

= 2009 Women 's Cricket World Cup Final =

The 2009 Women 's Cricket World Cup Final was a cricket match between New Zealand and England played on 22 March 2009 at the North Sydney Oval in Australia . It was the culmination of the 2009 Women 's Cricket World Cup , the ninth Women 's Cricket World Cup . England won the final by four wickets , clinching their third World Cup title and their first outside England . It was the second time that the two teams had met at this stage of a World Cup ? England won their previous final contest in 1993 .

After winning the toss , New Zealand captain Haidee Tiffen opted to bat first . Her side were bowled out in 47 @.@ 2 overs for a total of 166 runs . All @.@ rounder Lucy Doolan , batting at number nine , was the highest scorer for New Zealand with 48 . England bowler Nicky Shaw took a career @.@ best four wickets for 34 runs . In their response , England built an opening partnership of 74 runs and continued to score steadily . Despite regularly losing wickets , they reached the winning total with 23 balls to spare , earning England their first World Cup title for 16 years . Shaw , who had initially not been included in the England team , was named player of the match after replacing the injured Jenny Gunn just minutes before the start of the match .

= = Route to the final = =

= = = Group stage = = =

New Zealand were drawn in Group A of the competition , along with the West Indies , South Africa and their " traditional rivals " Australia . They started their campaign against Australia . Haidee Tiffen scored a cautious half @.@ century for New Zealand , but her dismissal triggered a collapse in which the team lost seven wickets for the addition of 34 runs . In their reply , Australia regularly lost wickets , and a six over bowling spell by Kate Pulford , in which she took three wickets for 30 runs , slowed the run chase . After an initial rain delay held up the game , a second downpour finished the match , with Australia 13 runs short by the Duckworth ? Lewis method . Tiffen missed New Zealand 's second match , against the West Indies , with an injury , and Aimee Mason deputised as captain . For the second time in as many matches , New Zealand suffered a collapse , losing their first six wickets for 104 runs . A seventh @.@ wicket partnership of 57 between Mason and Sarah Tsukigawa helped New Zealand to remain competitive in the match , and they completed their 50 overs with 192 runs . According to Cricinfo , the West Indian reply " was devoid of momentum " . Spin bowlers Mason and Lucy Doolan took three wickets apiece to limit the West Indies to 136 runs for the loss of eight wickets from their overs . In their final group stage match , New Zealand ensured that they won the group with a big win over South Africa . Amy Satterthwaite , Sara McGlashan and Nicola Browne all scored half @.@ centuries as their team reached a total of 250 for five . South Africa struggled in their chase : only Cri @.@ Zelda Brits reached double figures in an innings dominated by the bowling of Mason and Suzie Bates , who collected four wickets each .

England were placed in Group B , alongside India , Pakistan and Sri Lanka . In their first contest , against Sri Lanka , they scored 277 runs , aided by a 95 @.@ ball century from Claire Taylor , and a half @.@ century by Caroline Atkins . Sri Lanka batted their full allocation of overs , but lost by 100 runs . Laura Marsh took three wickets , and three of the Sri Lankan batsmen were run out in their chase . Following the match , Jenny Gunn 's bowling action was reported to the International Cricket Council ( ICC ) as being potentially illegal , but she was cleared a few days later . England faced India in their second match , in a contest billed as the battle for top spot in the group . England won the match easily , bowling India out for 169 ; with Gunn and Holly Colvin each taking three wickets , and unbeaten half @.@ centuries from both Atkins and Claire Taylor . Another large win , over Pakistan , guaranteed England finished as group winners . Marsh took a career @.@ best five wickets to help bowl Pakistan out for just 78 runs , a total which her side reached in less than half of their allowed overs .

== Super Sixes ==

England and New Zealand met each other in the first match of the Super Sixes . England batted first , and despite being 96 for four at one stage , 57 runs from captain Charlotte Edwards , and a rapid 22 runs from Gunn , helped their side recover to post a total of 201 for five . In response , New Zealand began positively , and were boosted by a half @-@ century from their captain , Tiffen , but the spin bowling of Edwards , Marsh and Colvin controlled the run rate , and New Zealand were eventually bowled out for 170 , Edwards taking four wickets . England 's following match was against the West Indies , and they once again surpassed 200 runs after batting first . Sarah Taylor , Claire Taylor and Atkins all scored half @-@ centuries to propel England to their total of 236 for eight . The English bowlers then dismissed the West Indies for 90 runs , with Marsh collecting three wickets . The win secured England a place in the final , irrespective of the result in their final match against Australia .

In their second match , New Zealand faced an Indian side which had beaten Australia in their first Super Six contest . India batted first and scored 207 , during an innings in which they lost four batsmen to run outs . New Zealand began their response well , putting on a partnership of 78 runs for the first wicket between Pulford and Tiffen . After Tiffen 's dismissal , Bates supported Pulford , who eventually fell for 71 runs , and New Zealand reached their target with 14 balls to spare . New Zealand set a record partnership for the second wicket in women 's ODIs in their final match : Bates scored 168 and Tiffen 100 as the pair put on 262 runs together . Bates played an aggressive innings , scoring her runs from 105 balls , including 6 sixes and 19 fours . New Zealand reached 373 from their overs , and bowled Pakistan out for 150 , granting themselves a 223 run victory , and qualifying for the final . England were outplayed by Australia in their final Super Six match : Shelley Nitschke slowed the run rate during her bowling , taking two wickets and restricting England to just fourteen runs from her ten overs . England were bowled out for 161 , a total Australia chased down within 34 overs .

