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ICC T20 Men's World Cup 2021
South Africa vs West Indies

Live from 04:00 pm
Pakistan vs New Zealand
Live from 08:00 pm

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Rangpur vs Dhaka, SICS
Dhaka Metro vs

Rajshahi, Cox's Bazar
Sylhet vs Khulna, Sylhet



SHAHEEN AFRIDI Pakistan's first-strike destroyer

AFP, DUBAI

Standing at an imposing 6ft 6ins (1.98m), Shaheen Shah Afridi, the first-strike destroyer of India at the T20 World Cup, is the latest high-end product of Pakistan's fast bowling factory -- left-arm division.

From Wasim Akram to Mohammad Amir, with passing hat tips in recent years to the likes of Wahab Riaz and the giant Mohammad Irfan, Shaheen on Sunday devastatingly proved his star quality.

Unburdened by carrying the same name of one of his country's iconic white-ball pioneers -- as well as inheriting Afridi's number 10 shirt -- the 21-year-old shattered the hopes of India with a mesmerising spell of fast bowling.

His 3-31 off four overs was the prelude to Pakistan finally ending their jinx against India with a first win in 13 attempts in World Cup competition.

Even India skipper Virat Kohli, one of Shaheen's victims in Sunday's landmark 10-wicket rout, appreciated the bowler's four-over blockbuster. "In T20 cricket you need

good execution to pick up wickets with the new ball and he certainly did that," Kohli said.

"He put our batsmen under pressure immediately with the new ball and ran in with intensity."

A blistering yorker pinned Rohit Sharma on the back foot for an lbw decision as cut-and-dried as any. KL Rahul followed, his T20 International average no match for the velocity of the ball that swept through the gate and demolished his stumps. Shaheen returned to see off Kohli for good measure.

It was a big-stage performance which echoed fellow left-arm fast bowler Amir's brutal three-in-a-row dismissal of Sharma, Kohli and Shikhar Dhawan at the 2017 Champions Trophy final at The Oval.

Shaheen is one of eight brothers who grew up in the Khyber Pass on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. One of those brothers Riaz -- who played a single Test for Pakistan -- inspired a passion for fast bowling. Shaheen switched from tape ball to cricket and has not looked back.

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Mujeeb, Rashid gun down Scotland

REUTERS, Sharjah

Afghanistan appeared unperturbed by their uncertain future in international cricket as Mohammad Nabi's men dished out a 130-run shellacking to Scotland in Group II at the Twenty20 World Cup on Monday.

The governing International Cricket Council (ICC) will meet next month to determine the game's future in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime.

Cricket Australia (CA) has already threatened to scrap next month's one-off test against Afghanistan if the government in Kabul does not allow women to play the sport. None of that controversy seemed to affect Afghanistan as their muscular top order fired them to an imposing 190-4 in their opening Super 12 stage match.

Spin duo Mujeeb Ur Rahman (5-20) and Rashid Khan (4-9) then combined to demolish Scotland for 60 in 10.2 overs to maintain Afghanistan's 100% victory

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SCORES IN BRIEF

AFGHANISTAN
190 for 4 in 20 overs (Zazai 44, Shahzad 22, Gurbaz 46, Zardan 59; Sharif 2-33, Watt 1-23)

SCOTLAND
60 all out in 10.2 overs (Munsey 25, Graves 12; Mujeeb 5-20, Rashid 4-9)

RESULT
Afghanistan won by 130 runs.

PLAYER-OF-THE-MATCH
Mujeeb Ur Rahman



Afghan spinner Mujeeb Ur Rahman (R) celebrates the wicket of Scotland skipper Kyle Coetzer with Rashid Khan at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

record against them in this format.

"This was our plan, to bat first and put a big score," Nabi said after their biggest Twenty20 victory in terms of runs.

"Everyone knows Rashid and Mujeeb are among the best in the world. It's a really nice team and hopefully we'll keep winning."

The Afghan openers vindicated Nabi's decision to bat first after winning the toss at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. Hazratullah Zazai, who made 44, and Mohammad Shahzad (22) got them off to a flier with a 54-run stand and Afghanistan's batsmen never took their foot off the pedal after that.

Rahmanullah Gurbaz blasted four sixes in his 46 but, like Zazai, fell short of his half-century. Najibullah Zadran could not be denied his fifty though and the left-hander smashed 59 before falling to the final delivery of the innings.

Afghanistan's batsmen smashed a combined 11 sixes, several landing on the roof of the stadium, much to the delight of the smattering of Afghan fans in the stands.

"We have been playing some good cricket to get here, but sometimes things don't go to plan," Scotland captain Kyle Coetzer said after the thumping.

"We fought hard in the field. It's just a level check to see where our standards are. We'll be better for it in the next game."

Qatar-grown Nawwab makes the cut

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Newly appointed interim head coach Mario Lemos revealed a 24-member preliminary squad of Bangladesh football team for next month's Four Nations invitational tournament in Sri Lanka yesterday. The squad involves the inclusion of a new face in Obidur Rahman Nawwab, who was groomed in the Aspire Academy of Qatar and represented Qatar U-19 national team before joining Al Duhail Club for the Stars League and Qatar Cup.

