



TWO EXTREME ENDS

BANGLADESH'S ECSTASY

Bangladesh vs West Indies Group Stage in Johannesburg, 2007 T20 World Cup

When Mohammad Ashraful returned to the dressing room having conceded 55 from his four overs at an economy rate of 13.75 -- most among bowlers of Bangladesh -- against West Indies, in his mind, he probably knew that he would need to make amends with the bat. And so he did. Ashraful went on to plunder 61 off just 27 deliveries, smashing fifty off just 20 balls which is still the fastest fifty by a Bangladeshi in the format. He was ably supported by another explosive 49-ball 62 by Aftab Ahmed and Bangladesh gunned down Windies' 165-run target with two overs and six wickets to spare, registering the Tigers' first-ever international success against the Caribbeans in any format of the game and also eliminating them from the tournament in the process. Such an inspiring victory also saw Bangladesh make it to the second round of the inaugural ICC T20 World Cup.

BANGLADESH'S AGONY

Bangladesh vs India Super 10 in Bengaluru, 2016 T20 World Cup

Eleven needed off the final over with Bangladesh's most experienced pair of Mahmudullah Riyad and Musfiquur Rahim at the crease. After Mahmudullah sneaked a single the first delivery of India's Hardik Pandya, Mushfiquur struck two consecutive boundaries, celebrating fiercely with fist pump and a jump following the second hit, and suddenly the equation reduced to two needed off just three. What happened next would only go on to haunt Bangladesh fans for generations to come. Trying to finish it in style, an unnecessary gambit at that point, Mushfiquur and Mahmudullah were caught in the outfield in successive deliveries before a nervy Mustafizur Rahman was made run-out by an ever calm and collected MS Dhoni. From a chance to knockout India in their own backyard to losing the game by just a single run, Bangladesh succumbed to arguably the most agonising defeat in their cricketing history.

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