

# Kiwis compound Proteas woes

Kane Williamson rides luck to guide New Zealand to narrow World Cup win over South Africa

● **Williamson leads from front in tight run chase at Edgbaston as Proteas edge even closer to World Cup exit door**

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**K**ane Williamson anchored New Zealand to a tense four-wicket victory at Edgbaston yesterday after an astonishing stroke of luck when South Africa failed to review an edge from the Kiwi captain.

The Black Caps' skipper was on 76 when he got a faint edge to a ball by leg-spinner Imran Tahir that Quinton de Kock took behind the stumps but South Africa took no action.

That decision could prove fatal to their tournament hopes, with the Proteas now needing a miracle to progress to the semi-finals after just one win from six matches, while New Zealand now top the 10-team table.

Earlier, Martin Guptill, who had been guiding New Zealand towards their target of 242 off a rain-reduced 49 overs with a minimum of fuss, trod on his stumps to spark a mini collapse.

The batsman, on 35, pulled Andile Phehlukwayo and ended up swivelling, only to lose his balance and clip his leg stump with his foot.

Two overs later New Zealand slipped to 74-3 when Ross Taylor tickled a Chris



Kane Williamson plays a shot

Morris leg-side delivery and De Kock took the catch behind the stumps. Tom Latham's dismissal left them struggling at 80-4.

Jimmy Neesham (23) steadied the

ship with his skipper but when he was out, New Zealand were back in trouble at 137-5.

Colin de Grandhomme came to New Zealand's rescue, batting positively and

bringing up his fifty off 39 balls but when he was caught in the deep for 60 by Du Plessis off Lungi Ngidi, Kiwi nerves were jangling again.

Eight were still needed off the final over.

But Mitchell Santner pinched a single and Williamson kept his nerve, bringing up his century with a huge six off the next ball and then a four sealed the victory.

Earlier, Rassie van der Dussen gave South Africa something to bowl at as the Proteas struggled to 241-6 after losing the toss.

Hashim Amla made a sluggish 55 off 83 balls but Van der Dussen's 67 not out came at better than a run a ball.

During his innings, Amla became the

## South Africa

Q. de Kock b Boult	5
H. Amla b Santner	55
F. du Plessis b Ferguson	23
A. Markram c Munro b De Grandhomme	38
R. van der Dussen not out	67
D. Miller c Boult b Ferguson	36
A. Phehlukwayo c Williamson b Ferguson	0
C. Morris not out	6
Extras 11 (lb7, 4w)	
Total (six wickets, 49.0 overs)	241

## New Zealand

M. Guptill hit wicket b Phehlukwayo	35
C. Munro c & b Rabada	9
K. Williamson not out	106
R. Taylor c De Kock b Morris	1
T. Latham c De Kock b Morris	1
J. Neesham c Amla b Morris	23
C. de Grandhomme c Du Plessis b Ngidi	60
M. Santner not out	2
Extras 8 (lb1, nb1, w6)	
Total (six wickets, 48.3 overs)	245

fourth South African to reach 8,000 runs in one-day internationals.

He is the second-fastest player (176 innings) from any side to reach the milestone after India's Virat Kohli (175 innings).



Imran Tahir reacts during the match

## Cricket World Cup 2019 standings

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	No result	Run rate	Points
New Zealand	5	4	0	0	1	1.591	7
England	4	3	1	0	0	1.862	6
Australia	5	4	1	0	0	0.812	8
India	4	3	0	0	1	1.029	7
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	6	1	4	0	1	-0.193	3
Pakistan	5	1	3	0	1	-1.933	3
Afghanistan	4	0	4	0	0	-2.089	0

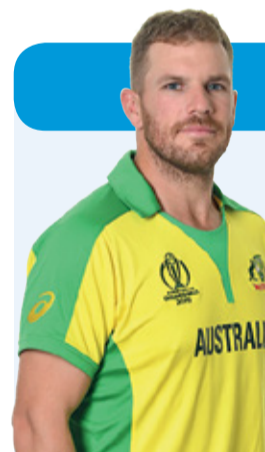


Hashim Amla became the fourth South African to reach 8,000 runs in one-day internationals

## Today's match

### Australia vs Bangladesh

Trent Bridge - Nottingham 12:30pm



Aaron Finch

» Australia have won four of their five matches at the World Cup so far, bouncing back from defeat to India by beating Pakistan and Sri Lanka in their last two games.  
» Bangladesh have won two matches so far and lost two others, with one match rained off - they chased 322 to beat West Indies by seven wickets last time out.  
» The Tigers boast the World Cup's leading run-scorer so far - Shakib Al Hasan having scored two centuries and two 50s on his way to 384 runs in four innings.



Shakib Al Hasan

#### Australia

Australia have won four of their five matches so far at the World Cup 2019, with their only defeat coming in their third game when they lost to India. They made a winning start against Afghanistan, after bowling them out for 207, and then had Mitchell Starc's five-wicket haul to thank as they defended 288 in a 15-run win against West Indies. Defeat to India followed - falling for 316 in reply to 352/5 - but Australia have passed 300 in both matches since and won each of them. 307 proved 41 runs too many for Pakistan in the first, as they got back to winning ways, before Aaron Finch's superb 153 powered them to 334/7 and an 87-run win against Sri Lanka.

#### Bangladesh

Bangladesh won their opening match of the tournament against South Africa, posting 330/6 and holding on to win by 21 runs. The Tigers lost their next two, posting 244 in a two-wicket loss to New Zealand, before then falling for 280 in reply to England's 386/6 in Cardiff. They bounced back in style, however, as Shakib Al Hasan's second consecutive century led a huge chase of 322 to beat West Indies by seven wickets in just 41.3 overs last time out.

#### Probable XI

Tamim Iqbal, Soumya Sarkar, Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim (wk), Liton Das, Mahmudullah, Mossadek Hossain, Mohammad Saifuddin, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Mashrafe Mortaza (c), Mustafizur Rahman

#### Probable XI

Aaron Finch (c), David Warner, Usman Khawaja, Steve Smith, Glenn Maxwell, Shaun Marsh, Alex Carey (wk), Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Kane Richardson, Jason Behrendorff

#### PITCH REPORT



The weather forecast for the match is quite good. We should be able to get a full match in without any rain interruptions. The pitch at Trent Bridge is flat and perfect for batting. The boundaries of the ground are also quite small and can be cleared quite easily. The bowlers from both sides will need to be at their best otherwise it could be a tough day for them.

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