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England Men's U19 beat World Cup hosts South Africa

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England continued their Under 19s World Cup campaign with a second group stage win as they beat home side South Africa on Tuesday.

England won the toss and chose to bowl first, restricting the hosts to 230 all out.

Spin was the name of the game in Potchefstroom once again. After seven

wickets fell to England's young spinners in their opening win at the same venue against Scotland on Saturday, Jaydn Denly and Tazeem Ali combined for six wickets this time round. Denly finishing with 3-37 and Ali impressive figures of 3-26. England's most successful pace bowler was Eddie Jack, who also had three key wickets, taking 3-28.

In reply England got off to a strong start thanks to a 92 run second wicket partnership between captain Ben McKinney and Noah Thain. Mckinney falling just two runs short of his half-century, before Thain completed his 50 in the 26th over.

The players were then forced off in the 29th over, with the risk of lightning in the area, followed by heavy rain. That rain stopped the two sides from coming out to complete the game, but with England 137-2 from their 28.3 they were well ahead of the required run rate for a win by DLS.

After the game player-of-the-match Jack reflected on the victory: "I thought South Africa came out really hard with the bat. Credit to their openers, they played really well in the powerplay. Coming on in my first spell, I wanted to make a difference and impact the game as much as I could. I went to my strengths and luckily got the early wicket. Jaydn did well after that and got a couple of wickets, so we were in the game after that.

"In this team, I am trying to be that impact player through the middle overs. A Mark Wood or Liam Plunkett type role, trying to take wickets and impact the game whenever I can. I felt like I managed to do that today, taking wickets at key moments."

England Men U19 World Cup Fixtures

Saturday 20 January: England Men U19 beat Scotland U19 by 7 wickets

<u>Tuesday 23 January: England Men U19 beat South Africa U19 by 36 runs (DLS Method)</u>

Friday 26 January: England Men U19 v West Indies U19, 8am

Tuesday 30 January - Saturday 3 February: ICC Men's U19 World Cup Super Six, 8am

Tuesday 6 and Thursday 8 February: ICC Men's U19 World Cup Semi-Finals, 8am

Sunday 11 February: ICC Men's U19 World Cup Final, 8am

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