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When India plays Australia in the semi-final, Varun Chakravarthy, who took Harshit Rana's position for the team's last Champions Trophy group match, will have to make a tough choice. In just his second ODI, Varun helped India defeat New Zealand by 44 runs in Dubai with statistics of 5 for 42.

The "exceptional" Varun was praised by former India legspinner Anil Kumble, who also claimed that his performance would boost India, who would play their semi-final and final at the same location if they qualify.

On Match Day, Kumble stated, "I believe Varun has been outstanding over the past one and a half years, winning games for whichever team he has played for, whether it's Tamil Nadu or KKR or for India in T20Is." "And now that India has clearly already qualified, we are getting an opportunity [in the ODIs]."

However, based on the field and the circumstances, this bodes well for the semi-final and, ideally, the final for India.

"And this four-pronged spin attack will be a big test for any side if this is the type of pitch that India will continue to play on in Dubai. It would be very challenging for Australia to control these four spinners.

Varun cleaned up Will Young first, as New Zealand was pursuing 250. He then came back towards the end of the middle overs to remove Mitchell Santner, who was looking dangerous with a boundary and two sixes, as well as Glenn Phillips and Michael Bracewell, all of whom were crucial middle-order wickets in successive overs. He finished his five-for by dismissing Matt Henry after one ball. In the following over, India won the match.

Varun only played one further ODI, finishing with a score of 1 for 52 in the three-match series against England that preceded the Champions Trophy.

Varun claimed that speaking with the seniors helped him relax after the game on Sunday. "I found out last night [that he was going to play]," he stated. "I was excited and anticipating to play for the nation, but I was also a little anxious because I haven't played many ODIs for India.

However, I felt better as the game went on. Rohit bhai, Virat was speaking to me.