

Liton breaks Ashraful's record for fastest fifty in T20Is by a Bangladeshi

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Online Desk: Opener Liton Das scored an 18-ball fifty to become the fastest Bangladeshi to the landmark score in T20Is as Bangladesh got off to a flying start in their second T20I against Ireland at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram today.

Liton got to the landmark score in the fifth over with a single as he broke the record of Mohammad Ashraful, whose 20-ball fifty against West Indies in the 2007 T20 World Cup was the fastest fifty by a Bangladeshi.

Bangladesh batters continued to bat with an aggressive intent as the Tigers raced to 107 for no loss in just eight overs with Liton Das looking to be in the mood for a big score.

Liton started by putting a Mark Adair delivery for a four through the fine leg in the second over. The right-hander only upped the ante since then, smashing Adair for a six, and two back-to-back fours in his next over.

Rony Talukdar hit the first boundary of the game when he smashed Mark Adair over mid-on in the first ball of the second over. Rony, unlike Liton, has struggled to connect the ball properly — evident from how he scored his second boundary which only ran to the boundary line through the fine leg region after a thick inside edge off a Graham Hume delivery.