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Bichel back

Andy Bichel was rejoicing the successful entrapment of the great Sachin Tendulkar to put the skids under India in the second cricket Test at the Adelaide Oval here on Saturday.

Bichel, whose place in the Australian team was under threat after his lacklustre 1-130 in the first Test, bounced back spectacularly with three wickets, Tendulkar's among them, to have the tourists 100 for four at the close of the second day in reply to Australia's 556.

The big-hearted medium pacer tempted Tendulkar into a drive outside off-stump and forced an edge to wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist to dismiss him for one.

Easy wins for Khulna, Ctg



SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Khulna and Chittagong joined Dhaka at the top of Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League table with outright victories against their respective opponents at different venues across the country yesterday.

Khulna ambled to a 76-run victory over Sylhet at the Sylhet Stadium when spinner Tahmim Bashir broke the last wicket pair by removing national right-arm pacer Tapash Baisya in the sixth over of the day.

Chittagong on the other hand thumped down an eight-wicket defeat on Rajshahi at the Comilla Stadium thanks to a blazing unbeaten 65 by Faisal Hossain.

Faisal, one of the two sensational finds for the port city this year, finished off the chase in style after Rajshahi set Chittagong an easy target of 129 runs for the win on the fourth and final day.

Dhaka had already scored an

empathic innings and 63-run victory over Barisal at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Friday in the six-team meet.

The same opponents now face off in the limited-overs games of the meet at their respective venues today.

CHITTAGONG V RAJSHAHI

Nickname Dickens, Faisal wrote another classic masterpiece at Comilla when the unheralded right-hander struck a 41-ball 65 that included three massive sixes and nine savage hits across the rope.

Chittagong captain Akram Khan promoted Faisal up in the batting order after his first-innings effort of unbeaten 99 while batting at number six.

Faisal did not disappoint his captain and, batting at number three, he scored even more freely. If his first-innings exploit gave Chittagong the advantage over Rajshahi, his second essay was a spectators' delight.

With Faisal blazing guns,

Chittagong reached the target in only 26.3 overs. Opener Anisul Hakim contributed 37 to the winning total.

The Faisal thunder completely overshadowed a gritty knock from Rajshahi skipper Khaled Mashud earlier in the day.

The national wicketkeeper scored a 139-ball 59 in Rajshahi's second innings effort of 196. But it gave the tourists a paltry 128-run lead.

Resuming the day on 129-6 for six, Rajshahi's hopes of posting a big lead revolved round Mashud. But he could only take his overnight score of 28 to a defiant half-century before being dismissed by sensational off-spinner Yasin Arafat.

The debutant Yasin, who hit the headlines after taking seven wickets in the first-innings, eventually finished with a match haul of 9-149. He was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

Right-arm seamer Gazi Alamgir claimed three wickets conceding 2

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1-dayers first!

SPORTS REPORTER

The tournament committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is planning to start second round matches of the Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League with the one-dayers instead of four-day games.

"We sent a proposal to the cricket committee about the matter," said member secretary of the tournament committee Adnan Rahman Dipon yesterday.

He said the reason for the slight adjustment in the format was because most players found it difficult to adjust mentally.

"And if we do change the competition it will definitely be more competitive," he added.

BD A team open today

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh A team will launch their Pakistan tour today at the Karachi National Stadium.

Mushfiqur Rahman's men take on Defence Housing Authority (DHA) in the 50-over contest of the Inter Department Cricket Championship (Patron's Trophy and Patron's Cup). Tomorrow both teams will play a four-day match.

Selectors are using the tour to help them name the 15 players who will go to Zimbabwe in February.

A total of 12 office teams of Pakistan are appearing in the final round, divided into two groups.

Bangladesh have been placed in Group A along with DHA, Pakistan International Airlines, Customs, Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), Khan Research Labs (KRL) and Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL).

Group B comprises Agriculture Development Bank of Pakistan, Karachi Port Trust (KPT), Sui Gas Corporation of Pakistan, Allied Bank, National Bank of Pakistan and Habib Bank Limited.

SQUAD

Mushfiqur Rahman (captain), Hannan Sarker, Moniruzzaman, Rajin Saleh, Manjarul Islam, Jamaluddin, Anwar Hossain, Munir, Mazharul Haque, Mohammad Ashrafat, Ehsanul Haque, Shahriar Hossain, Alamgir Kabir, Tareq Aziz Khan, Mohammad Salim and Mosaddek Hossain.

Graeme not after marks

REUTERS, Johannesburg

South Africa Graeme Smith said he was not aiming to become the most prolific Test batsman of 2003, despite scoring his fifth century on the first day of the first Test against West Indies on Friday.

Smith's 132 was the cornerstone of his side's imposing total of 368 for three after winning the toss on the opening day of the four-match series.

Smith and Australians Ricky Ponting and Matthew Hayden have passed 1,100 Test runs this year, while West Indies captain Brian Lara and Smith's opening partner Herschelle Gibbs have reached 1,000.

