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The batsmen who made chasing down the 322-run target in Monday's World Cup match against West Indies look like a milk run, Liton Das (L) and Shakib Al Hasan were in cheerful mood yesterday as the team headed to Nottingham, where they will face off against Australia on Thursday.



### WHAT THEY SAID

Well done Bangladesh. So good to see so much character in the team.. @Sah75official @BCBtigers.. keep playing this way

-- Sourav Ganguly

Beaten South Africa, Now again Wonderful chase by @ BCBtigers against the windies. It was pure brilliance by @ Sah75official to win the game for them #BANvsWI -- Irfan Pathan

Shakib should take over as Universe Boss #WIvBAN #CWC19

-- Gaurav Kalra, Senior editor, ESPNcricinfo.

Shakib @Sah75official On the prowl... showing not only that he is the World's No1 allrounder but making a statement that he is a World class batsman too. Congratulations #CWC2019 #BANvsWI Wonderfull knock

-- Russel Arnold

What. A. Win. 7 wickets and over 8 overs to spare. Bangladesh has become the first team to successfully chase 250+ total in the #CWC19 #BANvsWI

-- Aakash Chopra, Cricket analyst.



# The Big 5 Plus: long awaited, but here at last

SAKEB SUBHAN from Taunton

It is not the name of a new, large phone from a manufacturer called Big, but it is the template for Bangladesh to go deep in the ongoing World Cup. Skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Shakib Al Hasan, Tamim Iqbal, Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah Riyad are known as the Big Five of Bangladesh cricket and for much of the last decade they have been carrying the team to memorable wins.

Mashrafe said on Sunday, the eve of their World Cup match against West Indies: 'It is not the responsibility of one or two players to take the team forward in a tournament like the World Cup. There'll be ups and downs, but we must pull it together for the

A new wave is flowing in Bangladesh cricket -- after years of rueing the reality that those outside

the Big Five do not put their hands up consistently enough, that trend has changed at the most opportune time. Liton Das's 69-ball 94 as Bangladesh chased down West Indies' 321 for eight in a canter in Taunton on Monday was the latest, if also the most spectacular, example of one of the lesser six stepping up.

The other most notable examples are Soumya Sarkar, Mosaddek Hossain and Mohammad Saifuddin.

Liton and Soumya sit in the same category -- they had been given countless opportunities but since 2014 up until late 2018, could not cash in. They had shown glimpses of their immense talent but could not attain the level of consistency required to make a strong case for continued selection. Both were dropped, Soumya after the South Africa tour in September-October 2017 and Liton was not a firstchoice member since the tour of New Zealand earlier this year.

Soumya -- who played in the Asia Cup final as an emergency reinforcement for an injury-hit squad -- was included in the third ODI against Zimbabwe late last year, even though he was not in the squad, and made a strong case for himself with a century. Since the Ireland series that preceded this World Cup, Soumya has been the enforcer at the top of the order -- which is the role the team need him to play.

Liton's consistency has been the most heartening. Known as much for his elegant batting as he is for his tendency to implode when everything is in his favour, Liton has kept making a strong case for inclusion ever since Ireland. He got one match there, when Soumya was rotated out against Ireland, and struck a fluent 67-ball 76 that provided the impetus for a nerveless chase of 293 with seven overs to spare. In his next chance, against India in the World Cup warm-up game, he struck a fifty. In his first ever World Cup game on Monday, coming in after warming the bench for four matches, he helped Shakib ace a steep chase with an unbroken fourth-wicket stand.

Like Liton, Mosaddek was not a first-choice member despite being in and around the squad for much of the last year. He also grabbed his opportunity with both hands, winning Bangladesh's

> first ODI multi-team trophy by hitting an unbeaten 24-ball 52 in the final against West Indies on May 17. In doing so, he has solved the problem of a number seven batsman who can also bowl handy off-spin while Mahmudullah's shoulder prevents him from bowling. Mohammad Saifuddin, meanwhile, is an example of the reserves of talent Bangladesh have and that someone can come in and within a space of 17 ODIs make himself a first-choice member in a

squad that is now truly competitive.

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That competition is perhaps the crux of the issue. For years, players had depended on the Big Five to bring the results while they made up the numbers. Now, with the likes of Rubel Hossain, Abu Jayed, Mohammad Mithun, Sabbir Rahman and, until recently, Liton having to sit out, continuity in selection -- for which the oft-maligned selectors deserve some credit -- is no longer possible without telling performances. Perhaps that is what has led to talent

translating into performance. It took a fair while, but it seems that it came just in the nick of time. Even if Bangladesh crash out of this World Cup before the semifinal stage, this development is one on which to build hopes that the future after the Big Five is not bleak.



Bangladesh team will be looking beyond the Big 5 for players like Mehedi Hasan, Soumya Sarker and Mustafizur Rahman to

step up when they run into an in-form Australia in Nottingham on Thursday. РНОТО: ВСВ



Although Mushfiqur Rahim endured a less than enjoyable outing in the Tigers' sevenwicket win over West Indies on Monday, he will be banked upon to deliver the goods with the bat and behind the stumps against Australia on Thursday. РНОТО: ВСВ

## RAHIM STEEL



Moeen Ali came on to bat in the latter stage of their innings intent on scoring some quick runs. Moeen then did just that with an unbeaten nine-ball 31-run knock, laced with four sixes and a four. Moeen was also instrumental with his off spin despite remaining wicketless as he gave away 35 runs from his seven overs.

