

# Tigers sink Afghanistan

All-round Shakib takes Bangladesh to win over Afghanistan to keep alive World Cup semi-final hopes

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Bangladesh boosted their bid to reach the World Cup semi-finals as Shakib Al Hasan's superb all-round display inspired a 62-run win over Afghanistan yesterday.

Shakib's 51 laid the foundations for Bangladesh to score 262-7 and made him the leading run-scorer in this year's World Cup.

The 32-year-old then ripped through the Afghan batting line-up with his career-best ODI figures of 5-29 from 10 overs.

Shakib is only the second player in World Cup history to take five wickets and hit a 50 in the same match after India's Yuvraj Singh against Ireland in 2011.

Bangladesh, winners against South Africa and the West Indies earlier in the tournament, are up to fifth place in the 10-team group stage.

They sit one point behind fourth-placed England, who face Australia on Tuesday, in the race to seal a semi-final berth via a top-four finish.

Mashrafe Mortaza's side play India and Pakistan in their final two group matches.

Afghanistan became the first team to be eliminated after an agonising 11-run loss against India on Saturday, when Mohammed Shami's final-over hat-trick denied them a famous upset.

Gulbadin Naib's team have lost all seven of their matches, leaving with two games to avoid finishing the tournament without a single point.

Rahmat Shah and Gulbadin



Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan celebrates taking the wicket of Najibullah Zadran

put on 49 for the first wicket, giving Afghanistan hope of a surprise win.

But Shakib's introduction brought the breakthrough as the spinner weaved his magic.

Rahmat carelessly flicked a flatter delivery to Tamim Iqbal at mid-on and departed for 24.

Just 10 runs came from the next five overs and Hashmatullah Shahidi perished when he tried to accelerate, stumped by Mushfiqur Rahim off Mosaddek Hossain for 11.

Bangladesh had victory in their sights after Shakib took two wickets in the space of four balls.

Gulbadin was removed for 47 after driving low to Liton Das at short extra cover before Mohammad Nabi was bowled through the gate for a duck.

Shakib became the first Bangladesh player to take five wickets in the World Cup



**Shakib became the first Bangladeshi batsman to score 1000 runs in a World Cup when he scored 51 off 69 against Afghanistan**

when he had Najibullah Zadran stumped.

Earlier, Shakib became the leading run scorer in this year's World Cup so far as his side posted a solid score after being put into bat.

Shakib's 51 took him to 476 runs in the tournament, while Mushfiqur top-scored with 83 from 87 balls.

## Aggressive hitting

Liton was promoted ahead of Soumya Sarkar to open along with Tamim for Bangladesh, with the pair managing a brisk 23 from the first four overs.

But Liton fell for 16 in the next over after being fooled into a miscued drive by spinner Mujeeb Ur Rahman, who finished with 3-39.

That brought Shakib to the crease and he upped the tempo even further with some aggressive hitting that maintained his fine World Cup form.

When Shakib, who has two centuries already in the tournament, pulled Naib to the boundary, it moved him above Australia's David Warner's 447 runs.

Tamim and Shakib put on their fourth successive fifty partnership in one-day internationals.

# Younis hails Pakistan's 'fearless cricket' against South Africa

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Pakistan's brand of "fearless cricket" to beat South Africa by 49 runs in their World Cup match on Sunday at Lord's was exactly the response they needed after losing to India last week, former fast bowler Waqar Younis has said.

After being humiliated by India in a one-sided contest at Old Trafford, which took their World Cup win-loss record to 0-7 against their arch rivals, Pakistan were stung by criticism and backlash from pundits and fans.

However, a convincing win over South Africa — which ended the Proteas' chances of qualifying for the semi-finals — kept alive their own chances of reaching the knockout stages with three more matches to go.

"It was all about the positive intent for Pakistan against South Africa," Younis wrote in a column for the International Cricket Council.

"They played fearless cricket and weren't really worried about losing the match, which in turn gave them the freedom to play their natural game. Coming after the disappointment of Old Trafford, Pakistan badly needed such a win.

