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Amy Jones hits unbeaten 92 in England Women ODI win over New Zealand

Amy Jones hit an unbeaten 92 as England Women began their ODI series with a four-wicket victory against New Zealand at the Cello Basin Reserve, Wellington.

Heather Knight's side needed 208 to win and were 79-6 before a record unbroken seventh-wicket stand of 130 between Jones and Charlie Dean sealed victory.

A fine bowling effort saw the White Ferns all out for 207 courtesy of Lauren Bell and Dean (three wickets apiece), Kate Cross (two wickets), and contributions from Nat Sciver-Brunt and Sophie Ecclestone (one wicket each).

Off-spinner Dean also became the fastest woman to 50 ODI wickets, a record that has stood since 1987.

Suzie Bates scored a half century before being bowled by Dean and caught by wicketkeeper Jones. Amelia Kerr and Georgia Plimmer were bowled lbw by the impressive Cross.

England's batting innings saw opener Tammy Beaumont dismissed early by Jess Kerr with experienced duo Knight and Sciver-Brunt scoring 12 runs each as the tourists struggled to find rhythm.

White Ferns captain Amelia Kerr bowled Alice Capsey lbw before dismissing Danni Wyatt.

Then came Jones and Dean's impressive partnership to spearhead England's recovery and a 209-6 finish.

The two teams now travel to Hamilton to contest the final two ODI matches, the first on Thursday.

Amy Jones' post-match press conference is available to watch and download [here](#).

England Women's Fixtures and Results

New Zealand Women v England Women fixtures (all timings in GMT)

19 March - 1st IT20 - Dunedin – England won by 27 runs

22 March - 2nd IT20 - Nelson – England won by 15 runs

24 March - 3rd IT20 - Nelson – New Zealand won by three runs

27 March - 4th IT20 - Wellington – England won by 47 runs

29 March - 5th IT20 - Wellington – England won by five wickets

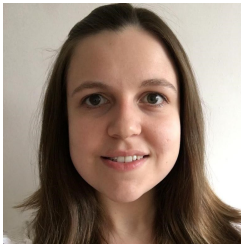
31 March - 1st ODI - Wellington – England won by four wickets

3 April - 2nd ODI - Hamilton - 11pm

6 April - 3rd ODI - Hamilton - 11pm

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