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**TEN 1, TEN 2, TEN 3 & SONY SIX**  
Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games  
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(Friday)

**SONY SIX & TEN 3**  
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Manchester vs Southern  
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Men's  
Manchester vs Southern  
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Bangladesh bowlers made life difficult for the Australians again, restricting them to 121 for seven in the second T20 international at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. (Bottom) Mitchell Marsh, though, was fluent with a 42-ball 45. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

## Tigers leave the Kangaroos rattled

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh bowlers maintained their stranglehold over the Australian batsmen and executed their plans with clarity and ease after Australia opted to bat first at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur after facing a 23-run defeat in the first game in which they had elected to field first.

With conditions in Mirpur being conducive to slow bowlers and historically having had produced low-scoring matches that is far from ideal T20I standards, as demonstrated in the latest match, Australia came up with a different approach of tackling the Bangladeshi spinners



up the boundaries in the middle overs against the Aussies' favour.

When Henriques was eventually bowled on 30 off 25 balls while trying to slog Shakib Al Hasan, Australia were 88 for 3 with 28 balls remaining in their innings and were feeling the heat, both literally and figuratively.

Much like the first game, Marsh tried to take on the bowlers but fell victim to young left-arm pacer Shoriful Islam who got the outside edge to dismiss the right-hander on 45 off 42 balls.

The disciplined bowling from the Tigers proved a little too much for the Men from Down Under as they managed to add only 31 runs in the last five overs, losing four wickets in the process. Eventually they ended up posting a miser total of 121 for 7 in 20 overs.

The collective approach from the Bangladeshi bowlers stood out. The hosts bowled 50 dot balls to Australia who looked rather ordinary when attempting to go for the late launch.

Mustafizur has remained the pick of the bowlers bagging three wickets while conceding just 23 runs from his four overs while Shoriful picked two as all the Bangladesh bowlers had played their part to prevent the Kangaroos from notching up their tempo at any stage of their innings.

Bangladesh undoubtedly backed their strength of taking the pace off the ball regularly and largely contributed in paving the way for the second consecutive win over the Aussies.

with caution, early in their innings. However, credit must go to the Tigers who kept a tight leash on the relatively inexperienced Australian batting line-up. And later on, in the second half of the game witnessed the hosts batsmen made sure that their bowlers' efforts did not go in vain even though they had struggled, if not more than their counterpart, to chase down the target.

Bangladesh knew that the Aussies have not been able to post past 140 runs in their last six innings in Asia and skipper Mahmudullah Riyad had the belief in his bowlers and they delivered accordingly.

Off-spinner Mahedi Hasan once again struck early for the Tigers and dismissed Alex Carey on 11

in the third over. Best bowler of the game for the Tigers yesterday was surprisingly not a spinner this time around. It was the wily left-arm seamer Mustafizur Rahman who undone Josh Philippe with his trademark slower delivery down the leg side where the right-hander had little clue.

Australia failed to make an impact in the power play yet again, adding 32 while losing 2 wickets, after struggling in the first game in which they scored 28 for 3 after six overs.

In-form Mitchell Marsh once again stood tall alongside Moises Henriques as the visitors tried to stage a comeback. Although the pair added a resilient 57 for the third-wicket, however it was the Tigers bowlers who managed to dry

## Gold for De Grasse, record for McLaughlin

REUTERS, TOKYO



Canada's Andre De Grasse added gold to a groaning collection of minor medals with victory in the 200 metres, Kenya went one-two in the men's 800m and Peruth Chemutai made history for Uganda on another scintillating night of Olympic athletics on Wednesday.

That followed another huge 400m hurdles world record in the morning when Sydney McLaughlin saw off fellow American Dalilah Muhammad as the super-fast track and new shoe technology continue to make a mockery of historical comparisons.

De Grasse, operating in the considerable shadow of Usain Bolt for most of his career, had won six bronze and two silver medals from global individual races and relays, but has been on fire in Tokyo.

Showing perfect judgement he ran down leader Noah Lyles to win in a Canadian record of 19.62 seconds to make him the eighth-fastest man of all time over the distance.

"In 2016 I was a kid and inexperienced but now I have so many expectations to come away with medals," said 26-year-old De Grasse, who won silver behind Bolt in the 200m in Rio.

"I wanted to show the world all my injuries are behind me and I can bring home a gold medal."

Three Americans followed him home - Kenny Bednarek, Lyles and 17-year-old Erriyon Knighton - but the wait goes on for a first gold since 2004 in either of the men's sprints.

Emmanuel Korir and Ferguson Rotich delivered a Kenyan one-two in the men's 800m to make it four successive golds in the event for the East Africans. After a steady first 500m Korir forged clear to win in 1:45.06 and became a worthy successor to double

champion David Rudisha. Chemutai became the first Ugandan woman to win an Olympic gold in any sport with a finely-judged performance in the 3,000m steeplechase.

Courtney Frerichs of the United States made a brave run for home with more than two laps to go, but Chemutai bided her time before passing her with 250m left and winning in a national record 9:01.45.

Frerichs held on for silver with Hyvin Kiyeng taking bronze for Kenya, who have still yet to earn gold in the four editions of the race.

