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Nasser Hussain
(Former England cricket captain)
"They are very disciplined. They've obviously got good spinners which is normal in this part of the world. But their seamers also bowl well. They run up and put it in the right places."
About Bangladesh's bowling in the two build-up matches.



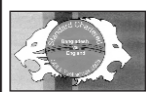
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Best day on the field

AL-AMIN



Never has a third day of a Test match for Bangladesh been so dramatic. Nor anybody at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday thought that the home bowlers would deliver something extraordinary to give England a real scare.

Who would have believed the tourists, who swaggered on to the field at 111 for no loss, eventually crumble against a varied Bangladesh bowling?

No doubt it was the best-ever bowling display by the Tigers both at home and abroad. The morning could not have started in the best possible way when a wily Mohammad Rafique dismissed England captain Michael Vaughan, who attempted a premeditated sweep against the left-arm spinner but the cheeky shot went awry. Rafique, the best performer in Pakistan, hit the Yorkshireman's off-stump. And with it Vaughan's vow to score a 'ton on Tuesday' went up in smoke.

But the accolade for the morning session must go to right-arm seamer Mushfiqur Rahman. Returning to the Test fold after two

and half years, the jovial Rajshahi cricketer produced a magical two-over spell that saw the back England stalwarts Mark Butcher and Nasser Hussain.

The vastly improved Mushfiq set the trap for Butcher so nicely that the left-hander was left bemused when a quicker delivery trapped him dead in front of the wicket. Mushfiq greeted Hussain with a snorter and then tested the former England captain with an away swinging delivery. When he returned again Hussain dared to drive and offered a solid nick behind the wicket. His dismissal for a duck only lowered his average on the subcontinent.

Enamul Haque Jr. may have suffered some blows on Wednesday, but the teenage left-arm spinner will certainly cherish his first Test wicket. Reintroduced into the attack before the lunch break the 18-year-old caught the biggest England fish in left-handed opener Marcus Trescothick. The centurion was bogged down by the vicious turn and bounce from the bowler before he tried to sweep his way out of trouble. But the Somerset opener could only find Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud standing at square leg.

Bangladesh had a happy lunch

and then they had another four Englishmen for tea.

Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza struggled for wickets in Pakistan. But the Narail speedster did not miss the party. Taking the second new ball Mashrafe really bent his back and his final ball before the tea interval was without question 'the ball of the day'.

Charging in the right-arm pace-man after a succession of short balls at Graham Thorpe finally enticed the classy southpaw to play a false stroke. The Surrey batsman could only fend the rising delivery to Rajin Saleh at short square leg. Mashrafe finished with three wickets. Rafique, who terminated the England innings, also bagged three.

But Rafique will definitely thank Aftab for his third wicket because of the athleticism shown by the 12th man. Enamul and Mushfiq shared the other four wickets.

But the demolition could not have happened without the tactical brilliance of captain Khaled Mahmud. The diminutive all-rounder might not have shone with bat or ball but the way he rotated his bowlers and set the field every time showed that he is a leader of men.

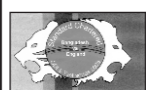


PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

BAMBOOZLED! A stunned England batsman Rikki Clarke looks back at his shattered stumps after being castled by Bangladesh spinner Mohammad Rafique yesterday.

Captain content

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Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud was quite happy after bowling out England for 295 although the tourists started solidly.

But he still believes that a lot of tough jobs are lying ahead to save the match.

Talking to reporters at the end of Day Three's play, Mahmud termed his team's fielding yesterday as 'good performance'.

"If we consider England's position on Wednesday evening when they were 111 without loss, then I must say we played quite well to restrict them under three hundred," said Mahmud adding that his team was still in danger because of the poor batting in the first innings.

"We need to take a lead of around 230 to 240 if we are to have any chance in this match. So, we need to bat a bit more carefully in the second innings.

"However, what is more important is we need to bat for at least another hundred overs to be in a safe position," he said.

Although Mahmud said it would not be an easy task to remain at the crease for the whole day on Friday, but he felt his team could do that if they tried.

"I didn't find any difference in this wicket with the ones in the past. It is still producing uneven bounce

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THICK-BATTED: England opener Marcus Trescothick acknowledges the applause from the crowd after reaching his hundred yesterday.

Dilemma over Enamul jr.

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The performance of Enamul Haque jr on the third day of the first Test provided food for thought for Faruque Ahmed-led selection committee on whether the young left-arm spinner would really have to tour Pakistan.

The 18-year cricketer from Sylhet is set to accompany the Pakistan-bound Bangladesh Under-19 team after the first Test ends. He is scheduled to play in a four-nation tournament starting at Lahore from October 31.

But the way the young spinner bowled yesterday impressed everybody.

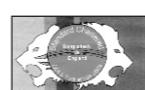
"The young bowler impressed me, but he has a long way to go. I was particularly happy with his approach in this game. He never panicked," said the chief selector after the debutant claimed two wickets.

"He was nervous on Wednesday when he conceded 23 runs in three overs but he bounced back today which was a positive sign," he complimented.

But when asked whether the

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Star of stage and screen Humayun Faridi is a keen follower of cricket.

The cine actor has taken time out from his busy schedule to watch the first Test between Bangladesh and England.

He is such a devoted cricket fan that he wrote an article in a Bengali daily after the Tigers' heart-breaking defeat in the Multan Test against Pakistan last month.

Sitting in one of the non-AC hospitality boxes Faridi told that he never misses an opportunity to watch the national cricketers in action.

The classy actor, more known as a villain on the silver screen, rated Alok Kapali as the best cricketer in Bangladesh at the moment.

