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For the Khulna Tigers, captain Mehidy Hasan Miraz (3-10) and fellow new ball opening spinner Nasum Ahmed (3-16) headlined Riders' colossal downfall by picking up three wickets each.

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Chasing just 86 runs, Khulna Tigers lost captain and opening batter Mehidy Hasan Miraz for a three-ball duck in the first over of the innings to Rangpur Riders fast bowler Akif Javed.

Overcoming the early setback, Mehidy Hasan's opening partner Mohammad Naim and number three batter Alex Ross safely navigated the Tigers past the finishing line by sharing an unbeaten 87-run partnership for the second wicket.

Ross chipped in with 29* runs from 27 balls with four elegant boundaries from his end, while Naim launched four huge sixes, including one to bring up the winning runs along with three additional boundaries. The cricketer raced to 48* from 33 balls as Khulna Tigers secured a spot in the second qualifier of the BPL 2024-25 season by winning the match with 9.4 overs and nine wickets to spare.

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