Defending champion Shaunae Miller-Libbo of the Bahamas and evergreen American Allyson Felix set up another mouth-watering 400m showdown. Dutchwoman Sifan Hassan progressed safely to the 1,500m final where she will hope to clinch her second gold, having won the 5,000 and eyeing the 10,000 to complete an unprecedented treble.



| OLYMPICS MEDALS TABLE (TOP FIVE) |      |        |        |       |
|----------------------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| COUNTRY                          | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE | TOTAL |
| China                            | 32   | 22     | 16     | 70    |
| USA                              | 25   | 31     | 23     | 79    |
| Japan                            | 21   | 7      | 12     | 40    |
| Great Britain                    | 15   | 18     | 15     | 48    |
| Australia                        | 15   | 4      | 17     | 36    |



### SCORES IN BRIEF

**AUSTRALIA:**  
121 for seven in 20 overs (Marsh 45, Henriques 30, Starc 13 not out; Mustafizur 3-23, Shoriful 2-27)

**BANGLADESH:**  
123 for five in 18.4 overs (Afif 37 not out, Nurul 21 not out, Shakib 26, Mahedi 23; Agar 1-17, Hazlewood 1-21)

**RESULT:**  
Bangladesh won by five wickets

**PLAYER-OF-THE-MATCH:**  
Afif Hossain



## Kings bounce back after hiccup

SPORTS REPORTER

Bashundhara Kings returned to winning ways in the Bangladesh Premier League yesterday as the defending champions inflicted an emphatic 3-0 defeat on struggling Muktiyoddha Sangsad at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Three South Americans, comprising the Brazilian duo of forward Robson Da Silva and midfielder Jonathan Fernandes and Argentine striker Raul Becerra, scored a goal each to steer the league leaders to their 17th win from 19 games, strengthening their stranglehold on top with 52 points, 14 more than second-placed Sheikh Jamal, who have two games in hand. Muktiyoddha Sangsad are 11th with 14 points from 18 matches.

Meanwhile at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalpur,

Sheikh Russel also rode on goals from their foreign trio of Siyovush Asrorov, Obi Moneke and Baktyir Duisobekov to beat bottom-side Arambagh 3-0 and rise to the sixth in the table with 30 points from 19 matches. Arambagh remain glued to the bottom of the 13-team table with just 5 points.

The tie between Bashundhara Kings and

Muktiyoddha Sangsad was expected to be intense, especially after Kings were defeated by Chattogram Abahani and Muktiyoddha Sangsad recorded a stunning triumph over Abahani in their previous matches. But Bashundhara Kings afforded no space for a further upset, dominating from the outset.

Spanish coach Oscar Bruzon kept Nigeria-born striker Eleta Kingsly out of the starting eleven, instead drafting in Mahbubur Rahman Sufil, who made some smart runs but had little impact before a combination of Jonathan, Becerra and Robson broke the deadlock in the 20th minute.

Jonathan started the move on the right before chipping the ball to Becerra, who played a cut-back into the path of Robson and the league's top-scorer made no mistake in striking his 18th goal of the campaign. Becerra then doubled the lead in the 55th minute with a placed shot from inside the box after availing a square pass from Jonathan.

A dipping shot from 25 yards in the 77th minute from Jonathon ultimately sealed the result, which could have been an embarrassing one had Muktiyoddha Sangsad goalkeeper Mohammad Razib not made some brilliant saves in either half.

## NSC announces 12 sports award recipients

SPORTS REPORTER

Legendary footballer Kazi Salahuddin, who also happens to be the current president of Bangladesh Football Federation and South Asian Football Federation as well, was named as the recipient of a lifetime achievement award of the National Sports Council (NSC) Awards. The current edition of this sports awards program has been revived after three decades and renamed after Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the founder of Abahani Limited Dhaka.

State minister for youth and sports, Jahid Ahsan Russel, yesterday announced 12 award recipients -- athletes, organisers, sports

### THE RECIPIENTS OF THE SHEIKH KAMAL NSC AWARDS 2021 ARE

- Life-time achievement:** Kazi Salahuddin.
- Best Players:** Ruman Sana (Archery), Mabia Akter Simanta (Weightlifting) and Mahfuza Khatun Shila (Swimming).
- Promising players:** Akbar Ali (Cricket), Fahad Rahman (Chess) and Unnoti Khatun (Football).
- Best Organisers:** Manzur Kader (Sheikh Jamal DC) and Kyaw Shwe Hla (Karate).
- Sports Federation:** Bangladesh Cricket Board.
- Sports Journalist:** Muhammad Kamruzzaman.
- Sponsor:** Walton.

federation, sports journalist and sponsor -- from seven categories.

The winners will be handed the awards at the NSC auditorium today, on the occasion of Sheikh Kamal's birthday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to attend the award-distribution ceremony as the chief guest, however digitally.

"The NSC awards were suspended for 30 long years but we revived it by naming it after Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of Bangabandhu and pioneer of the country's sports and cultural movement. We will now be able to recognise more personnel and institutions through Sheikh Kamal National Sports Council Awards," said state minister Russel yesterday.



India pacer Mohammed Shami is the toast of his teammates following his dismissal of England batsman Dom Sibley during the first day of the first Test at Nottingham on Wednesday. PHOTO: REUTERS

## India pacers trouble England

AFP, Nottingham

England captain Joe Root became his country's leading run-scorer across all international formats before India's Mohammed Shami dismissed Jonny Bairstow with what became the last ball before Tea on the opening day of the first Test at Trent Bridge on Wednesday.

England were 138-4 at the interval, with Root 52 not out after Bairstow had fallen lbw for 29 to end the Yorkshire duo's stand of 72.

Bairstow had looked increasingly fluent until Shami's nip-backer struck him in front of the stumps. At Tea, Shami had fine figures of 2-18 in 13.2 overs after removing opener Dom Sibley for a laboured 18 earlier in the session.