

India would relish the bouncy England pitches

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India's performance in the West Indies will be followed quite avidly by the England team's strategy makers as they prepare plans to tackle the Indians when they tour England next month. Today with the technology development, every single ball played anywhere in the world is available on a laptop and those players who want to be better informed about the opposition can spend their time looking at the footage looking for strengths and weaknesses of the players they will take on.



The gamesmanship has already begun with some English players taking India to task for their stand on the Decision Review System (DRS) but what happened in Barbados where Dhoni's dismissal was referred to the third umpire and the wrong delivery was shown just augments India's position that when technology is in human hands mistakes can happen.

It was a genuine error alright, but it still shows that with the best of technology errors are possible. Fact is that nobody, just nobody, is comfortable against good sustained short bowling and not just the Indians. So by all means bring on pacy pitches, for then Zaheer, Ishant and Praveen Kumar will be the first to say thank you for that. India has the talent to play on all kinds of pitches and would actually relish the challenge. Not for a moment is it being suggested that it will be a cakewalk for the Indians in England for they do have a very well balanced team now.

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