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4s
1486

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Most 6s hit by a player
Chris Gayle
West Indies
18

Most 4s hit by a player
K Sangakkara
Sri Lanka
41

MASH'S BEST

BISHWAJIT ROY from Adelaide

Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza bracketed the 15-run victory against England as the best achievement in his career.

"Yes I was part of many famous wins and I don't want to demean any of those. But if you consider the condition and the tournament, I must say this is the biggest achievement in my career so far. Many had the expectation back home but everybody knew how tough the group is. So, it's a significant victory for us," said an elated Bangladesh skipper during the post-match briefing.

"A great moment for our cricket history," he said, adding that win extended their horizon of dreaming bigger.

"We want to go to the quarterfinals with a momentum, so we will try our best to win our last group match against

happy and hope that this is one of the best turns for us and the Bangladesh cricket will move forward from here," hoped the never-say-die Bangladesh captain. He also said that the crowd was the real inspiration for them.

Mashrafe said that he got frustrated when the match got closer at one stage and the dropped catch by Tamim Iqbal also frustrated him, but in the end the win made everybody happy.

Mashrafe however came down hard on those who showed little respect to Bangladesh's pacers and he believed that the pacers could show the world how good they are.

"I'm sorry to say people were talking rubbish things about our pace bowling but we know what we are. We know what we are capable of. I hope by now people must have started to show some respect, and I'm really happy with our quicks, that they have shown the world how good they are. Hopefully this will boost their confidence. I would once again request the people to show some respect to the pacers," said Mashrafe acidly after he was repeatedly asked to put emphasis on his slow bowlers.

And it seemed he was searching for words when asked about Rubel Hossain's performance in the match.

"He [Rubel Hossain] has been fantastic in the last one and a half years. The way he bowled, it's nice to see from mid-on or mid-off. He's swinging the ball, he's bowling fast, and I'm really happy that he shouldered all the responsibilities and delivered from the start. I should mention that he was under tremendous pressure coming into this World Cup. And I hope he will continue with this kind of performance," said Mashrafe, adding that the body language of the team showed the world that the Tigers were now a different team.



Who says Bangladesh don't have a pace bowler? Here comes Rubel Hossain with all his grace and guile.

PHOTO: AFP

WE KEEP OUR PROMISE

ANWAR CEMENT

a formidable New Zealand," said Mashrafe while he was referring to the March 13 clash against the co-hosts.

"Back home people are expecting that we can go through, but we know how difficult it is in Australia because we never played in this kind of pitches, like Melbourne, Brisbane or Adelaide before. So it was very difficult. But the boys have been very confident. They have been working hard and their hard work paid off," he continued.

Mashrafe believed that this win would take the Bangladesh cricket to new heights and help bring more success.

"It was a good win. I would say it's a great turn for us. If I go back, I think our problem was with consistency, but in this World Cup, in two out of these five matches we have been very consistent, and hopefully it will keep going for next few matches. Obviously the boys are really

Rubel terms it his finest

SPORTS REPORTER from Adelaide

Speedster Rubel Hossain might not have got the player-of-the-match award yesterday, but to many, he was the chief architect behind Tigers' victory against England, which sealed them a place in the quarterfinals of the World Cup for the first time.

Rubel claimed four wickets for 53 runs and each of his strikes was crucial in the context of the match. Record books would say it was not Rubel's best bowling figures, as he had previously taken 6 wickets for 26 runs against New Zealand in an ODI, but the bowler felt it was his all-time-best performance.

"It was a long-cherished dream for me to give such a match-winning performance in this kind of big tournament."

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TODAY'S MATCH

India v Ireland
Time: 7:00am
Venue: Hamilton

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Scotland v Sri Lanka
Time: 9:30am
Venue: Hobart

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SCORECARD

BANGLADESH V ENGLAND				
BANGLADESH	R/B	4/6		
Tamim c Root b Anderson	2/7	0/0		
Imrul c Jordan b Anderson	2/2	0/0		
Soumya c Buttler b Jordan	40/52	5/1		
Mahmudullah run out	103/138	7/2		
Shakib c Root b Moeen	2/6	0/0		
Mushfiqur c Jordan b Broad	89/77	8/1		
Sabbir c Morgan b Jordan	14/12	0/1		
Mashrafe not out	6/4	1/0		
Sunny not out	3/3	0/0		
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-8, nb-1)	14			
Total: (For 7 wks 50 overs)	275			
Did not bat: Rubel, Taskin.				
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-8, 3-94, 4-99, 5-240, 6-261, 7-265.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	10	1	45	2
Broad	10	0	52	1
Jordan	10	0	59	2
Woakes	10	0	64	0
Moeen	9	0	44	1
Root	1	0	6	0
ENGLAND	R/B	4/6		
Moeen run out	19/21	3/0		
Bell c Mushfiqur b Rubel	63/82	7/0		
Hales c Mushfiqur b Mashrafe	27/34	4/0		
Root c Mushfiqur b Mashrafe	29/47	2/0		
Morgan c Shakib b Rubel	0/3	0/0		
Taylor c Imrul b Taskin	1/4	0/0		
Buttler c Mushfiqur b Taskin	65/52	6/1		
Woakes not out	42/40	3/0		
Jordan run out	0/1	0/0		
Broad b Rubel	9/6	0/1		
Anderson b Rubel	0/2	0/0		
Extras: (lb-4, nb-1)	5			
Total: (All out in 48.3 overs)	260			
Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-97, 3-121, 4-121, 5-132, 6-163, 7-238, 8-238, 9-260.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mashrafe	10	0	48	2
Rubel	9.3	0	53	4
Sunny	8	0	42	0
Shakib	10	0	41	0
Taskin	9	0	59	2
Sabbir	2	0	13	0
Result: Bangladesh won by 15 runs.				
Player-of-the-match: Mahmudullah.				
Toss: England				

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Time to celebrate

ATIQUÉ ANAM

Yesterday's win against England must be the considered the biggest achievement for Bangladesh cricket since their ICC Trophy win back in 1997, not mere only for the fact that they made it to the knock-out stages of the World Cup for the first time, but perhaps

more importantly because they had to make it against the adversities to get there.

Going down under after a dreadful 2014 and with an unflattering record in global events, the Tigers were not expected to make much of an impression in those alien conditions. Defeats in the four practice matches only allowed detractors sharpen their knives and the International Cricket Council zoom in on the scanner. Beating the two associate nations in the pool was thought to be the least

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MAHMUDULLAH RIYAD

Mahmudullah Riyad not only became Bangladesh first World Cup centurion yesterday, but probably played the most important knock in Bangladesh's ODI history. The elegant right-hander, who had racked up scores of 23, 28 and 62 in the three previous matches of this World Cup, strode in at the crease in the third over, weathered the initial storm with tremendous composure and elegance, and when he left in the 46th over after a wonderful knock of 138-ball 103, the Tigers had half the job done.

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