



Women's ODI World Cup: Bangladesh Bow Out After 7-Run Loss to Sri Lanka



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Bangladesh's dream of reaching the semi-finals ended as they lost a do-or-die match against Sri Lanka. Despite restricting the Lankan side to 202 runs, the Tigers fell short by just 7 runs, missing out on a last-minute victory.

In the match held in Mumbai, Sri Lanka batted first and posted a competitive total of 202 runs. Opener Vishmi Gunaratne fell to Marufa on the very first ball, but Chamari Athapaththu steadied the innings with a 72-run second-wicket partnership before getting out after scoring 46. Nilashka contributed 37 runs before falling to a delivery from Swarna. Regular wickets ensured that Sri Lanka's innings ended at 202. Swarna Akter took 3 wickets for Bangladesh, while Rabeya Khan claimed 2 wickets.

Chasing 203, Bangladesh lost Rubaiya Haider early. The team slipped further when Farzana was dismissed at 24 runs. Sobhana Mostari managed only 8 runs before getting out, leaving Bangladesh at 44 for 3. A brilliant 82-run partnership between Sharmin Akter and Nigar Sultana revived Bangladesh's innings. Shamima, who scored 64, had to leave the field due to injury. Jyoti then took charge, scoring a fifty and keeping Bangladesh in the hunt.

In the final moments, Bangladesh needed 10 runs from 9 balls with 6 wickets in hand, but lost 5 wickets while scoring just 1 run. Jyoti finished with 77 runs, and Bangladesh's hopes of victory and a semi-final berth ended.