

India crush Scotland, pray for 'Sunday Sensation' from Afghans



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DUBAI: India showed their class and might with an all-round effort as they pulverised Scotland by eight wickets in a Super 12 game on Friday, ensuring that they live to fight another day in the ICC T20 World Cup.

The entire match lasted a mere 24.1 overs as India first skinned Scotland for 85 in 17.4 overs and then batted for another 6.3 overs to knock off the runs, taking the net run-rate to +1.619, which is now best among all six teams, even better than top placed Pakistan

(+1.065).

To surpass Afghanistan's current Net Run-Rate of +1.481, India needed to score the required runs in 7.1 overs and KL Rahul (50 off 19 balls) and Rohit Sharma (30 off 16 balls)

added 70 in five overs to make sure that they achieve it in style.

The fastest team 50 of this edition came inside four overs and the poor Scotland bowlers had no idea what hit them as they hit a total of 11 fours and four sixes between them.

But that was the controllable part of the story. What they don't have control over is

their fate and now the Rashid Khans, Mohammed Nabi will determine it on Sunday against New Zealand.

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Scotland Innings

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Matthew Cross † lbw b Jadeja	02
Richie Berrington b Jadeja	00
Calum MacLeod b Mohammed Shami	16
Michael Leash lbw b Jadeja	21
Chris Greaves c Pandya b Ashwin	01
Mark Watt b Bumrah	14
Safyaan Sharif run out (sub [Ishan Kishan])	00
Alasdair Evans b Mohammed Shami	00
Brad Wheal not out	02
Extras	04
Total	85
India Innings	
KL Rahul c MacLeod b Watt	50
Rohit Sharma lbw b Wheal	30
Virat Kohli (c) not out	02
Suryakumar Yadav not out	06
Extras	01
Total	89/2

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