



There were numerous instances for Bangladesh to celebrate in the final of the ICC Under-19 World Cup against India yesterday as they defeated the reigning champions by three wickets to claim the title for the first time in the country's history.

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Bucking the trend with intensity

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The bowlers were sending them down at pace, beating the bat and running up to the batsman. A glare followed by some choice words. The batsmen could only look back. This sequence was repeated multiple times and it may have surprised some viewers that the bowlers were Bangladeshi and the batsmen Indian.

Such was the controlled aggression displayed by Bangladesh Under-19 pace duo Shoriful Islam and Tanzim Hasan Sakib at the start of the ICC Under-19 World Cup final in Potchefstroom yesterday. It was in stark contrast to most India-Bangladesh contests seen before, and that intensity set

the stage for a true reversal of the trend of close defeats against India, culminating in the young Tigers winning the country its first World Cup at any level. The aggression led to Divyaansh Saxena falling for just two in the seventh over off the bowling of first-change bowler Avishek Das. India held back and bided their time with Yashashvi Jaiswal and Tilak Varma starring in a patient 94-run partnership for the second wicket.

Sakib then brought along the dismissal that the young Tigers were craving for when he dismissed Varma for 38 and Rakibul Hasan then provided another breakthrough when Priyam Garg chipped one straight to the fielder at mid-off. The early pressure had paid off and Shoriful came back for a later spell. In the 40th

over, Shoriful brought out a tame pull shot from Jaiswal – the highest scorer of the event – for 88 with Tanzid taking an easy catch at mid-off. Shoriful put his finger on his lips to shush the India batsman. Next ball, a razor-sharp delivery with a hint of reverse swing, then rapped left-hander Siddesh Veer on the pads, trapping him leg-before. India went from 156 for three to 177 all out.

Bangladesh started their chase with a fifty-run partnership between openers Tanzid Hasan and Parvez Hossain Emon before the former departed to leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi. The leggie was the one who would go on to do the bulk of the damage for India U-19s as he left Bangladesh middle-order distraught with four wickets in quick succession.

Sushant Mishra then bagged two and Bangladesh were in disarray as Emon, who had gone off the field due to a hamstring injury, returned to partner captain Akbar Ali. The duo added 42 vital runs to the Bangladesh cause before Emon, struggling to run with an injury, departed for 47 to Jaiswal.

Akbar's cool head however survived the pressure situation as the skipper, along with Rakibul, took Bangladesh close to the target inch by inch. Rain forced players of with 15 needed off 54 balls. DLS's par score came into the equation after a short break and a revised target of seven from 30 was set. Rakibul hit Mishra for four in the 41st over before he hit the winning single off Antolekar in the next over to take Tigers to what will be a forever-cherished victory.

‘Hard work’ mantra pays off for Shoriful

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The Bangladesh pacers have delivered some fiery performances in the ICC Under-19 World Cup and left-arm seamer Shoriful Islam picked up the baton against India in the final at Potchefstroom yesterday.

Shoriful provided a solid start and conceded just six runs from his first three overs. More importantly, he displayed sheer aggression with the new ball alongside Tanzim Hasan Sakib and Avishek Das.

Courtesy of some tight bowling from Bangladeshi seamers, India could only manage 23 for the loss of one wicket in the first Powerplay and Shoriful played a vital role in keeping the in-form India top order at bay for a significant amount of time.

The 18-year-old was on a hatrick at one point, having dismissed India's top-scorer Yashasvi Jaiswal for 88 and Siddesh Veer off the next ball to rattle the holders, who eventually folded for just 177 runs.

The youngster from Panchagor believed that the hard work from seamers in the nets with the new ball worked wonders Tigers.

“We practised a lot with the new ball in the nets and it worked out well for us today (Sunday),” said Shoriful.

Bangladesh were electric on the field and induced two crucial run outs in the innings and Shoriful credited the fielding coach for all the hard work, saying: “We have been working under Foisal Hossain Decans [fielding coach] sir for the past two years and we enjoyed our fielding. I think our fielding was very good.”

The crowd also played a big role, providing immense support to the team throughout the tournament, including at the final yesterday, and Shoriful said it motivated the cricketers to perform well.

“The crowd played an important role as they supported us throughout the day. When they cheered ‘Bangladesh’ it motivated us a lot and lifted our energy,” added Shoriful.



Bangladesh pacer Shoriful Islam used all 6 feet and 3 inches of his frame as he picked the ball up and threw it at the stumps to inflict a stunning run out against India in the ICC Under-19 World Cup final yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP



There is never a dearth of fans when the Tigers are in town and although this time it was the Under-19 side in Potchefstroom, hordes of Bangladesh fans still descended on the Senwes Park to watch their country play in the final of an ICC event for the first time. Supporters flooded the streets of Dhaka too, keeping an eye on screens at all times and a projector was set up outside the TSC at Dhaka University, where every wicket and run was celebrated with fervour.

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Shuvagata's ton puts Central in charge

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Central Zone were eyeing their first win in the Bangladesh Cricket League after skipper Shuvagata Hom struck a hundred to help post a challenging target of 330. In reply, North Zone ended the day on 156 for five, needing another 174 to win with five wickets in hand after the third day at the Sylhet International Stadium yesterday.

North were in all sorts of trouble in their chase and were struggling on 81 for three. Tanbir Hayder and Mushfiqur Rahim added 58 runs for the fourth wicket before the latter departed for 38, dismissed by pacer Shahidul Islam, who ended up picking three wickets. Tanbir remained unbeaten on 54 and will be the only hope for North when they resume batting on the final day.

