



England got home with one wicket to spare. Photo: Getty Images/ICC

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England Women win thriller at Eden Park

England Women 204-9 beat New Zealand Women 203 by one wicket

England Women scraped over the line in a thriller at Eden Park to win their second of four must-win games and maintain their hopes of reaching the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup semi-finals.

Up against hosts New Zealand at Eden Park, they were well placed at the interval after the bowlers combined brilliantly to bowl out Sophie Devine's side for 203, but ultimately it was left to final pair Charlie Dean and Anya

Shrubsole to take their team over the line after a late collapse.

Earlier Kate Cross (3-35), Sophie Ecclestone (3-41) and Dean (2-36) had put Heather Knight's team in the ascendancy. Another improved performance in the field also featured a spectacular catch from Knight at cover.

In reply, England seemed comfortable at 106-3 and then 176-4 - with Nat Sciver the mainstay with 61 - but New Zealand so nearly stole it after a dramatic, late flurry of wickets.

England's next fixture is against Pakistan in Christchurch on Thursday.

Please find below video and audio files of Kate Cross's post-match press conference available to use. You cannot publish video on Twitter. Please credit ICC. https://sendgb.com/waHhyjDOm6L

England Women's World Cup Fixtures

Saturday March 5: <u>Australia Women 310-3 beat England Women 298-8 by 12 runs</u>

Tuesday March 8: West Indies Women 225-6 beat England Women 216 by 7 runs

Monday March 14: <u>South Africa Women 236-7 beat England Women 235-9 by three wickets</u>

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 v Pakistan Women, Christchurch (2pm local, 1am UK time)

Saturday March 26: England Women v Bangladesh Women, Wellington (11am local, 10pm UK time March 25)

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