Kohli c sub (Vince) b Plunkett 66
E. Morgan c Jadhav b Shami 1	R. Pant c Wood b Plunkett 32
B. Stokes c sub (Jadeja) b Bumrah 79	H. Pandya c sub (Vince) b Plunkett 45
J. Buttler c and b Shami 20	MS Dhoni not out 42
C. Woakes c Sharma b Shami 7	K. Jadhav not out 12
L. Plunkett not out 1	Extras: (lb1, w6) 7
J. Archer not out 0	Total: (five wickets, 50 overs) 306
Extras: (b2, lb2, w4) 8	Did not bat: Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Yuzvendra Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah
Total: (seven wickets, 50 overs) 337	Fall of wickets: 1-8 (Rahul), 2-146 (Kohli), 3-198 (Sharma), 4-226 (Pant), 5-267 (Pandya)
Did not bat: Adil Rashid, Mark Wood	Bowling: Woakes 10-3-58-2, Archer 10-0-45-0, Plunkett 10-0-55-3 (4w), Wood 10-0-73-0 (1w), Rashid 6-0-40-0 (1w), Stokes 4-0-34-0
Fall of wickets: 1-160 (Roy), 2-205 (Bairstow), 3-207 (Morgan), 4-277 (Root), 5-310 (Buttler), 6-319 (Woakes), 7-336 (Stokes)	Result: England won by 31 runs.
Bowling: Shami 10-1-69-5 (1w), Bumrah 10-1-44-1, Chahal 10-0-88-0 (2w), Pandya 10-0-60-0 (1w), Yadav 10-0-72-1	

102 which included 15 boundaries. Rishabh Pant made 32 in his World Cup debut and Hardik Pandya chipped in with a 45-run

cameo but Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who made 42 not out, failed to do justice to his reputation as a 'finisher'. — Reuters

Vinales conquers Assen's 'Cathedral of Speed'

ASSEN: Maverick Vinales cruised to his first win of the season at the Dutch MotoGP in Assen yesterday, comfortably seeing off world champion Marc Marquez who extended his lead at the top of the championship table.

Yamaha's 24-year-old rider took control at the 'Cathedral of Speed' with a dozen laps to go, soon pulling clear for his sixth career MotoGP win in his

80th race, but his first since Australia last year.

The mustachioed Vinales, who crossed the line almost five seconds clear of Marquez, told BT Sport: "This is honestly one of the tracks I like most in the calendar. I want to congratulate my team, they did a great job. I'm living my dream, it's been such a long time since my last victory!"

Marquez, who extended his championship lead despite finishing second, said: "I knew Yamaha were very very strong in practice, so this is like a victory. Vinales - he deserves the win." Pole sitter Fabio Quartararo had to settle for third after appearing to have difficulties on his Yamaha, prolonging his wait for a first win in the top category.

But he refused to blame his machine, telling BT Sport: "I was leading the race for the first time, so I'm

happy, can't wait for Germany (next weekend)." The Frenchman, who had set a new track record in qualifying on Saturday, added that his "arm is a little hurting" in reference to the surgery he required at the start of June.

Vinales's teammate, veteran Italian Valentino Rossi, failed to finish after crashing out with Takaaki Nakagami in the early stages. Despite missing out on the win Marquez left Assen in good spirits as he pulled 44 points clear of Andrea Dovizioso, who took fourth on Sunday, in the MotoGP rider's title race.

Earlier, Augusto Fernandez capitalised on Lorenzo Baldassarri wiping out Alex Marquez to claim the Dutch Moto2 Grand Prix. The 21-year-old Spaniard was left out in front to celebrate his debut win in the category after Baldassarri crashed into the champi-

onship leader in the closing laps.

The pair ended up in a heap on the gravel, Marquez's hopes of a fourth consecutive win dashed. Swiss rider Thomas Luthi who took fourth at Assen now leads the Moto2 standings on 117 points from Marquez on 111, with Fernandez in third on 92.

Honda's Italian rider Tony Arbolino overtook Lorenzo Dalla Porta in the closing laps to claim the Moto3 race. Jakub Kornfeil had led until a penalty for cutting a chicane saw him eventually finish third in a race marked by a three-bike crash involving Japanese duo Kaito Toba and Tatsuki Suzuki and Raul Fernandez of Spain.

Arbolino's second win of the season lifted him into fourth in the Moto3 standings, 31 points behind leader Aron Canet who had to settle for 12th. — AFP