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The charges of Mahabub Hossain Roxy came close to doubling the lead but Maldives goal-



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The goal raised the tally for the Chittagong Abahani winger to three from two matches following

Maldives looked a bit more organised after the break and even launched a few attacks on the Bangladesh half. The islanders almost reimbursed one goal but Bangladesh goalkeeper Mahfuz Hasan Pritom made a nice decent coming out off the blocks in the

Bangladesh coach Mahbub Hossain Roxy said his charges executed the gameplan perfectly.

Bangladesh will play their second match against holders Nepal on September 25 before facing hosts Bhutan in their last match on September 27.

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AFP, Nairobi

Kenya was due to host the sixth round match at the Nairobi Gymkhana club grounds on October 6 and 8.

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Former captain Michael Clarke, who is part of the TV commentary team for the current series, on



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"It was a disappointing start to

Smith said he would take a call on the playing XI only after having a look at the wicket on Thursday.

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Ten group winners and five best second-placed teams will advance to the finals to be played in Malaysia next year.

AFP, Colombo

Squad: Chandimal (captain), Thirimanna, Karunaratne, Kaushal Silva, Samarawickrama, Kusal Mendis, Roshen Silva, Dickwell, Herath, Sandakan, Dilruwan Perera, Suranga Lakmal, Nuwan Pradeep, Vishwa Fernando and Lahiru Samara.

AFP, Manchester



But having brought in **JONNY I**
Bairstow as an opener in place of the struggling
Jason Roy for their previous ODI, an eight-
wicket Champions Trophy defeat by Pakistan
in Cardiff in June, a match where the
Yorkshireman's 43 was a rare highlight for the
hosts, they retained him as a batsman at the top
of the order as Lee Buttler again kept wicket.

**.JONNY BAIRSTOW**

AIRSTOW When he slipped going for a third run that saw him complete his century, there were, just briefly, fears he might once more be denied an international three-figure score.

"When I slipped coming back for the third, I thought 'Oh no, not again! But luckily enough, it was sloppy enough on the boundary for him [the fielder] to slip too."

PTL, Dubai

The 24-year-old has played 40 Tests, grabbing 12 wickets so far. His 10 ODI appearances have fetched him just one scalp so far.