

SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA VS IRELAND
Australia
179 for five in 20 overs (Finch 63, Stoinis 35; McCarthy 3-29, Little 2-21)
Ireland
137 all out in 18.1 overs (Tucker 71 not out, Delany 14; Maxwell 2-14, Zampa 2-19)
Result
Australia won by 42 runs
Player-of-the-match
Aaron Finch



Following their win over Zimbabwe in Brisbane on Sunday, Bangladesh team yesterday reached Adelaide where they will take on India tomorrow before their final Super 12 match against Pakistan on November 6.

PHOTO: BCB

India name squads for Bangladesh tour

STAR SPORTS DESK

India named squads for the upcoming tour of Bangladesh, which will be held in December. India will play three-match T20I and ODI series in New Zealand after the T20 World Cup before they arrive in Bangladesh for a three-match ODI and two-match Test series.

Rohit Sharma will assume his usual captaincy duties in Bangladesh along with KL Rahul as vice-captain. Rajat Patidar and Rahul Tripathi, who impressed with their batting performances during the white-ball series between India A and New Zealand A, have been rewarded with a place in the squad for Bangladesh ODIs as well.

Jasprit Bumrah, who got ruled out of the T20 World Cup with a back injury, has been rested again in order to give him adequate time to recover fully.

Test squad

Rohit Sharma (C), KL Rahul (VC), Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (wk), KS Bharat (wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Shardul Thakur, Mohammad Shami, Mohd. Siraj, Umesh Yadav

ODI squad

Rohit Sharma (C), KL Rahul (vc), Shikhar Dhawan, Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Shreyas Iyer, Rahul Tripathi, Rishabh Pant (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, W Sundar, S Thakur, Mohd. Shami, Mohammad Siraj, Deepak Chahar, Yash Dayal

What to WATCH

T SPORTS & GTV
T20 World Cup 2022
Afghanistan vs Sri Lanka
Live from 10:00 am
England vs New Zealand
Live from 02:00 pm

TEN 1
UEFA Champions League
Liverpool vs Napoli
Live from 02:00 pm (Wednesday)

TEN 2
UEFA Champions League
Porto vs Atletico Madrid
Live from 11:45 pm
Bayern Munich vs Inter
Live from 02:00 am (Wednesday)

SONY SIX
Bayer Leverkusen vs Brugge
Live from 11:45 pm
Plzen vs Barcelona
Live from 02:00 am (Wednesday)

Will Tigers focus on strength or relative disadvantage?

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's batting has been a major concern in the T20 World Cup so far and the question that has been asked most is whether their batting depth has paid dividends. On the other hand, the bowling has turned out to be game-changing for the Tigers, with their speedsters making the most of the pace, bounce and movement offered by Australian surfaces.

Bangladesh have so far gambled with an extra batter in the line-up, playing three seamers alongside Shakib Al Hasan as specialist bowlers, while Mosaddek Hossain and Soumya Sarkar have often been used to bowl any remaining overs.

Going into crucial fixtures against India and Pakistan with a semifinal berth still a reality, will Bangladesh now focus on strength and play freely or will they opt for a conservative approach?

It is a gamble not to play a fifth specialist bowler, especially when one of the specialists goes for runs and part-time options do not pan out. On the other hand, not going in with the cushion of an extra batsman is an alien concept to the team management despite the pacers' dominance in Australia.

Skipper Shakib had said after the Zimbabwe game that his side would be able to enjoy the rest of the games and play more freely.

"I think we can be free and enjoy two more games against India and Pakistan. They have very good teams but we can see some light in our performances. We will fight till the end. Obviously, this World Cup is very competitive in terms of both groups. No one knows who will play in the semifinals, that makes it more



entertaining. So we will fight and see. I hope we get some wins under our belt and then you never know," Shakib had told Mike Atherton at the post-match presentation after the match against Zimbabwe.

Bangladesh's record in the T20I format against the two Asian giants does not make for good reading while Shakib's insistence that they will be more 'free' may just be about playing in a more relaxed frame of mind and not the tactical gamble of picking four seamers.

Pace-bowling spearhead Taskin Ahmed's

haul of eight wickets from three games has made him the highest wicket-taker of the Super 12 stage. He has troubled batters with movement away from batters and, on occasion, has been able to bring the ball into the batters.

The pace unit seemingly has developed a good rapport under pace bowling coach Allan Donald, with Shoriful Islam and Ebadot Hossain waiting in the wings to make a case for themselves in the World Cup. Their only hiccup came when they were dismantled by South Africa in the second Super 12 match.

