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Phillips also added the prized wicket of Pakistan opener Fakhar Zaman who top-scored with a 69-ball 84. Glenn's knock and his partnership with Bracewell gave us the momentum," said Santner, the New Zealand captain. "We were looking at 280 or 300 at one stage but Glenn's knock was icing on the cake." Rizwan said the defeat was hard to digest.

"When you lose, it's a difficult day," said Rizwan. "The pitch was a bit difficult early on but (Kane) Williamson and (Daryl) Mitchell did well and then the way Phillips batted, no words to describe that." New Zealand 330-6 in 50 overs (G. Phillips 106 not out, D. Mitchell 81, K. Williamson 58; Shaheen Shah Afridi 3-88, Abrar Ahmed 2-41) v Pakistan 252 in 47.5 overs (Fakhar Zaman 84, Salman Agha 40; M. Santner 3-41)

Result: New Zealand won by 78 runs

Toss: New Zealand

Next match: New Zealand vs South Africa, Lahore on Monday