"I love to see him batting. He was playing so well on Wednesday and the way he stroked his boundaries was absolutely brilliant. But the way he got out to England off-spinner Batty

SERIES SALAD

broke my heart.

"Batty can consider his first Test wicket as a mighty generous gift from a batsman who likes to put a price on his wicket," he said.

Faridi hailed Bangladesh's first innings of 295 against Australia in Cairns last July as a landmark.

OFFICES NEGLECTED

Former Bangladesh off-spinner Sheikh Salahuddin thinks due to lack of patronization, the art of off-spin is dying in the country.

The 38-year-old cricketer from Khulna said this on the third day of the first Test yesterday.

Presently working as a regional development officer of BCB in his hometown, Salahuddin also felt that Bangladesh never gave serious thought to producing quality off-spinners and that's why the team doesn't have an off-spinner now.

"You see, we are focusing so much on seamers and left-arm spinners. But when it comes to talk about off-spinners our first choice is an occasional one. That's why youngsters are not trying to learn this art anymore

instead they all want to be fast bowlers," said Salahuddin who played six one-day internationals for Bangladesh in the late nineties.

He said that Bangladesh still have two good off spinners in Fahim Muntasir and Naimur Rahman, who claimed six wickets in the inaugural Test against India, but they were never given proper chances.

TEST NOT TAST

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has erected a beautiful gate at the entrance of the Bangabandhu National Stadium welcoming visitors to the big bowl.

But if anybody pays attention to what is written on the gate he or she will find a glaring mistake: "Welcome, Standard Chartered Test and One-day Series 2003."

The word 'Tast' (not Test) has been written four times at different places on that gate. But until Thursday nobody cared to say anything. Let's hope somebody from the BCB takes notice of it and immediately corrects the spelling.

BD-ENG SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first Test between Bangladesh and England at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 203 all out in 83.5 overs, 355 mins (Khaled Mashud 51, Mushfiqur Rahman 34, Mohammad Rafique 32, Alok Kapali 28; Steve Harmison 5-35, Matthew Hoggard 3-55)

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 111-0)

	R	M	B	4	6
Marcus Trescothick c Khaled Mahmud b Enamul Haque jnr	113	24	194	163	
Michael Vaughan b Mohammad Rafique	48	177	125	7	0
Mark Butcher lbw b Mushfiqur Rahman	0	5	3	0	0
Nasser Hussain c Khaled Mashud b Mushfiqur Rahman	0	7	7	0	0
Graham Thorpe c Rajin Saleh b Mashrafe bin Mortuza	64	232	171	71	
Rikki Clarke b Mohammad Rafique	14	98	93	0	0
Chris Read c Khaled Mashud b Enamul Haque jnr	6	9	0	0	0
Gareth Batty c Khaled Mashud b Mashrafe bin Mortuza	19	62	52	20	
Ashley Giles c sub (Aftab Ahmed) b Mohammad Rafique	19	55	35	20	
Steve Harmison lbw b Mashrafe bin Mortuza	0	2	3	0	0
Matthew Hoggard not out	6	42	36	1	0
Extras: (lb-4, w-2, nb-5)	11				
Total: (All out in 120.3 overs, 473 mins)	295				

Fall of wickets: 1-137 (Vaughan), 2-140 (Butcher), 3-140 (Hussain), 4-175 (Trescothick), 5-224 (Clarke), 6-225 (Read), 7-266 (Batty), 8-267 (Thorpe), 9-267 (Harmison), 10-295 (Giles)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mashrafe bin Mortuza	23	6	41	3
Mushfiqur Rahman	17	6	55	2
Khaled Mahmud	17	7	45	0
Mohammad Rafique	35.3	9	84	3
Enamul Haque jnr	23	8	53	2
Rajin Saleh	2	0	9	0
Alok Kapali	3	1	4	0

BANGLADESH: Second innings
Hannan Sarker not out

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A MOMENT TO BEHOLD: Bangladesh's debutant spinner Enamul Haque Jr. is congratulated by teammates on getting his first Test wicket.

'People running own businesses can't run cricket at the same rate'

Tim Lamb is a man made for cricket. The 50-year old former Northamptonshire and Middlesex paceman has been working as the Chief Executive Officer of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) since 1996.

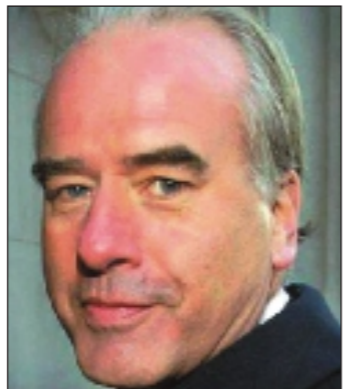
Lamb is a keen follower of the game and has an added interest in Bangladesh's cricket.

Now on his third visit to Dhaka to watch the Tigers take on the Lions in their first ever series. His second trip during the Independence Cup in 1998 was very significant for the country's cricket as he came with the responsibility of assessing Bangladesh's eligibility for Test status. His favourable report eventually led to the country becoming the 10th member of the Test family in June 2000.

HASAN MASOOD of *The Daily Star Sport* interviewed Lamb

during the second day's play of the first Test.

The Daily Star Sport (DSS): You



TIM LAMB

came here twice before. During your second visit, you said that you came here to assess Bangladesh's prospects of playing Test cricket. What is your opinion of the team now?

Tim Lamb (TL): The last time I came here, I was with the chairman of our cricket committee. Our purpose was to be able to see and make an assessment based on first hand knowledge about the strength of cricket in Bangladesh.

I think that contrary to some of the criticism aimed at Bangladesh, they have done pretty well. You don't become a successful Test playing nation overnight. And if you look at countries like New Zealand, India and the West Indies when they first got the Test status, in some cases it was many years before they won their first Test match.

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