



POTM Linsey Smith celebrates a dominant England win with figures of 3-7. CREDIT: ICC/Getty

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England dominate South Africa in opening World Cup match

[England Women \(73-0\) beat South Africa Women \(69ao\) by 10 wickets.](#)

England Women made a perfect start to their ICC Women's Cricket World Cup campaign, delivering a ruthless 10-wicket victory over South Africa in Guwahati, India.

Left-arm spinner Linsey Smith set the tone at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium, striking twice in her opening two overs. She produced a sharp caught-and-

bowled to remove South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt (5) before bowling Tazmin Brits (5) soon after.

Lauren Bell (1-24) added to the early pressure by dismissing Suné Luus (2), and Smith returned to claim the prized wicket of Marizanne Kapp (4). Her superb figures of 3 for 7 left South Africa reeling at 19-4 inside the powerplay – a spell that earned her Player of the Match.

The squeeze continued as Sophie Ecclestone (2-19) and England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt (2-5) tightened the grip. Sciver-Brunt, back with the ball for the first time since the WPL final in March, struck with her very first delivery. Charlie Dean (2-14) then wrapped up the tail, dismissing South Africa for just 69 in the 21st over.

England's chase was clinical. Openers Tammy Beaumont (21*) and Amy Jones (40*) were untroubled as they calmly knocked off the target in just 14.1 overs, sealing a dominant statement win to launch their campaign.

Please find audio from Linsey Smith's post match press conference [HERE](#).

England's ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Schedule 2025

Friday, 3 October: **England Women v South Africa Women**, Barsapara Cricket Stadium, Guwahati - [England Women won by 10 wickets.](#)

Tuesday, 7 October: **England Women v Bangladesh Women**, Barsapara Cricket Stadium, Guwahati. 10:30BST.

Saturday, 11 October: **England Women v Sri Lanka Women**, R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo. 10:30BST.

Wednesday, 15 October: **England Women v Pakistan Women**, R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo. 10:30BST.

Sunday, 19 October: **India Women v England Women**, Holkar Stadium, Indore. 10:30BST.

Wednesday, 22 October: **Australia Women v England Women**, Holkar Stadium, Indore. 10:30BST.

Sunday, 26 October: **England Women v New Zealand Women**, Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam. 05:30GMT.

Wednesday, 29 October: **First Semi-Final**, TBC. 09:30GMT.

Thursday, 30 October: **Second Semi-Final**, Dr DY Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai. 09:30GMT.

Sunday, 02 November: **Final**, TBC. 09:30GMT.



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