

## Formidable Kiwi's Performance



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In the first T20 match of the series on March 16, 2025, New Zealand dominated Pakistan in the match at Hagley Oval in Christchurch, securing a resounding and commanding nine wicket victory over Pakistan.

Batting first Pakistan's lineup relatively young and inexperienced crumbled under pressure, against New Zealand's disciplined bowling attack and were bowled out for a modest total of 91 runs in 18.4 overs posting a meager total of 91 runs. This score marked their lowest score in New Zealand and the fifth-lowest in T20 internationals.

The absence of key players Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan was evident, as the team struggled to build partnerships.

Chasing a modest target, New Zealand's openers made quick work of the chase. They reached the target in just 10.2 overs, losing only one wicket. The swift chase highlighted New Zealand's dominance and Pakistan's vulnerabilities.

The match's outcome sparked a flurry of discussions among disheartened cricket fans and on social media platforms expressing surprise over Pakistan's performance and praising New Zealand's clinical approach.

This match sets a challenging tone for Pakistan as they aim to regroup and come back stronger in the upcoming fixtures of the series.

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