

## Impossible for us: Jamie

### Tigers take on Australia today

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Bangladesh coach Jamie Siddons could sugarcoat his team's predicament in the World Twenty20, but he is too straight a shooter.

"They have virtually no chance of making the next stage of the tournament after Australia's emphatic win against Pakistan in St Lucia on Sunday, he conceded.

The Bangladeshis take on Australia in Barbados today in the final Pool A match and would need to win by a huge margin to qualify for the Super Eights ahead of Pakistan, who defeated them by 21 runs in the first game.

"I think it's going to be near impossible for us to get through," Siddons told the Herald.

"It depends on the calculations - we'll have to sit down and work all of that out and figure out how much we need to win by.

"It's not going to be of any use winning and not have the right margin. We're going to need a reasonable run rate, that's for sure," added Siddons.

Because of Australia's huge total of

191 in their tournament opener against Pakistan, scored at a run rate of 10.05, they're almost certainly through to the second round. Bangladesh would need a mighty effort to better Pakistan's net run rate with a sizeable victory over Michael Clarke's side and sneak in ahead of the defending world champions, who were humbled in all aspects of play by the Australians at Gros Islet.

"If Australia score near 200 again then forget it," said Siddons, who dared Australia to change their line-up and include an extra paceman on the quicker Barbados pitch. "They can't fit another paceman in there -- if they do that weakens their batting so it's better for us."

The Tigers' last chance against the Australians also mean that they hop on to the plane to England early, if they are eliminated, and get to play three practice matches instead of two.

The Australian captain, meanwhile, suggested room might be found for Ryan Harris despite the team's solid display.

"Unfortunately only eleven guys take the field but there's four other guys there who are fighting fit and looking forward to an opportunity. So to me if conditions suit another fast bowler in

Barbados, I don't see why not," he said.

The 34-run win at Beausejour Cricket Ground was perhaps Australia's finest Twenty20 performance, certainly in a World Twenty20.

It was achieved on the back of Shane Watson's glorious 81 from 49 balls. On Saturday, Watson spent 45 minutes in the nets working with coach Tim Nielsen on his straight lofted drive, complaining that his recent tendency had been to roll over the shot, leaving him prone to leading edges.

Nielsen advised him to keep the lead forearm straight, and the right-hander nailed the shot again and again in oppressive heat.

"In the nets [on Saturday], there was something I've been working on for Twenty20 mainly," said Watson, who prefers the front-foot drive along the ground in the longer formats.

"It's good to have another gear up my sleeve. That's something I worked on. Because I haven't played a lot of Twenty20 apart from the IPL over the last year especially, I wasn't exactly doing what I wanted to do.

"I was able to get it going good [on Saturday]. And it came into the game [yesterday] and I was able to execute exactly what I was doing yesterday."



Dami Emanuel of Mohammedan Sporting Club shows his respect for coach Maruf Haque, who did not turn up at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday, after scoring the opening goal against Brothers Union.

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## MEDIA ACCREDITATION

### Salahuddin defends his decision

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin said he has just followed FIFA and AFC practice while giving away media accreditation cards to the sponsors.

"I did nothing but follow the FIFA and the AFC, who also give priority to the sponsors and you know that those who are going to cover the World Cup through that sponsor are recognised journalists of the country," Salahuddin told The Daily Star over phone from Sri Lanka yesterday.

The BFF boss came under the spotlight on Tuesday when a national Bangla daily disclosed that three media accreditation cards were awarded to Beximco, a leading sponsor of BFF.

Salahuddin said that they got five media accreditations from FIFA and all of them were distributed among four organisations -- three sports journalists associations, a photographer association and other one for the highest selling Bangla daily of the country.

He added that they got another four media accreditations of which one was given to a veteran sports journalist and three were given to Beximco.

There was also demand for media accreditations from different

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## TRI-NATION FROM TODAY

### Hosts take on SA A

SPORTS REPORTER

The tri-nation one-day tournament involving the second string sides of Bangladesh, South Africa and West Indies gets underway today at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Bangladesh A will take on South Africa A in the opening match starting at 9:15am today. All matches will be held at Mirpur and will be televised live on satellite channel ATN Bangla.

Gates of all spectators stands, except VIP grandstand will have free entry for the matches of the tournament. For the VIP grandstand seats tickets will be available at the counter adjacent to the VIP Gate on match days. VIP grandstand tickets have been priced at Tk. 100.

After the tri-nation tournament, Bangladesh A will play

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## Maruf-less MSC back winning

SPORTS REPORTER

After playing out a shock 2-2 draw against Farashganj SC in their previous game, Mohammedan Sporting Club returned to their winning ways after recording an emphatic 3-0 win over Brothers Union in the Bangladesh League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Dami Emanuel, Zahid Hasan Emily and Alamu Bukola netted one goal each to help Mohammedan raise their points tally to 52 from 20 outings, still six points behind leaders Abahani.

The margin of the win might lead many to believe that Mohammedan's 16th victory was emphatic, but the fact was that the initially struggled to control the midfield against a side to whom they handed a 2-0 defeat in their first meeting.

