

# B'desh thrash SL for biggest win



Mushfiqur Rahim became the third half-centurion in the innings and hoisted the hosts to 320 for 7

**Dhaka**

**T**amim Iqbal smashed 84 as Bangladesh hit 320 and then inflicted further misery on Sri Lanka to claim their biggest win in one-day cricket on Friday.

Sri Lanka, under new coach Chandika Hathurusingha, were skittled out for 157 and the performance will set new alarm bells ringing after they lost to Zimbabwe in their previous match in the three-nation contest.

But Bangladesh celebrated their victory.

"If you look at (the) recent past, it is one of our best wins," said captain Mashrafe Mortaza.

"I think Tamim could have got a hundred. Shakib also could have gone on."

The 28-year-old left hander Tamim plundered two sixes and seven fours as Bangladesh came within four runs of their record one-day score against Sri Lanka.

He was given strong support by Shakib Al Hasan who made 67, and took three for 47 to claim man of the match honours, and Mushfiqur Rahim on 62.

Tamim put on a scintillating 99 for the second wicket with Shakib before wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella successfully reviewed a not-out decision to end his 102-ball innings.

Sri Lanka, rebuilding under Hathurusingha after their worst year in international cricket, never posed a serious threat as they lost by 163 runs.

With captain Angelo Mathews missing due to injury, Thisara Perera hit the top score of 29 while wickets regularly tumbled at the other end. Hathurusingha saw his side collapse in 32.2 overs.

Perera, who took three for 60, was also his side's most effective bowler. (AFP)

## BRIEF SCORES

**BAN VS SL**

**Bangladesh 320 for 7** (Tamim 84, Shakib 67, Mushfiqur 62, Perera 3-60) **beat Sri Lanka 157** (Perera 29, Shakib 3-47, Rubel 2-20, Mashrafe 2-30) **by 163 runs**

**ENG VS AUS**

**England 6 for 274** (Bairstow 60, Hales 57, Starc 4-57) **beat Australia 9 for 270** (Finch 106) **by 4 wickets**

**NZ VS PAK**

**New Zealand 271 for 7** (Guptill 100, Taylor 59, Raees 3-67) **beat Pakistan 256** (Sohail 63, Shadab 54, Henry 4-53, Santner 3-40) **by 15 runs**

## Root and Woakes carry England to 2-0 lead

**Brisbane**

**E**ngland's top order fired in unison to give them a four-wicket win in the second one-day international against Australia on Friday as Aaron Finch's second straight hundred for the hosts could not prevent them falling 2-0 behind in the series.

Chasing 271 for victory in Brisbane, England reached their target comfortably with 34 balls to spare and need one more victory to wrap up the five-match series.

Finch had scored 107 in Australia's five-wicket loss in the first match and continued

his fine form with 106 on Friday to help his side post 270 for nine after the hosts won the toss and opted to bat.

Yet the target was not steep enough for Eoin Morgan's side who looked comfortable despite losing last-match centurion Jason Roy to fast bowler Mitchell Starc for two in the first over.

Roy's opening partner Jonny Bairstow hit 60 and added 117 for the second wicket with Alex Hales, who made 57, to put England firmly on course for victory.

The touring side, who were beaten 4-0 in the Ashes

tests, lost both Bairstow and Hales in quick succession to debutant paceman Jhye Richardson and then Morgan to Starc in a minor wobble but it was not enough to derail their march towards victory.

Test captain Joe Root and wicketkeeper Jos Buttler steadied the innings with a stand of 68 before the latter fell to Starc for 42.

Left-arm paceman Starc also dismissed Moeen Ali in the same over to pick up his fourth wicket of the innings, handing Australia a faint hope of victory. (Reuters)



Jos Buttler's 32-ball 42 took England towards their target

## Black Caps sweep ODI series 5-0

**Wellington**

**N**ew Zealand inflicted a rare 5-0 one-day international series whitewash over Pakistan on Friday with a 15-run win at Wellington's Basin Reserve.

A century to Martin Guptill

helped the Black Caps set a 272 total that proved too much for Pakistan after Matt Henry tore through their top order.

Pakistan were all out for 256 with one over remaining.

It is only the third time Pakistan

have been on the wrong end of a 5-0 ODI clean sweep after they succumbed by the same margin to Australia in 2010 and the West Indies in 1988.

New Zealand have won by a 5-0 margin only once before, when they hosted the West Indies in 2000.

The result extends New Zealand's winning streak in all forms of the game to 12 matches, a record for the team, and means they are undefeated at home since March last year.

Pakistan captain said his side, particularly the batsmen, had failed to take their chances.

"The main thing is the batting has not clicked throughout the whole series, that's why we lost," he said.

"The bowling unit was very good sometimes. We had opportunities but we didn't grab them." (AFP)



Faheem Ashraf of Pakistan attempts to run out Martin Guptill of New Zealand during game five