



Healy scored 170 from 138 balls. Photo: Getty Images/ICC

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Australia Women win ICC Women's Cricket World Cup despite Sciver ton

Australia Women 356-5 beat England Women 285 by 71 runs

Alyssa Healy hit a memorable 170 as Australia Women beat England Women by 71 runs to win the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup.

Healy's innings - the highest ever in an ICC Cricket World Cup final - helped catapult Australia to a record 365-5, and despite a fine, spirited century in reply from Nat Sciver, England never looked likely to overcome such a

mammoth total.

England won the toss and opted to bowl first, looking for early wickets, but they weren't to come as Healy and Rachael Haynes soaked up some early pressure.

Australia then went through the gears in the Christchurch sun to rack up the biggest total England had ever conceded in an ODI innings. Anya Shrubsole was the pick of the bowlers, with impressive figures of 10-0-46-3.

Sciver's innings - 148 from 121 balls - was a remarkable knock, but while it kept England hoping, they were never able to sustain partnerships for long enough to threaten.

It means Heather Knight's side failed in their efforts to defend the trophy they won in 2017, despite a resilient second half of the tournament that saw them win five must-win games on the bounce to make the final.

Please find below video and audio files of Heather Knight and Nat Sciver's post-match press conference available to use. You cannot publish video on Twitter. Please credit ICC. <u>https://we.tl/t-W10oDr61du</u>

England Women's World Cup Results

Saturday March 5: Australia Women 310-3 beat England Women 298-8 by 12 runs Tuesday March 8: West Indies Women 225-6 beat England Women 216 by 7 runs Monday March 14: South Africa Women 236-7 beat England Women 235-9 by three wickets Wednesday March 16: England Women 136-6 beat India Women 134 by four wickets Saturday March 19: England Women 204-9 beat New Zealand Women 203 by one wicket Thursday March 24: England Women 107-1 beat Pakistan Women 105 by nine wickets Sunday March 27: England Women 234-6 beat Bangladesh Women 134 by 100 runs

Thursday March 31: England Women 293-8 beat South Africa Women 134 by 137 runs Sunday April 3: Australia Women 356-5 beat England Women 285 by 71 runs

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