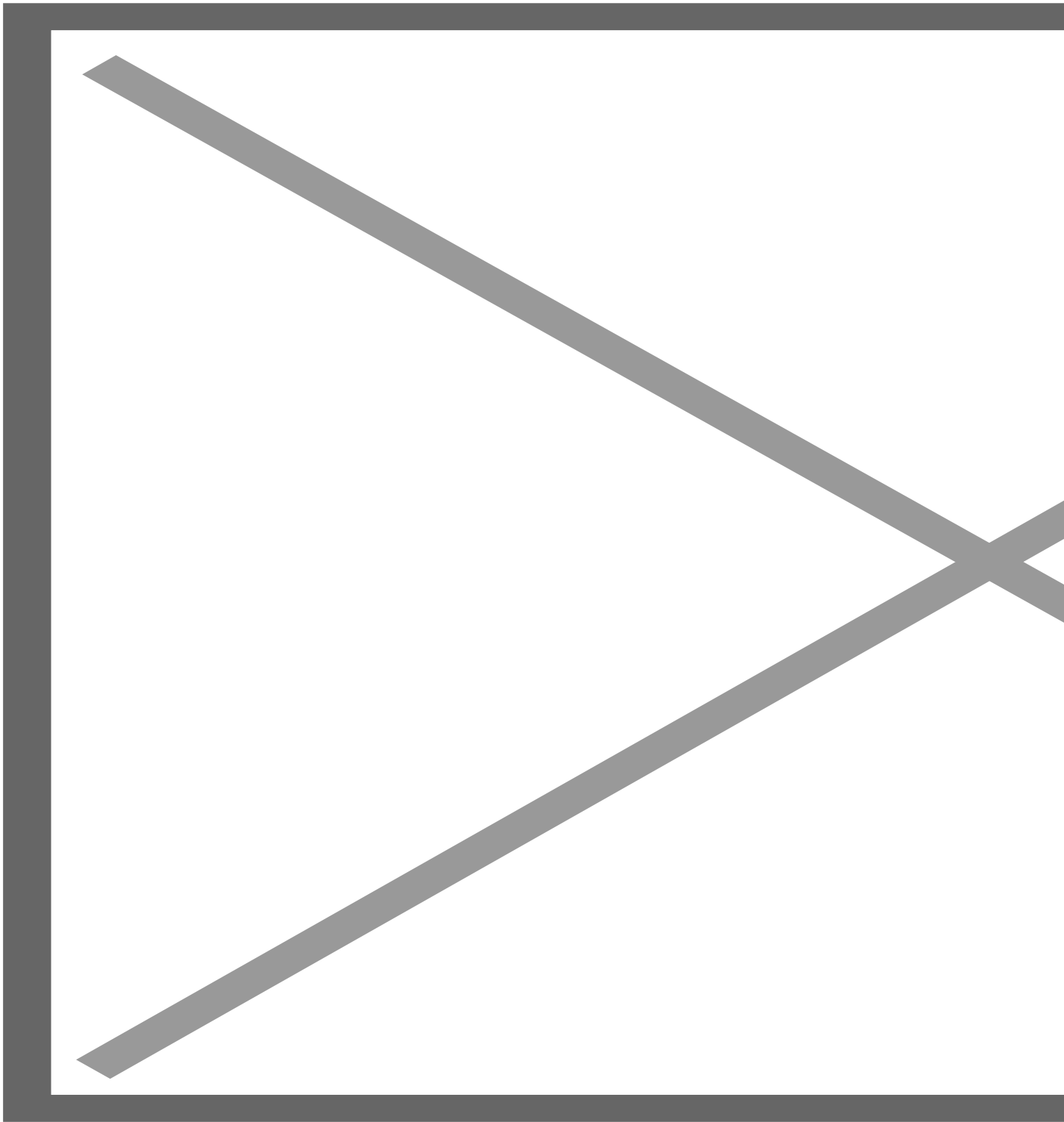


# Bangladesh Tigress beat USA by 5 Wickets to become group champions of Under-19 Women T20 World Cup

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**The Daily Morning Voice Online Desk:** Bangladesh got three consecutive victories and become group champions as they beat USA by five wickets in their last group match of the ICC Under-19 Women T20 World Cup at the Benoni, South Africa on Wednesday. Despite winning the first two matches against stronger opponents Australia and Sri Lanka showing good batting performances, the girls in red and green struggled somehow against a lesser US side. However, they reached the paltry target of 104 losing five wickets from 17.3 overs to keep their hundred per cent winning record.

The slower balls with a bit of turn caused discomfort for Bangladeshi batters, who showed power hitting in previous matches, and their biggest hitter Afia Prtasha got out only for seven facing 10 balls. Every other batter reached two figures but none could get past 22-run mark as Bangladesh were reduced to 86-5 and 10 dot balls in a row created pressure. But Rabeya Khatun and Rani Shaha, who scored 18 and 24, hit two boundaries each to ease the pressure and remained not out to navigate the side home.



Earlier in the day, after losing the toss Bangladesh bowlers failed to pick up wickets in regular intervals and got only four scalps throughout the 20 overs but contained the US girls well under a par score. Skipper Disha Biswas was the pick of the bowlers getting two wickets while conceding just 13 runs off four overs. Rabeya Khan gave away just 14 runs bowling full quota of four overs and opening bowler Marufa Akter got one wicket conceding 17 runs. US batter Snigdha Paul scored highest 26 runs but consumed 37 balls while Disha Dhingra made 20 off 39. Bangladesh won their first two matches against Australia and Sri Lanka to seal the super six berth.