### Rashid the giver

SPORTS REPORTER

Afghan star Rashid Khan entered the record books for all the wrong reasons during the World Cup game against England yesterday. His figures of 110 in nine overs without a wicket was the most expensive spell in a World Cup match and the secondmost expensive in ODIs.

## 'Shakib is the best in the business'

#### THE EXPERT OPINION

FROM ABDUR RAZZAK

At this moment, I have to say Shakib Al Hasan is the most in-form allrounder in the world.

He is in very good touch with his bowling and his batting has been brilliant at this ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

He made another century in the win over the West Indies, his second of this tournament with two other half-centuries.

He is the number one all-rounder in the ICC rankings as well and he is in tremendous form.

In fact, I have never seen him play like this – the consistency he is showing is incredible. I have played with him many times over the years but this is the best form of his career.

That was a very good win for Bangladesh against the West Indies because they are a very, very good side - they've played really good cricket in this World Cup.

For Bangladesh it was a crucial game because if they lost or even it rained, then they wouldn't have had a great chance to go through to the

semi-finals. It's really, really important to start

quickly, especially in England. If you start well, either bowling or batting, most of the time those teams win -

we've seen that at this World Cup. We started well with the ball by getting Chris Gayle out early and that was important.

When West Indies scored 300+, I heard from quite a few people saying 'Bangladesh will lose this game'. But I told them just wait and see.

I know the ground at Taunton, I've played over there, and on a wicket which wasn't seaming they had a chance. It was a batter's wicket and at Taunton, 320 isn't an easy target but it isn't that hard either.

They started well with the bat



and then Shakib and Liton Das did brilliantly to put on that 189-run partnership and see them over the

It's really difficult coming into the team in the middle of this type of tournament, so Liton Das was

definitely under pressure. When a new player comes to play in a big game, in a big tournament,

with this type of atmosphere, it is

really tough.

They will believe they can beat anyone because they are playing really good cricket.

over to that clash.

Bangladesh reached the quarterfinals at the 2015 World Cup and then the semi-finals at the ICC Champions Trophy in 2017 they've done really well at recent big tournaments - but I honestly believe they are playing even better than that at the moment.

It was a pressure moment and he

coped very nicely. He showed what

their recent record against the West

for Bangladeshi cricket.

confidence-boosting.

last ten ODIs.

he can do as a player and it's exciting

Bangladesh had confidence from

Indies, which is now eight wins in the

They've beaten them in the West

Indies, in Ireland and in Bangladesh

as well. If you keep beating any team

When they were set 320, the boys

would have still felt they were going

to win the game because they know

Importantly, their chances of

really difficult to go through.

against Australia at Trent Bridge

on Thursday is the same but this

confidence will help them and carry

they can do it against the West Indies.

reaching the semi-finals are still alive.

Each and every game is so important

This one was crucial and the game

consistently then it's really, really

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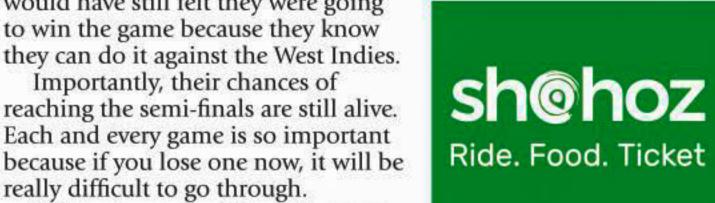
ENGLAND-AFGHANISTAN SCOREBOARD **ENGLAND** R/B 4s/6s Vince c Mujeeb b Dawlat 26/31 3/0 90/99 8/3 Bairstow c & b Gulbadin Root c Rahmat b Gulbadin 88/82 5/1 Morgan c Rahmat 148/71 4/17 b Gulbadin 2/2 0/0 Buttler c Nabi b Dawlat Stokes b Dawlat Ali not out 31/9 1/4 1/1 0/0 Woakes not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-7) Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 397 Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-164, 3-353, 4-359, 5-362, 6-378. Bowler

**AFGHANISTAN** R/B 4s/6s Zadran b Archer 0/7 0/0 37/28 4/1 Naib c Buttler b Wood Rahmat c Bairstow b Rashid 46/74 3/1 76/100 5/2 Shahidi b Archer 44/48 3/2 Asghar c Root b Rashid 9/7 0/1 15/13 0/1

Nabi c Stokes b Rashid Najibullah b Wood Rashid c Bairstow b Archer Ikram not out 3/10 0/0 Zadran not out 0/0 0/0 Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-7) Total: (for 8 wkts in 50 overs) 247

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-52, 3-104, 4-198, 5-210, 6-234, 7-234, 8-247 Bowler Woakes

Result: England won by 150 runs. Player-of-the-Match: Eoin Morgan.



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