

Tigers maul Windies

● **Shakib stars as Bangladesh thrash West Indies with second highest World Cup chase**

AFP | Taunton

Bangladesh powered to the second highest run chase in World Cup history as Shakib Al Hasan's brilliant century clinched a remarkable seven-wicket win over the West Indies yesterday.

Shakib blasted 124 from 99 balls and Linton Das hit a superb 94 from 69 deliveries to lead Bangladesh to 322-3 with 8.3 overs to spare at Taunton.

Bangladesh's highest one-day international run chase put them behind only Ireland's 329-7 against England in 2011 in the history of successful World Cup chases.

Mashrafe Mortaza's side remain in with a chance of reaching the semi-finals after their second win in five matches.

It was a brutal day for the West Indies, who were shambolic in the field and bowled far too loosely.

A third defeat from their five games means a semi-final berth is extremely unlikely as the optimism from the thrashing of Pakistan in their opener fades away.

The highest chase in the current World Cup prior to the masterclass from Mashrafe's men was New Zealand's 248 against Bangladesh.

But the Tigers had already posted 330 in the first innings of their win over South Africa earlier in the competition and they were never intimidated by



Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan plays a shot

their task against the Windies.

Opener Tamim Iqbal set the tone in the chase with six fours in his 53-ball innings of 48 before being superbly run out by Sheldon Cottrell.

Tamim and Soumya Sarkar had taken the score to 50 in the ninth over.

Soumya was dismissed for 29 when he scooped Andre Russell to Chris Gayle in the slips.

But there were huge cheers from the Bangladesh fans around the ground when Shakib became just the second player to score 6,000 career ODI runs for the Tigers.

After reaching his fifth successive ODI 50, Shakib -- who scored 121 against England earlier in the tournament -- took

command with a scintillating innings that climaxed when he stroked a boundary to reach his century.

Shakib is now the highest run scorer at this year's World Cup so far and the West Indies were helpless as he and Das demolished their wayward bowling to romp home.

Epic success

Adding to the epic nature of the success, the unbroken stand of 189 between Shakib and Das was the second highest for the fourth wicket in World Cup history.

Shakib finished with 16 fours, while Das bludgeoned eight fours and four sixes.

Earlier, Shai Hope's 96 and the

joint-fastest fifty of the tournament from Shimron Hetmyer helped the West Indies reach 321-8.

The Windies couldn't be contained in the second half of the innings as Hope laid the foundations for his country's fourth highest World Cup score with a resolute 121-ball innings.

Hitting around Hope, Evin Lewis made 70 from 67 balls before Hetmyer smashed 50 in 26 balls, featuring four fours and three sixes.

It was the equal fastest 50 in this year's tournament and the third quickest by a West Indies batsman in World Cup history.

Lewis's partnership of 116 with Hope was the West Indies' first century stand of the World Cup.

A towering six from Nicholas Pooran off Mehidy Hasan Miraz left a hole in the roof of one of the Taunton stands.

And skipper Jason Holder's 33 from 15 balls -- including four fours and two sixes -- ensured the Windies went past 300.

West Indies

C. Gayle c Mushfiqur b Saifuddin	0
E. Lewis c sub (Sabbir) b Shakib	70
S. Hope c Das b Mustafizur	96
N. Pooran c Soumya b Shakib	25
S. Hetmyer c Tamim b Mustafizur	50
A. Russell c Mushfiqur b Mustafizur	0
J. Holder c Mahmudullah b Saifuddin	33
D. Bravo b Saifuddin	19
O. Thomas not out	6
Extras (lb6, w16)	22
Total (eight wickets, 50 overs)	321

Bangladesh

Tamim Iqbal run out (Cottrell)	48
Soumya Sarkar c Gayle b Russell	29
Shakib Al Hasan not out	124
Mushfiqur Rahim c Hope b Thomas	1
Liton Das not out	94
Extras (b1, w25)	26
Total (three wickets, 41.3 overs)	322



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Cricket World Cup 2019 standings

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	No result	Run rate	Points
Australia	5	4	1	0	0	0.812	8
New Zealand	4	3	0	0	1	2.163	7
India	4	3	0	0	1	1.029	7
England	4	3	1	0	0	1.557	6
Bangladesh	5	2	2	0	1	-0.270	5
Sri Lanka	5	1	2	0	2	-1.778	4
West Indies	5	1	3	0	1	0.272	3
South Africa	5	1	3	0	1	-0.208	3
Pakistan	5	1	3	0	1	-1.933	3
Afghanistan	4	0	4	0	0	-1.638	0

Today's matches

England vs Afghanistan



Joe Root



Emirates
Old Trafford,
Manchester
12:30pm



Najibullah Zadran

- » England is the top-ranked side while Afghanistan in the bottom ranked side in the ICC World Cup 2019
- » Afghanistan has three quality spinners in its squad
- » England is miles ahead of Afghanistan in every aspect of the game

England

England have now won 10 out of the 13 completed one-day internationals that they have played this year. They have won three and lost one out of the four matches they have played so far in this World Cup and are currently occupying the fourth place on the CWC 2019 points table with six points.