Last year, the 22-year-old left-winger Nawwab joined Bangladesh Premier League champions Bashundhara Kings from Al Duhail Club as a free agent and played around 76 minutes in two matches under the guidance of Kings' Spanish coach Oscar Bruzon, who was Lemos' immediate predecessor in the national team.

Post-selection, Nawwab did not respond despite repeated phone calls, however, Portuguese coach Lemos explained the surprise inclusion.

"I saw Nawwab a little in the Bangladesh Premier League but I think he has the potential. He is, perhaps, a little bit different than the rest," Lemos told The Daily Star over phone as he returned to Dhaka on Sunday night from South Korea.

Captain Jamal Bhuiyan and defender Tariq Raihan Kazi, both Finland-born, had already cemented their place in the national team's playing eleven after proving themselves in the domestic competition

while expatriates Rahbar Wahed Khan and Reasat Khaton went on to directly feature for the national team earlier.

"I reckon he [Nawwab] deserves a chance in the preliminary squad provided he hasn't been given a chance before," said the Portuguese coach, who worked with the national team as the fitness trainer in 2017 and also had guided Abahani till the zonal semifinals of AFC Cup.

"A lot of U-23 players who are in the training camp [for AFC U-23 Asian Cup], I've watched them closely. About him [Nawwab], some of the local players gave me good feedback," said Lemos.

Even though Lemos selected 24 players in his preliminary squad, the 35-year-old informed that at least six U-23 players -- Tutul Hossain Badsha, Rahmat Mia, Mahbubur Rahman Sufil, Riyadul Hasan Rafi, Mohammad Ridoy and Yasin Arafat -- who featured in the recently concluded SAFF Championship, is likely to get the nod for the final 23-member squad.

Whereas, Defenders Shushanta Tripura, Yasin Khan, Mohammad Atiquzzaman, Mehedi Hasan, midfielder Masuk Mia Johnny and forward Mehedi Hasan Royal have been recalled in the preliminary squad for the upcoming tournament after missing out on the SAFF Championship.

"It's going to be a tough tournament [Four Nations] but we have to try to win every game and secure maximum points and if we can do that, we have a chance [to play the final]," Lemos concluded.

Barishal wrap up match inside two days

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The Tier 2 game between Barishal Division and Chattogram Division saw an early finish as Fazle Mahmud's Barishal wrapped up the game on the second day with a convincing 78-run victory in the two sides' National Cricket League encounter at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram yesterday.

With a 59-run lead, Barishal resumed the day by starting their second innings. However, a fifer from off-spinner Nayeem Hasan, who scalped four in the previous innings, and a four-for from left-arm spinner Hasan Murad helped Chattogram bundle out Barishal for a meagre 139 in 36 overs.

Coming down to chase a 199-run target with over a couple of days' play remaining, Chattogram couldn't impress with the bat as they did with the ball. Barishal's left-arm spinner Monir Hossain, who bagged a fifer in the previous innings, got three yesterday while the likes of spinners Mohammad Ashraf, Sohag Gazi and pacer Kamrul Islam Rabbi picked two wickets apiece as they restricted Chattogram to 120 in 50 overs.

Meanwhile, in Sylhet, following centuries from Abdul Mazid and skipper Saif Hassan on Day one, Dhaka Division amassed 394 in 127.5 overs in their first innings against Rangpur Division. Pacer Mukidul Islam was the pick of the bowlers for Rangpur, picking up three wickets for 77 runs while spinners Nasir Hossain and Sohrwardi Shuvo scalped two wickets each.

Dhaka's Anamul Haque, Nazmul Islam and Shuvagata Hom took a wicket each as Rangpur finished the day with 96 for three on the board, still trailing by 298 runs.

Quality batting was on display in the match between Rajshahi Division and Dhaka Metro at the Cox's Bazar Academy Ground. Dhaka Metro, who were trailing by 249 runs, scored 283 runs for seven before stumps on day two. Dhaka skipper Shadman Islam led the batting attack with a steady 79 off 128 balls, featuring nine boundaries.

Meanwhile, it was a day for the bowlers at the Sylhet Academy Ground as Khulna Division's Mehedi Hasan Miraz and Al Amin Hossain scalped three wickets each to bundle out Sylhet Division for 172.

Khulna finished the day with a 70-run lead but lost three wickets for just 46 in their second innings.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Messi muted as 10-man PSG draw with Marseille

Lionel Messi was kept quiet as 10-man Paris Saint-Germain settled for a 0-0 draw with bitter rivals Marseille in a heated atmosphere in Ligue 1 on Sunday. The meeting of French football's biggest rivals was briefly held up on more than one occasion as objects were thrown from the stands when PSG players went to take corner kicks. There was another interruption in the second half when one young man invaded the pitch and approached Messi before being escorted off by a legion of security staff.

United fans deserve better, says Ronaldo

Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo blamed the team for Sunday's 5-0 defeat at home to Liverpool and said fans of the Old Trafford club deserve better. "Our fans were, once again, amazing in their constant support. They deserve better than this, much better, and it's up to us to deliver. The time is now!" Ronaldo, who returned to the club in the summer for his second spell, said on Instagram.

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