Winger Zahid Hossain, Mofazzal Hossain Saikat and midfielder Shakil Ahmed found places in the starting eleven in place of Nasir Chowdhury, the injured defender Nasir and

Mamunul Islam. The giants toiled hard to establish control in midfield before Dami gave Mohammedan a 23rd minute lead after Emily squandered a penalty kick.

Brothers' defender Apu brought down Sharif inside the danger zone and referee Hannan Miron did not hesitate to award a spot kick, but Emily struck his shot straight at goalkeeper Sabuj Das. Defender Arif also hit the rebound against the goalkeeper before Dami lashed the rebound home.

Brothers nearly leveled the margin two minutes from the break, but Mohammedan's goalkeeper Aminul Haque came out with a timely intervention to thwart a dangerous effort from Ghanaian Enock Bentil to save the Black and Whites.

After the resumption, Mohammedan had to wait only six minutes to double the margin as left-back Wali Faisal whipped in a cross for Emily, who headed the cross home to raise his goal tally to 15, two less than rival Abahani striker Enamul Haque.

Nigerian striker Bukola sealed the fate of the

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PHOTO: STAR

GP-BCB National Cricket Academy captain Mohammad Mithun drives down the ground as South Africa Academy wicketkeeper Sean Adair looks on during the first one-day match at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra yesterday.

## New Zealand through

AFP, Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

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New Zealand advanced to the Super Eight stage of the T20 World Cup beating Zimbabwe by seven runs in Duckworth Lewis method in yet another rain-affected encounter at Gros Islet yesterday. Chasing a small target of 85, New Zealand reached 36 for 1 in 8.1 overs when rain stooped play. Brendon McCullum was not out on 22 with other batsman Martin Guptill on 6. As the game never started again due to wet conditions, the Kiwis were awarded a seven-run victory in Duckworth Lewis method. Two losses in two matches sees Zimbabwe exit the tournament empty-handed.

New Zealand's Nathan McCullum took three wickets for one run in an over as Zimbabwe collapsed to 84 all out.

Zimbabwe made a relatively sound start to be 58 for one in the seventh over when opener Hamilton Masakadza was run out.

Andy Blythe followed soon afterwards, bowled trying to slog sweep Kiwi captain and left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori.

And any hope of a Zimbabwe fightback was then wrecked by a dramatic ninth over, McCullum's third.

over's first ball.

Two balls later, Charles Coventry was out for nought offering a simple caught and bowled chance after being beaten in the flight by a slower delivery.

And off the over's last ball Craig Ervine (one), drawn out of his crease and then beaten by a ball that dipped and turned, was stumped by Gareth Hopkins, keeping wicket in this match rather than McCullum's younger brother Brendon, playing as a batsman only.

Zimbabwe, who'd been 62 for three at the start of the over, were 63 for six when it finished.

Medium-pace Scott Styris followed up with three wickets for five runs in two overs to compound the damage.

Tatenda Taibu top-scored with 21, with only fellow opener Masakadza also making it to 20. Greg Lamb was 14 not out, with 11 extras the fourth best score of the innings.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
ZIMBABWE: 84 all out in 15.1 overs (Taibu 21, Masakadza 20, Coventry 14; Styris 3-5, N. McCullum 3-16)

NEW ZEALAND: 36 for 1 in 8.1 overs (B. McCullum 22 not out, Guptill 6 not out; Utseya 1-21)

**Result:** New Zealand won by 7 runs (D/L method)  
**Man-of-the-match:** Nathan McCullum

## GP-BCB crush SA Academy

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammad Mithun smashed a swift 87 as GP-BCB National Cricket Academy destroyed South Africa Academy by 197 runs in the first one-day match at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra yesterday.

The Academy captain hit seven boundaries and three sixes in his 63-ball effort that helped the hosts pile up 328-6 from 50 overs. In reply, the tourists were bowled out for a meagre 131 in 33.3 overs.

It wasn't just Mithun but the Academy innings was built around runs from Asif Ahmed Ratul, who made a patient 79 off 105 balls, and Nasir Hossain's late onslaught. The all-rounder smashed three sixes and four boundaries in his 35-ball 52.

For the visitors, there was a wicket each for Andrew Birch, Gino Vries, Keshav Maharaj, Wiann van Zyl and Aubrey Swanepoel.

South Africa Academy lost their top-order in the first 20

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**DAY'S EVENT**  
Bangladesh A v South Africa A  
One-Day Match  
Time: 9:30am  
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur  
Bangladesh League  
Sheikh Russel v Beanibazar  
Time: 6:30pm  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium  
Feni Soccer Club v Rahmatganj  
Time: 3:30pm  
Venue: Feni Stadium  
Ctg Abahani v Shuktara  
Time: 3:30pm  
Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong

## Rain fits WI right

AFP, Providence

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West Indies won through to the second round Super Eights of the World Twenty20 after beating England by eight wickets in a match turned on its head by rain here on Monday.