Probable XI

Jason Roy/James Vince, Jonny Bairstow, Joe Root, Jos Buttler (wk), Eoin Morgan (c)/Moeen Ali, Ben Stokes, Chris Woakes, Liam Plunkett, Jofra Archer, Adil Rashid, Mark Wood

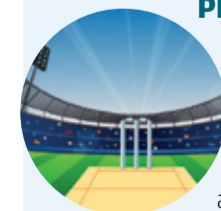
Afghanistan

Afghanistan have won four and lost seven out of the eleven one-day internationals they have played this year. They are the only team in the tournament who are yet to win a game and they are currently languishing at the bottom of the CWC 2019 leaderboard with four defeats from four matches.

Probable XI

Hazratullah Zazai, Noor Ali Zadran, Rahmat Shah, Hashmatullah Shahidi, Asghar Afghan/Najibullah Zadran, Gulbadin Naib (c), Mohammad Nabi, Ikram Ali khil (wk), Rashid Khan, Aftab Alam, Hamid Hassan

PITCH REPORT



The weather has been dull and gloomy in Manchester for the last few weeks and the same is expected for this match. We should be able to get a result in but some showers are expected to interrupt the match and cause stoppages. The pitches were well protected and there was some spin for the bowlers in the match between India and Pakistan. A high scoring pitch with help for the spinners is what we expect in this game also.

Head to Head

England and Afghanistan have faced each other just once in the 50-over format of the game - at the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup at the Sydney Cricket Ground in Australia. Electing to field first after winning the toss, England had Afghanistan at 111/7 in the 37th over before rain intervened and ended Afghanistan's innings. England were then set a revised DLS target of 101 runs from 25 overs and they completed their chase in the 19th over to seal a comprehensive nine-wicket win.

Getting Babar out was 'dream' delivery: Yadav

AFP | Manchester

India's Kuldeep Yadav admitted bowling Pakistan batsman Babar Azam in the World Cup with a magical delivery that tossed and turned was a "dream" for any spinner.

Yadav returned figures of 2-32 with his left-arm wrist spin to play a key role in India's 89-run victory via DLS over arch rivals Pakistan in Manchester on Sunday.

Yadav got Azam bowled through the gate -- the ball nipping between bat and pad -- for 48 to end a 104-run second wicket stand involving Fakhar Zaman, who top scored with 62.

"Getting Babar Azam out was the best delivery for me in this tournament. I got him out in the Asia Cup as well," Yadav told reporters.

"After the rain break I went back and watched that delivery. It had drift and turn, so any spinner will love that delivery.

"It's a proper dream delivery and a proper Test delivery. Deceiving the batsman in the air and making him commit the mistake. A perfect delivery," he said with a smile.

India paceman Kumar could be out for 'three games at most' says Kohli



Bhuvneshwar Kumar leaves the field of play after picking up an injury

AFP | Manchester

Bhuvneshwar Kumar could be out of India's next three World Cup games after injuring himself in Sunday's win over Pakistan, according to captain Virat Kohli.

Kumar opened the bowling for India in Pakistan's initial chase of 337, but could only manage 2.4 overs before leaving the Old Trafford field due to a hamstring problem.

The injury saw him sit out the rest of a

rain-affected game that his side eventually won by a commanding 89 runs on the Duckworth/Lewis method.

"Bhuvneshwar Kumar has a slight niggle, he slipped on the footmarks," Kohli told Sky Sports after the match.

"It doesn't look too serious and hopefully he will be ready in a few games, the maximum is three games.

"We are not too worried," the star batsman added.

A three-game absence would rule Kumar out of group fixtures against Afghanistan, the West Indies and England, with India's final round-robin game of the 10-team first round stage against Bangladesh on July 2.

One consolation for India on Sunday was that Vijay Shankar, who had to complete Kumar's unfinished over, struck with his very first ball to have Imam-ul-Haq lbw for seven.

India were inspired by Rohit Sharma's 140 as they posted a challenging total of 336-5 after being put into bat, with Kohli making a sparkling 77.

India were already awaiting the return of opener Shikhar Dhawan, who injured his hand during his match-winning century in the team's win over Australia.

Dhawan, who did not play against Pakistan, is under medical observation and travelling with the team.

Rising star Rishabh Pant has been flown in as cover for the left-handed batsman.