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SPORT SPECIAL  
ON WORLD T20

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TEAMS,  
ONE CUP



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16 MUMBAI  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 6, 2012

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Sri Lanka

## QUICK BYTES

### Akmal fined for ignoring umpires

Pakistan batsman Umar Akmal has been fined 50 per cent of his match fee for breach of the ICC Code of Conduct during his side's 16-run defeat against Sri Lanka in the first semifinal. Umar was found to have breached Article 7.2.11 of the code, a level 2 offence, which relates to "conduct contrary to the spirit of the game". Umar pleaded guilty to the offence and accepted the proposed sanction and thus there was no need for a formal hearing. The incident took place in the 17th over of Pakistan's innings when Umar, who was the non-striker, ignored both on-field umpires' request and went ahead to change his batting gloves in the semifinal match last night.

### Herath was right choice: Mahela

Having played a reluctant party-pooper in dropping birthday boy Akila Dananjaya to accommodate Rangana Herath, Sri Lanka captain Mahela Javawarane was



### NAVROZE D DHONDY

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The camera panned from right to left. Or left to right. As the blues merged, so did the greens.

Try watching some international cricket these days. And you will wonder why some teams have deserted their wonderful jersey colours to don something so similar to the opposition that Kallis looks as if he is from Bangladesh, Ireland or sometime even Pakistan, while India, England and Sri Lanka sure make the CYMB plate go green with jealousy with the similarity.

India in their trademark light (sky) blue were clearly identifiable anywhere on any ground in the world. They changed to royal to indigo to deep blue for different seasons and different reasons. The Aussies, distinctive in their bright yellows, were the most feared team (and colour) for many years. Suddenly, the Aussies turned green, so green that the batsman and the keeper from the opposition could barely be seen as people from different teams. Even the trimmings down the trousers were yellow lines, adding to the 'me-too' look.

Bangladesh experiments with greens as does Ireland, making them twins at times, but during the current ICC T20 Ireland decided to have a different flair and went for a deep blue (with a dash of Irish green) to further compound the confusion between India, Sri Lanka and England.

Not to forget what fun we had while watching Kenya vs South Africa, or Kenya vs Bangladesh. Who said the world was not going green!

Some teams have bucked this trend and stayed loyal to

their colours. The West Indians, in inimitable burgundy, have stayed cool under the bright exterior, though they do have some completion from humble Canada. The Dutch have orange as their base and have stuck to the basics, while the Kiwis have been very conservative with their experiments from black to some shades of grey (and we are not talking about the hot selling novel on the

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stands). Maybe, the ICC has to step in and stipulate the range of colours a team can chose from and play with. Embellishments, stripes, designs are for the team to create within certain guidelines. Possibly even look at two sets of clothing per team where the home and away kind of

ideas used by the EPL help to ensure that both Man U and Arsenal never see red, at least when they cross swords on a football pitch. Perhaps, it's time for some colour-coding at the ICC and we could have a more enjoyable time watching the game both at the ground and on the telly, rather than straining to identify the green from the green and, at times, feel blue about the confusion.



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# INTERNATIONAL COLOURS OF CRICKET



Teams these days are deserting their wonderful jersey colours to don something similar to the opposition. With the blues and the greens taking an upper hand over other colours, players from the home team and the opposition have started to look alike, making it difficult for the viewers to differentiate —AFP