

# South Africa beat Bangladesh by 7 wickets

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**Online Desk :** After a rampant bowling display by Kagiso Rabada, South Africa beat Bangladesh by seven wickets in the Dhaka Test on Thursday. Rabada ended the match, taking 9 wickets, conceding 72 runs. Along the way, he reached 300 Test wickets as the fastest bowler (in terms of bowling-less deliveries) in history. The tourists secured a 1-0 lead in the series. The second and final Test of the series will be played in Chattogram on October 29, UNB reports.

South Africa needed only 106 runs to seal the match. They chased it down inside the first session of the fourth day in just 22 overs. Opener Tony de Zorzi hit 41 off just 52 balls hitting 7 fours, and Tristan Stubbs remained unbeaten for 30, ensuring no further fall of wickets. Taijul Islam bagged all three wickets South Africa lost on the fourth day. With this, he took a total of eight wickets in the match. And along the way, he completed 200 wickets in Test as the second Bangladeshi bowler after Shakib Al Hasan.

Bangladesh ended their second innings on 307, securing a lead of 105 runs. Mehidy Hasan Miraz missed a century just for three runs. After the match, Mehidy said he was not worried about the century, he rather focused on guiding the team to a better position. “As a batsman, it’s disappointing to miss the century,” he said. “But I was only focussed to guide the team to a better position. I would have been happier if I had execute my plan.”

Rabada took six wickets for 46 runs. He was the main bowler that Bangladesh batters failed to play well. In the first innings, he took three wickets. “He is one in a million,” Aiden Markram, South Africa’s stand-in captain, said after the match praising Rabada. “We are lucky to have him in the team. It’s fantastic to see him do well.” On Wednesday, less than 58 overs of play was possible. Rain and bad lights wasted more than 2.5 hours of play. In the first innings of the match, Bangladesh scored 106, in reply, South Africa posted 308, riding on a century of Kyle Verreynne. Bangladesh never won a Test match against South Africa, and they now failed again in the 15th attempt.