

# ICC T20 World Cup 2022

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Geelong, Victoria, Australia

Kardinia Park

**Sri Lanka**

**Kusal Mendis**

**Maheesh Theekshana**

Post Match Media Conference



Sri Lanka 162/6, Netherlands 146/9

**Q. What adjustments have you had to make on these conditions?**

KUSAL MENDIS: Yeah, a little different here than in Australia coming in February. Also then the rebounds and pace they have. I think the first six overs begin to play the normal game, then we can get up there the last 10 overs.

**Q. When did you realise that at some point during the first game that you don't have to play (indiscernible) in order to maximise the boundary?**

KUSAL MENDIS: Yeah, the first game a little bit we know the wicket is a little bit slow, then after that first match, I know how to play this wicket. Then the second and third match, I played really well. Then I know how to play then this wicket.

**Q. Do you need to practice before coming?**

KUSAL MENDIS: Two weeks I practice here, and mentally the same thing. The practice in winter both are a bit different. I think they practice very well I think and play well here.

**Q. Kusal, your position today was obviously different from your first match, but you were playing the same pitch and just had a much better game as a team. Why do you think you played so much better today than in the first game?**

KUSAL MENDIS: First game I didn't know how to play the wicket because it was really slow, then after the first match, I know how to play here. Then a bit of wicket slow, then I take the time, and the first six overs play the normal game. Then after the six overs I can manage my routine. That's the reason.

**Q. Do you think the fact that Sri Lanka have reached the Super 12 the hard way, do you think that'll be a good thing for the team, to bring the team closer**

together?

KUSAL MENDIS: Yeah, before last month I played very well at Asia Cup. Then I have a good team. Then I know that I have a similar plan after the next match, then I think we can do it better.

**Q. Kusal, did this pitch play a little better than the one on Sunday, just not quite as slow?**

KUSAL MENDIS: Yeah, a little bit more today, a little bit slow than earlier, only the first hour, then a little bit slow. Then after the first 20 over, the wicket getting better a little bit.

**Q. Kusal, if you advance, then you will go to group 2 in Super 12: India, Pakistan, South Africa, Bangladesh. Looks like it's almost that group waiting for you. How do you see that suggestion?**

KUSAL MENDIS: I think we have played a lot of Asian countries. I think good for the game to get a second look. We have played Bangladesh and India so many times. I think we are playing a good series.

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