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Afghanistan beat Namibia by 4 wickets

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Afghanistan defeated Namibia by four wickets, storming into ICC Under-19 World Cup quarterfinals in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Wednesday, an official said.

Electing to first at the Abu Dhabi Oval 2 Stadium, Namibia posted a total of 192 runs for the loss of nine wickets in the stipulated 50 overs, the Afghanistan Cricket Board spokesman said.

Farid Hotak told Pajhwok Afghan News that Muslim Musa claimed three wickets and Sharafuddin Ashraf two for Afghanistan. Hashmatullah Shahidi dismissed on Namibian batsman.

While chasing the target, the national team made the Namibian bowling attack look so ordinary and won the match in the 25th over, losing six wickets. Hashmatullah Shahidi (52), Mohammad Mujtaba (50), Nasir Jamal (39) and Ihsanullah (31) shone with the willow for Afghanistan.

The convincing triumph takes the Afghanistan Under-19 along with Australia into the third Super League quarter-final against South Africa on February 23.

In a post-match comment, winning skipper Nasir Jamal said: “This is wonderful! We not only defeated Namibia, but also went beyond the group round. We are looking forward to playing South Africa in the Super League quarter-final next week.”