Coupled with a lack of form in the lower-middle order, particularly that of Nurul Hasan Sohan, it remains to be seen whether Shakib and the team management think outside the box and focus on their strength instead of plugging gaps in the batting unit.

Tigers reach Adelaide

Bangladesh reached Adelaide yesterday following a confidence-boosting win against Zimbabwe in Brisbane.

The Tigers will gear up for the Super 12 game against India to be played in Adelaide on Wednesday, hoping to cause an upset and knowing a win would put them two points above India. However, the forecast does not look promising.

Meanwhile, the team management opted to rest the players on Tuesday so they could recover from jet lag.

"The team management decided to give the players full rest tomorrow since they played a match a day ago. Today [Monday] it was a three-hour flight from Brisbane to Adelaide. The weather forecast is also not good for tomorrow. There is a possibility of rain," Bangladesh team manager Rabeed Imam told The Daily Star over phone yesterday.

Group	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Team No. 12	Abahani FC Ltd.	Bashundhara Kings	Abahani FC Ltd.	FC Moulvibazar
Team No. 13	FC Moulvibazar	FC Moulvibazar	FC Moulvibazar	FC Moulvibazar

New football season begins on Nov 5

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BFF Elite Academy, Azampur FC Uttara and Youngmen's Fakirerpool Club earned automatic qualification to the main round of the Independence Cup after eight clubs from the Bangladesh Championship League (BCL) expressed their inability to travel outside Dhaka to take part in the season's curtain-raising tournament due to financial crisis.

Four more outfits – Little Friends Club, Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Army – will, however, have to play the qualification round, set to begin on November 5. Following the qualifiers, the 16-team final round, including 11 auto-qualifying outfits from the Bangladesh Premier League, will commence on November 13.

The participants of the qualifying round were decided through a lottery held at the BFF House yesterday.

Little Friends and Air Force will play the first qualifier on November 5 while Navy will take on Army the following day. The winners of the fixtures will enter the main competition.

The draw of the main competition was also held yesterday. Defending champions Abahani and runners-up Bashundhara Kings were placed in different groups with little chances of the two giants facing each other before the final, set to be played on December 5 in Cumilla.

Alongside the venue of the final, Bishreshtha Flight Lt Matiur Rahman Stadium in Munshiganj and Sheikh Fazlul Haque Mani Stadium in Gopalganj will host a total of 34 matches. Venues for the fixtures were distributed through lottery.

England face NZ with one eye on the skies

REUTERS, Melbourne

England must get past in-form New Zealand on Tuesday if they are to get their Twenty20 World Cup campaign back on track but their hopes of reaching the semifinals would also suffer a heavy blow if the Brisbane weather refuses to play ball.

England are in a precarious position after their rain-hit defeat to Ireland and with last week's eagerly anticipated encounter with champions Australia abandoned without a ball being bowled.

Rain is again forecast for Tuesday and another washout would mean England could finish on a maximum of six points in Group 1 provided they beat Sri Lanka in their final game on Saturday – a tally that would likely see them fail to advance.

"It would be nice to get the full 40 overs in, so keep our fingers crossed that we



get the right conditions to be able to do that," England assistant coach Paul Collingwood said.

"In World Cups you want to see ... the best sides competing against each other in an equal game. Hopefully tomorrow the rain stays away and we can manage to do that."

If 2010 champions England take four points from their last two games, Jos Buttler's side could finish tied with New Zealand and Australia, which would mean net run rate would determine the

top two.

Black Caps bowler Lockie Ferguson said he expected England to "come out hot" in search of a win but backed his team to see off the challenge and take a big step towards the semifinals.

"We need to come out with our own brand of aggressive play and that's not to say that it's anything different to what we have done ... we have a different way of going about that," Ferguson said.

"But the way Tim Southee and Trent Boult have started us off has put us a great foot forward in our first two games, so from that point of view, nothing needs to change too much, and we need to adjust to the conditions on the day."

In Tuesday's other Super 12 match, Afghanistan play 2014 champions Sri Lanka, who must win both their games and hope other results go their way to reach the last-four stage.



Tottenham Hotspur players jump over hurdles during a training session at the club training facilities in north London on Monday ahead of tonight's Champions League Group D fixture against Marseille. With all four teams still in the hunt for a place in the Last 16, the English outfit are in an advantageous position as they will only need a draw away to Marseille to progress.

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