



Shakib Al Hasan could barely contain his emotions and so could the whole nation after coming close to beating Pakistan in the Asia Cup final yesterday.

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Tigers go down roaring So close, yet so far

Pakistan clinch a cliffhanger to deny Bangladesh Asia Cup

BISHWAJIT ROY

Pakistan denied Bangladesh the celebration of the biggest moment in their cricketing history when they beat the hosts by two runs in the nerve-wracking

Asia Cup final at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Pakistan enhanced their reputation as masters of the big moment by clinching the Asia Cup for the second time after first

achieving it in 2000 in the same city but at a different venue, at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

But the Tigers left the field with their heads held high and they can feel proud

even in defeat after the way they have performed in this tournament. Some players were seen weeping after this heartbreaking defeat as once again they

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QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM

There was hardly a dry eye yesterday across the country. From people glued to their TV sets, to people thronged in minuscule cafes, from people gathering in public

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