"They have been criticised a lot and the last week has been hard on them, so



Pakistan's Imam-ul-Haq celebrates with team mates after taking a catch to dismiss South Africa's Quinton de Kock

coming out of that and producing such a performance was particularly pleasing... I'd really like to see them play the same way in the coming matches."

Pakistan's Haris Sohail was adjudged the player of the match for his 89 off 59 balls, which included nine boundaries and three sixes, and Younis reserved special praise for the middle-order batsman, saying his innings was a "breath of fresh air".

Sohail, who had not played in the World Cup since Pakistan's opening-match defeat to West Indies, built an 81-run partnership with Babar Azam (69), and his knock was hailed as the

game's turning point by captain Sarfaraz Ahmed.

"He played magnificently well, and ultimately, his innings... was the difference," Younis added. "Pakistan have needed someone to come in at five or six and up the ante.

"Haris has always been a very conservative and technically sound batsman but against South Africa, he took the mantle and played in a very different fashion.

"For me, he's my number four batsman in the team... and you can give him more overs to build that innings. He and Babar Azam could really complement each other."



## Cricket World Cup 2019 standings

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	No result	Run rate	Points
Australia	6	5	1	0	0	0.849	10
New Zealand	5	4	0	0	1	1.591	9
India	5	4	0	0	1	0.809	9
England	6	4	2	0	0	1.457	8
Bangladesh	7	3	3	0	1	-0.133	7
Sri Lanka	6	2	2	0	2	-1.119	6
Pakistan	6	2	3	0	1	-1.265	5
West Indies	6	1	3	0	1	0.272	3
South Africa	7	1	5	0	1	-0.324	3
Afghanistan	6	0	6	0	0	-1.634	0

## Today's match

### England vs Australia



Joe Root



Lords Cricket Ground - London  
12:30pm



David Warner

- » Australia is under very little pressure in this match and can play freely
- » England has a lot more at stake and does not want to lose this match. The loss of Jason Roy has continued to hurt them.
- » David Warner, Aaron Finch, and Mitchell Starc are in supreme form for Australia and could make the difference against England as well

## England

Wins against the West Indies, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan showed one side of England's cricket while the losses to Sri Lanka and Pakistan showed another. England does not need any extra motivation for this match against Australia but now that the stakes are high, it will be interesting to see how they turn up. Everyone expects England to win and they are playing at home so it is understandable the amount of scrutiny they are under.

## Probable XI

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



## PITCH REPORT

The weather has improved considerably in the United Kingdom but some rain has been forecast in London on match day. We don't think there is going to be enough rain to affect the match but we may get some delays. The pitch at Lord's was excellent for batting in the match between the West Indies and New Zealand. We expect the same in this match and plenty of runs to be scored. These are two strong batting sides and we expect a score of 330 to be par.

## Head to Head

Australia beat England in one of the warm-up matches for this tournament, but in official ODIs England have been dominant in this fixture recently. They won all five games against Australia at home last summer, including smashing their own world record when they posted 483/6 at Trent Bridge. It followed a 4-1 series win in Australia in their previous series against their old enemy too.

# South Africa must rebuild like England did, says Kallis

Reuters | London

South Africa must look to emulate England as they look to rebuild their squad and change their one-day international (ODI) mentality following a premature exit from the World Cup, former all-rounder Jacques Kallis has said.

The Proteas lost by 49 runs to Pakistan on Sunday, ruling themselves out of contention for the semi-finals in the process having won only one of their seven matches at the tournament — a win over minnows Afghanistan.

England had similarly failed to qualify for the quarter-finals in 2015. The humiliating exit prompted them to rethink their strategy and it bore fruit as a new core of

aggressive players led by Eoin Morgan catapulted them to the top of the ODI rankings.

"South Africa need to take inspiration from England as they rebuild their team for the next World Cup," Kallis wrote in a column for the International Cricket Council.

"Four years ago, England were perhaps one of the lowest ranked teams in the world after really struggling at the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

"They used the disappointment of their performances in 2015 to rebuild their team and totally change their mentality and approach to one-day cricket. England now play without fear and aren't afraid to make mistakes."