Earlier, Central resumed the day on 187 for five in their second innings with Shuvagata on 28.

The 33-year-old's was the final wicket to fall after scoring 122 off 161 balls with the help of 13 fours and two sixes as Central were all out for 325 runs in their second innings.

In the other match of the third round at the Sheikh Kamal International Stadium Academy Ground, East Zone replied well after being forced

SCORES IN BRIEF	
SOUTH ZONE: First innings 482	
EAST ZONE: First innings 306 all out (Pinak 80, Ashraful 71, Yasir 44, Imrul 28, Nasir 28, Zakir 25; Razzak 3-107, Mahedi 5-102) and second innings 323 for 5 (Pinak 121, Ashraful 28, Nasir 22, Afif 93 not out, Zakir 28 not out; Kamrul 1-27)	
CENTRAL ZONE: First innings 170 and second innings 325 all out (Rakibul 27, Mazid 69, Taibur 47, Shuvagata 122, Jaker 22; Taskin 2-81, Sakil 4-77, Sumon 3-43)	
NORTH ZONE: First innings 166 and second innings 156 for 5 (Tanbir 54 not out, Naeem 29, Mushfiqur 38; Shahidul 3-48)	

to follow on by South Zone and were leading by 147 runs in their second innings.

Resuming on 270 for five in their first innings in reply to South's 482, East were all out after adding just 36 to their overnight score and were asked to follow on.

However, East came back well in their second innings, riding on Pinak Ghosh's century before he was dismissed for 121 off 139 balls. Afif Hossain was also eyeing a century and ended the day unbeaten on 93 runs as East will resume the final day on 323 for five.



Abu Jayed reprimanded

ICC

Bangladesh fast bowler Abu Jayed has been given an official reprimand for breaching Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct during the second day of the first Test against Pakistan in Rawalpindi.

Jayed was found to have breached Article 2.5 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to “using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon his/her dismissal during an International Match.”

In addition to this, one demerit point has been added to the disciplinary record of Jayed, for whom it was the first offence in a 24-month period.

The incident occurred in the 23rd over of Pakistan's innings.

Rashid stars as Eng, SA share ODI series

REUTERS, Johannesburg



Leg-spinner Adil Rashid took the key scalps of Quinton de Kock and Temba Bavuma as England beat South Africa by two wickets in the third and final one-day international on Sunday.

World champions England won the toss and elected to field, restricting their hosts to 256 for seven in 50 overs, a below-par score on a day when the players wore pink to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

The touring side looked composed in their chase, apart from some late jitters, as Joe Denly top-scored with 66, reaching their target with 40 balls to spare to claim a share of the series after the second game was washed out by rain. Jason Roy (21) and Jonny Bairstow (43) rocketed England to 61 in 6.2 overs in reply before both fell, but Moeen Ali (17 from 16 balls) provided the steady hand for England to seal the win.

The teams meet in a three-match Twenty20 International series which starts on Wednesday in East London, and concludes next Sunday in Pretoria.



Spinner Adil Rashid's three-wicket haul guided England to a two-wicket victory over South Africa in the third ODI yesterday.

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BD U-19S V IND U-19S SCOREBOARD				
INDIA UNDER-19S		R/B45/65		
Jaiswal c Tanzid				
b Shoriful	88/121	8/1		
Saxena c Mahmudul				
b Avishek	2/17	0/0		
Tilak c Shoriful b Tanzim	38/65	3/0		
Garg c Tanzid b Rakibul	7/9	0/0		
Jurel run out	22/38	1/0		
Veer lbw b Shoriful	0/1	0/0		
Ankolekar b Avishek	3/7	0/0		
Bishnoi run out	2/6	0/0		
Mishra c Shoriful b Tanzim	3/8	0/0		
Tyagi c Akbar b Avishek	0/5	0/0		
Akash not out	1/7	0/0		
Extras: (lb-1, w-10)	11			
Total: (All out in 47.2 overs)	177			
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-103, 3-114, 4-156, 5-156, 6-168, 7-170, 8-170, 9-172, 10-177.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shoriful	10	1	31	2
Tanzim	8.2	2	28	2
Avishek	9	0	40	3
Shamim	6	0	36	0
Rakibul	10	1	29	1
Towhid	4	0	12	0
BANGLADESH UNDER-19s R/B45/6s				
Parvez c Akash b Jaiswal	47/79	7/0		
Tanzid c Tyagi b Bishnoi	17/25	2/1		
Mahmudul b Bishnoi	8/12	2/0		
Towhid lbw b Bishnoi	0/2	0/0		
Shahadat st Jurel				
b Bishnoi	1/10	0/0		
Akbar not out	43/77	4/1		
Shamim c Jaiswal				
b Mishra	7/18	0/0		
Avishek c Tyagi b Mishra	5/7	1/0		
Rakibul not out	9/25	1/0		
Extras: (b-8, lb-4, nb-2, w-19)33				
Total: (For 7 wks in 42.1 overs)170				
Did not bat: Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Shoriful Islam.				
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-62, 3-62, 4-65, 5-85, 6-102, 7-143.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tyagi	10	2	33	0
Mishra	7	0	25	2
Akash	8	1	33	0
Bishnoi	10	3	30	4
Ankolekar	4.1	0	22	0
Jaiswal	3	0	15	1
Result: Bangladesh U-19s won by 3 wickets (D/L method)				
Player-of-the-match: Akbar Ali.				