== Build up ==

Prior to the start of the competition , Jenny Roesler of Cricinfo suggested England and New Zealand , along with Australia , as the favourites to win the competition . The final was a repeat of the 1993 final , when England won at Lord 's . Both sides had won the World Cup previously , but only when hosting the tournament . New Zealand achieved the feat in 2000 , while England were winners in both 1973 and 1993 . In addition to losing the 1993 final to England , New Zealand were also finalists in 1997 , losing to Australia in India . England had contested five previous finals ; losing to Australia in subsequent tournaments in 1978 , 1982 and 1988 . England all @-@ rounder Gunn aggravated a calf @-@ strain during the warm @-@ up , and was replaced by the team 's vice @-@ captain Nicky Shaw , who had previously been omitted from the side . Huw Richards , writing for the International Herald Tribune , described both England and New Zealand as worthy finalists , and noted that he was disappointed with the performance of Australia , who finished fourth .

== Match ==

== Summary ==

The final was played on " a gloriously sunny day " at the North Sydney Oval , a multi @-@ purpose stadium in North Sydney , New South Wales . The ground had hosted a number of matches earlier in the tournament , and during the 1988 Women 's Cricket World Cup , but has never hosted men 's international cricket . The match , played in front of 2 @, @ 300 people , began at 10 : 00 AEDT , with a scheduled lunch interval from 13 @. @ 10 to 13 @. @ 55 . Steve Davis , of Australia , and the South African Brian Jerling were appointed as the on @-@ field umpires for the match . Davis was a member of the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires , the highest designation for an umpire , while Jerling was

on the International Panel of Umpires and Referees , the next most senior designation . Tyron Wijewardena and Jeff Brookes fulfilled the off @-@ field roles of third and fourth umpires respectively , and Brian Aldridge served as match referee . Aldridge had previously umpired the 1992 Cricket World Cup Final .

Despite conditions conducive to swing bowling , New Zealand 's captain , Tiffen , chose to bat first after winning the toss . England opened the bowling with seam from one end , provided by Katherine Brunt , and spin at the other , from Isa Guha . Brunt 's bowling spell was described by the BBC 's Aimee Lewis as " superb " , and team @-@ mate Shaw credited her with putting the New Zealand batsmen under pressure . New Zealand progressed to 46 for the loss of just the opener Pulford , before England made their first bowling change . The England vice @-@ captain , Shaw , was brought on , and made an immediate impact . From her third ball , Bates mistimed an attempted loft over mid @-@ on , and was caught by Atkins . The following ball , Satterthwaite fell for a duck , edging an outswinging delivery to the wicket @-@ keeper , Sarah Taylor . Four overs later , Tiffen was also dismissed by Shaw , providing a thick edge to Sarah Taylor . Although middle @-@ order batsmen McGlashan and Mason both got starts , New Zealand collapsed to 101 for seven . Doolan joined Browne at the crease , and the pair provided their side with some degree of a recovery : Doolan scored 48 runs in a partnership of 63 to help New Zealand to their total of 166 . After the dismissal of Doolan , who was stumped off a wide delivery , New Zealand subsided rapidly , losing their final two wickets for just two more runs . The New Zealand Herald criticised the batting as being " indifferent " , but Richards credited England for their " tight bowling and fielding " to restrict New Zealand .

In their response , England began confidently : opening batsmen Atkins and Sarah Taylor built a partnership larger than any managed by New Zealand , scoring 74 runs before the dismissal of Taylor for 39 . Atkins played a more patient innings than Taylor , and scored the most runs for her side , accruing 40 from 85 balls . Claire Taylor came to the crease upon Sarah Taylor 's dismissal and played with a similar attacking intent , striking four boundaries during her 21 runs before she was bowled by Mason . England 's middle order suffered their own collapse against the opposition spin bowlers Doolan and Mason , their scoring rate slowing significantly from 4 @.@ 78 runs per over at the end of the fourteenth over to 3 @.@ 58 twenty overs later . Edwards was given out after being caught by wicket @-@ keeper Rachel Priest for 10 runs , though she did not actually hit the ball . Despite their struggles through the middle overs , Richards opined that " England never looked like losing . " It was Shaw who once again galvanised England , batting with a more attacking style than those that had struggled before her . Her score of 17 not out pushed England towards the winning target , and a single from Colvin secured victory for England with 23 balls remaining in the innings . Shaw 's contribution earned her the player of the match accolade .

= = = Scorecard = = =

Match officials

On @-@ field umpires : Steve Davis and Brian Jerling

Third umpire : Tyron Wijewardene

Match referee : Brian Aldridge

Reserve umpire : Jeff Brookes

Key

\* ? Captain

? Wicket @-@ keeper

c Fielder ? Indicates that the batsman was dismissed by a catch by the named fielder

b Bowler ? Indicates which bowler gains credit for the dismissal

lbw ? Indicates the batsman was dismissed leg before wicket

st ? Indicates the batsman was stumped

= = Aftermath = =

The ICC awarded England US \$ 45 @, @ 000 for their cup win , while New Zealand received \$ 25 @, @ 000 . The team of the tournament included seven finalists : England 's Edwards was selected as captain , and was joined by team @-@ mates Brunt , Marsh , Claire Taylor and Sarah Taylor . Bates and Pulford represented New Zealand in the team , while Sophie Devine was named as the team 's twelfth woman . Claire Taylor , who finished the tournament as the leading run @-@ scorer , was named as the Player of the Tournament . The month after the final , Taylor became the first woman to be selected as one of Wisden 's Cricketers of the Year .

The two sides met again three months later to contest the final of the 2009 Women 's World Twenty20 . England once again won the contest , and in doing so became the first team of either sex to be champions in all three cricketing formats : Test , One Day International and Twenty20 . Each of the top four in the 2009 tournament automatically qualified for the 2013 Women 's Cricket World Cup . Neither England nor New Zealand reached the final of that tournament , but instead met in the third @-@ place playoff , which England won by four wickets .