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Vaughan questions England's over-reliance on 90mph bowlers



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Former England captain Michael Vaughan has criticized the team's reliance on fast bowlers following their shock exit from the Champions Trophy. England's group-stage loss to Afghanistan, which came after conceding 113 runs in the final 10 overs, highlighted a tactical flaw: the overuse of 90mph bowlers, including Jofra Archer, Mark Wood, and Jamie Overton.

Despite strong pace attacks, England struggled in key moments, with their focus on speed proving costly against teams like Afghanistan and Australia. Vaughan pointed out that the team's approach lacks variety, with no left-arm seamers or spinners in the lineup. He argued that the obsession with pace, particularly in subcontinent conditions, isn't working for England's white-ball cricket strategy.

Reflecting on past successes, Vaughan highlighted the 2019 World Cup final, where Chris Woakes and Liam Plunkett—both medium-fast bowlers—played crucial roles. Vaughan added that England's recent obsession with 90mph bowlers, such as Sonny Baker and Sam Cook, undermines the effectiveness of more varied bowling options. He emphasized that England's best bowlers, like Stuart Broad and Jimmy Anderson, have never relied on speed but instead on skill and variation.