"I'm not that interested in milestones like that," Smith told reporters after taking his year's total to 1,140 runs.

"It's not something I think about when I walk out to bat, but if it puts the team in a good position then that's fantastic."

Smith said his innings was not without difficult moments.

"I had to fight off a few demons in the first 10 minutes."

Div II cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Chandpur Cricket Academy and Narayanganj Cricket Academy won their respective matches in the Acme-Orchy Second Division Cricket League at different venues in the city yesterday.

Chandpur CA defeated PWD Sports Club by 36 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket ground while Narayanganj CA beat East End Club by two wickets at the Jagannath Hall ground.

SCORES IN BRIEF

CHANDPUR CA: 178 all out in 44.5 overs (Obayed 32 n o, Saiful 20, Azizul and Siddik Ali 19 each, extras 39; Samaresh 4-30).

PWD SPORTS CLUB: 142 all out in 43 overs (Sajibur 29, Khaled 28, Samiullah 24 n out, extras 20; Siddik 4-31, Taimur 3-34 and Kamruzzam 2-16).

EAST END CLUB: 125 all out in 43.3 overs (Arif 48, Alamgir 26, Shahdur 13, extras 17; Gopal 4-26 and Suman 2-29).

NARAYANGANJ CA: 126 for 8 in 42 overs (Payel 42 n o, Mishel 20, Suman 15, Nishu 12, extras 22; Nazmul 3-18).

Love-lorn Reds



HASAN MASOOD

Despite being one of the most successful clubs in the country Muktiyoddha Sangsad Kriya Chakra still cannot compete with rivals Mohammedan or Abahani in terms of fan numbers.

Still the club to its credit managed to break the long-standing two-team monopoly that existed in domestic football until 1994 by clinching the Federation Cup.

Since their emergence Muktiyoddha have gone on to add three Fed Cups, lifted the Premier League championship twice and in September they ended Mohammedan's reign as National Football League holders.

But in the same month the Reds also became depleted after household names like Rajani, Sujon, Arman, Alfaz, Rakib and Biplab all departed during the inter-club players' transfer. However, they still managed to retain Bangladesh

custodian Aminul following a titanic struggle with Abahani

One wondered if losing so many quality players would affect Shafiqul Islam Manik's charges but it hardly caused but a ripple. Last month they completed the 'double' over Mohammedan with a solitary goal victory in the Federation Cup final.

The title-hungry Muktiyoddha have now set their sights on emulating the black and whites' feat of doing a treble by winning the coveted Premier League. And Manik couldn't conceal his side's objective this season.

"The inter-club transfer is held only for the Premier League. So, naturally we are aiming to win the Premier League. It doesn't have anything to do with winning three major titles," said the man, who has been responsible for all that his club has achieved over the years.

"Winning the NFL for the first time was a milestone for us in early September. But then we lost six veteran players and that came as a big setback. But I'm happy the new players have proven they are capa-

ble of winning titles, said Manik referring to the recent Federation Cup success."

"I think every club wants to win the Premier League because that is the 'mother of all competitions'. Keeping that in mind we are preparing to make a serious bid," he added while talking to The Daily Star Sport on Friday.

But Manik was concerned that a spate of injuries might hinder his plans in the coming days.

"Currently five senior players in the squad are sidelined. Among them Moni and Hasan Al-Mamun are doubtful starters for our first match of the league."

On the other hand he was relieved the foreign players were getting used to being placed in new positions.

"Look at Ghansha, he was a defender while playing for Abahani. But I have employed him in the midfield and it is paying off. Liberian Toe is also doing well in the camp," he said.

Muktiyoddha captain Matur SEE PAGE 14 COL 5

England stare at defeat



AFP, Kandy

Tillakaratne Dilshan celebrated his recall to Sri Lanka's team with a blistering century as England faced a tough task of saving the second cricket Test here on Saturday.

Middle-order batsman Dilshan, axed from Test side more than two years ago, cracked an exact 100 to help Sri Lanka set a difficult 368-run target for the tourists.

England were 89-2 in their second innings at stumps when bad light stopped play 20 minutes before the scheduled close on the penultimate day.

Skipper Michael Vaughan sustained England's hopes of chasing the highest fourth-innings total to win a Test in Sri Lanka with a gutsy unbeaten 50. Former captain Nasser Hussain was batting on 17.

England require 279 more runs on the fifth and final day Sunday, a difficult task considering ace off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan's four-wicket haul in the first innings on a slow turning wicket.

The tourists' chase began on a poor note as they lost opener Marcus Trescothick (14) and Mark Butcher (six) before being steadied by Vaughan.

Left-handed Trescothick chased a wide delivery from left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas to be caught by Mahela Jayawardene in

the slips, while Butcher was stumped off Muralitharan.

The day belonged to Dilshan, who followed his first-innings 63 with an impressive hundred.

