

# England Knocked Out as Laura Wolvaardt and Marizanne Kapp Lead South Africa to Historic World Cup Final

In a stunning semi-final showdown at the ICC Women's World Cup, South Africa created history by defeating defending champions England to secure their first-ever spot in an ODI World Cup final. It was a night of celebration and redemption for the Proteas, as captain Laura Wolvaardt and seasoned all-rounder Marizanne Kapp delivered world-class performances to end England's campaign in dramatic fashion.



England entered the match as favorites, boasting a strong record in knockout stages. However, South Africa's determination and tactical brilliance turned the tide. After restricting England to a competitive total, the chase looked tricky when early wickets fell.

That's when Wolvaardt and Kapp took charge, showcasing composure and character in a high-pressure situation.

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Wolvaardt, known for her elegant stroke play, anchored the innings beautifully, pacing her knock with maturity beyond her years. She played the role of the steady hand, rotating strike and punishing loose deliveries with precision. At the other end, Kapp brought her trademark grit and aggression, finding boundaries at crucial moments and keeping the scoreboard ticking. Their partnership not only stabilized the innings but also dismantled England's hopes of a comeback.

Earlier, South Africa's bowlers set the tone for the contest. Shabnim Ismail's fiery pace and Ayabonga Khaka's accuracy kept England on the back foot, while the fielding unit backed them with sharp work. Every run saved and every dot ball built pressure – and eventually, it made all the difference.

When Wolvaardt hit the winning runs, the South African dressing room erupted in joy. Years of heartbreak in semi-finals – both in ODI and T20 formats – had finally been avenged. For Wolvaardt and Kapp, the victory was more than just a win; it was the culmination of years of dedication, resilience, and belief.

As South Africa now turns its attention to the grand final, the nation stands united in pride. This victory has not only knocked England out but also marked a new dawn for South African women's cricket – one where dreams have turned into history.

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