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Young Lions openers keep series alive

England Men U19s kept alive their Youth ODI series against West Indies Men U19s with a two-wicket win on the back of stand-out performances from openers Ben Dawkins and Isaac Mohammed.

Dawkins and Mohammed shared a 151-run opening stand to set the platform for the Young Lions to reel in the hosts' 276 for nine with an over to spare.

Kent batter Dawkins maintained his good form falling just three runs shy of a century while Mohammed struck 74 – including five sixes – before the lower-order kept their cool to steer the visitors home.

Luke Hds and Manny Lumsden, both of whom had earlier claimed two wickets apiece, took 13 from the penultimate over to win the game.

The Young Lions had lost the opening two games of the seven-game series in Grenada in the final over, with this last-gasp victory leaving the series poised at 3-2 in favour of the Windies.

Dawkins was the shining light in Monday's 98-run loss, when he struck 78, and with Mohammed took control of this game. His 97 included nine fours and three sixes before he was adjudged to have edged Jakeem Pollard behind following a half-hearted appeal.

The Young Lions lost regular wickets before Hands and Lumsden steadied to ensure the series in Grenada remains live heading into Saturday's sixth Youth ODI.

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