



Nat Sciver celebrates her 85-ball hundred. Photo: Malaysian Cricket Association

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Superb Sciver Takes England To Big Win

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A third ODI century from Nat Sciver – and a career-best 85* for Fran Wilson – took England to a comfortable victory in the second ODI against Pakistan in Malaysia and an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series.

Captain Heather Knight, making her 100th ODI appearance, won the toss and chose to bat and despite the early loss of Danni Wyatt her side soon found their stride.

Knight herself was in fine touch and looked certain to reach three figures before getting run out on 86. On a pitch with a bit more life than Monday's first ODI England looked set for a total just below 300 before Sciver and Wilson turned on the after-burners inside the last 10 overs and carried the visitors to 327/4.

On a boiling hot day, against some disciplined Pakistani bowling, it was a fine effort from both Sciver and Wilson – both of whom would have impressed the watching Lisa Keightley.

Pakistan were once again dogged in reply and they landed a few punches of their own, but they never seemed likely to chase down England's total and they were bowled out for 200, giving England a 127-run victory.

The wickets were shared around, with two apiece for Shrubsole, Glenn, Ecclestone and Knight - who was awarded Player of the Match for her all-round efforts.

QUOTES

Nat Sciver: "I was really happy to reach three figures, from a selfish point of view, but it was just nice to take the team to a big total.

"Fran batted so well when she came in and she really helped us accelerate towards 300 and beyond - it was a lot of fun batting with her and she played excellently.

"It was a shame Heather didn't get to her landmark because she batted so well and it would have been a lovely way for her to celebrate getting to 100 caps.

"Pakistan have been quite testing, they were hard to get away at points today and they were solid with the bat so we're happy to have gone 2-0 up and won the series."

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