



WINNER OF HEARTS

THE excitement was relentless. From March 16 when the Tigers knocked down world champions India to March 22, when the Tigers made history by qualifying to their first Asia Cup final in which they heartbreakingly lost to Pakistan by two runs at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, the theatre of dreams. Skipper Mushfiqur Rahim was the last-action hero in the game against India, when the Tigers ruined the party of Sachin Tendulkar's mythical hundredth hundred. And Shakib Al Hasan, words are not enough to describe this all-rounder's contribution to the national team. He had four good games with the bat and set up the wins against India and Sri Lanka and almost got the team through against Pakistan in the first game and the last, the epic final.

For the fans across the country, it was the time of their lives. Though it ended in tears, the breakthrough performance will live in their memories till the next one arrives.

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