England made a challenging total of 191 for five, featuring 55 from former Ireland batsman Eoin Morgan, after being sent in to bat by West Indies captain Chris Gayle.

But rain, which had interrupted Sri Lanka's victory over Zimbabwe earlier here Monday, effectively rendered that score meaningless.

Instead, the West Indies were left with a revised target of 60 in six overs under the Duckworth-Lewis method for rain-affected matches and they got home with a ball to spare.

England now have a winner-takes-all clash against Ireland, who suffered a 70-run Group D thrashing by the West Indies last week, here on Tuesday to decide which team will join the hosts in the Super Eights.

Paul Collingwood, England's Twenty20 captain, made no attempt to hide his feelings. "Obviously we are very, very frustrated. I thought the boys played what was a fantastic game today," he told Sky Sports 1.

"I think 95 per cent of the time when you put 191 runs on the board you are going to win the game.

"Somehow Duckworth-Lewis seems to bring that equation down a fair bit.

"I don't know what equation you should have but you shouldn't have that one.

"It does get very frustrating as a team when you've pretty much played a very good game there and you still come

out losers," the all-rounder added.

"We wanted to win both games, but we have to win tomorrow [Tuesday]."

There was a brief moment of worry for the West Indies when off-spinner Graeme Swann took two wickets in two deliveries to leave the home side 42 for two in the fourth over.

Opening batsman Gayle was caught at short mid-wicket before Kieron Pollard was stumped by debutant wicketkeeper Craig Kieswetter.

But Shivnarine Chanderpaul (15 not out) and Andre Fletcher (12 not out) saw the West Indies to victory with a ball to spare as they scored the eight runs they needed off the last over, from fast bowler Stuart Broad.

Gayle said local knowledge

had encouraged him to field first.

"The locals are very right about the weather," he said. "The rain actually fell in our favour, which was unfortunate for England."

But Gayle said the way his bowlers had been punished by England's batsmen had left the team with plenty to ponder.

"We have got to go back to the drawing board, but give credit where it's due and England's batsmen batted very well," he said.

"We need to look on the areas where we went wrong."

Left-hander Morgan faced just 35 balls and struck three sixes and six fours.

Together with Luke Wright, unbeaten on 45 off 27 balls, he put on 95 for the fifth wicket.

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PHOTO: AFP

England cricketer Paul Collingwood reacts after losing against West Indies in their World Twenty20 match at the Providence Stadium in Guyana on Monday. West Indies won by 8 wickets on D/L method.

## Propaganda wars

The 1930s was the era of Fascist government. In Benito Mussolini, Italy had a leader who was eager to use any means necessary to further the message of his Italian empire. So, when FIFA awarded the 1934 World Cup to the Italians, it was seen as an ideal propaganda tool for Il Duce - and Italy had to win at all costs.

Luckily, in Vittorio Pozzo, Italy had a visionary coach. Il Vecchio Maestro, the Old Master, was a well-travelled student of European football and was one of the first true tactical coaches.

After the success of the first tournament, many more nations wanted to take part. The home nations, at loggerheads with FIFA, still refused to turn out and only four non-European nations - USA, Brazil, Argentina and Egypt - applied, but a qualification stage was now necessary. However, holders Uruguay refused to travel to Italy in a 'tit-for-tat' response to the lack of European involvement in 1930.

Even Italy had to qualify - which they did with ease - and they took their place in a simple knock-out tournament of 16 teams. The highest profile of the first-round casualties were Argentina.

They had lost top players Raimundo Orsi, Enrique Guaita and Luis Monti to the Italians, who had called them up by virtue of them being Oriundi (of Italian ancestry). Monti had been the mainstay of Argentina's defence and so he would prove for Pozzo's team. The quarter-finals saw the Italians squeeze past Spain and their remarkable goalkeeper Ricardo Zamora, who is still regarded by many in Spain as their greatest ever.

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### BTV, Star Cricket & SuperSport2

ICC World Twenty20  
Bangladesh v Australia  
Live from 11:00pm

South Africa v Afghanistan  
Live from 3:00am (Thursday)

### SuperSport7

Primera Liga  
Atletico Madrid v Valladolid

Live from 12:00am (Thursday)

Mallorca v Real Madrid  
Live from 2:00am (Thursday)

### SuperSport6

Italian Cup Final  
Roma v Inter

Live from 12:30am (Thursday)

### SuperSport3

English Premier League  
Man City v Tottenham

Live from 1:00am (Thursday)

### ESPN

Sportscentre India  
Sports News  
Live at 8:30pm

## Nat'l athletics from today

SPORTS REPORTER

Walton 35th National Athletics Championship starts today at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. An estimated 500 athletes from different districts, divisions, universities, and defence forces are expected to take part in the two-day long event. They will compete in a total of 36 disciplines and some 150 officials will be employed to officiate the event.

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs ABM Tazul Islam will inaugurate the event at the Bangabandhu National Stadium at 3 pm. Sponsors Wtk will provide part of the Tk 8.17 lakh budget of the event.