Sri Lanka, leading by 88 runs, declared their second innings closed at 279-7 on the stroke of tea.



DILSHAN ... 100

Dilshan, who played his last Test in March 2001, smashed one six and 13 fours in his 129-ball knock for his second century in 11 matches. He added a record 153 for

the fourth wicket with Jayawardene (52).

Sri Lanka's previous best for the fourth wicket against England was 148 between Sidhath Wettimuny and Arjuna Ranatunga at Lord's in 1984.

Dilshan, 27, was in command from the beginning as he drove and cut vigorously to reach his half-century off just 61 balls.

He played a key role in bolstering the innings after Sri Lanka had slipped from their overnight total of 39-1 to 53-3 early in the morning.

Dilshan fell immediately after completing his century in the afternoon session as he stepped out to drive off-spinner Gareth Batty, but missed the line and was stumped.

Jayawardene, playing a supporting role, hit four boundaries in his 114-ball knock before being bowled by seamer Andrew Flintoff.

Skipper Hashan Tillakaratne and Vaas each contributed 20 before falling in a bid to step up the run-rate.

Thilan Samaraweera remained unbeaten with 23 with Kumar Dharmasena (seven).

Sri Lanka lost overnight batsmen Sanath Jayasuriya and Kumar Sangakkara in the space of 12 runs off just three overs.

Left-handed Jayasuriya was bowled by seamer James Kirtley, while Sangakkara was caught by Paul Collingwood at forward short-

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Proteas' record total



AFP, Johannesburg

Jacques Kallis guided South Africa to a record score against the West Indies on Saturday, the home side being all out for 561 at tea in the first Test, played at Wanderers in Johannesburg.

Kallis was the major contributor as he made his 12th Test century and his second against the West Indies.

But after reaching his hundred off 168 balls he needed another 129 deliveries to add 58 more runs before a ball from Mervyn Dillon kept low and crashed into his stumps off an inside edge.

The nature of the delivery which dismissed Kallis was a rare exception on a pitch which had been ideal for batting.

After baking under a hot sun for almost two days it was an indication that some uneven bounce could be expected as the pitch dried out and small cracks widened.

Kallis had an escape on 109 when he mistimed a pull against Fidel Edwards and a leaping Dillon at wide mid-on could not hold a difficult chance.

After being thrashed for 398 runs while claiming only three wickets on the first day, the West Indies fought back well, restricting South Africa to 65 runs for the loss of two wickets in 27 overs before lunch, then whittling their way through the home team batting in the afternoon.

An attacking last wicket stand of 41 in 33 minutes between Robin Peterson and Makhaya Ntini frustrated the West Indies after they asked to delay the tea break by half an hour because the South Africans were nine wickets down.

The day started promisingly for South Africa when Martin van Jaarsveld clipped Dillon firmly through midwicket for four off the fifth ball of the day.

stand of 132 with Kallis in 136 minutes.

With Dillon and Vasbert Drakes bowling with more discipline than the West Indians had shown Friday, maintaining a consistent line on or outside off-stump, Kallis and Neil McKenzie could add only 26 in an hour.

Kallis shared stands of 58 with Mark Boucher (27) and 54 with Shaun Pollock (30).

Wavell Hinds took the last three wickets for 79 runs to be the most successful West Indian bowler.

Edwards, Dillon and Corey Collymore took two each.

West Indian opening batsman Chris Gayle, who pulled a hamstring while fielding Friday, did not go on the field Saturday, although according to the West Indian team management he was expected to bat with a runner.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the first Test between South Africa and the West Indies at the Wanderers Stadium on Saturday:

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South Africa centurion Jacques Kallis pulls one for four on way to scoring 158 on the second day of the first Test against West Indies at Johannesburg yesterday.



THIS ONE'S FOR YOU: Australian vice-captain Ricky Ponting blows his wife Rianna, who was watching from the stands, a kiss after he reached the double hundred on the second day of the second Test against India at Adelaide yesterday.

India in deep trouble



AFP, Adelaide

India had their backs to the wall against Australia in the second cricket Test here Saturday after the double blow of losing master batsman Sachin Tendulkar and skipper Sourav Ganguly.

The Indians, faced with a Ricky Ponting-dominated first innings total of 556, lost the key wickets of Tendulkar and Ganguly 10 minutes apart and facing the task of passing the follow-on target of 356.

At the close of the second day's play at the Adelaide Oval, India were 180 for four with Rahul Dravid not out 43 and VVS Laxman on 55 rebuilding the innings after the shudder of quick wickets.

India were shaken by the loss of their champion batsman Tendulkar for one, out driving

Andy Bichel into the gloves of wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist. In two innings this series Tendulkar has scored just one run.

But there was further calamity for the tourists when Ganguly, a fluent century-maker in the first Test, was run out in a dreadful mix-up with Dravid for two.

Ganguly attempted a second run off Jason Gillespie but had to double back to the bowler's end only to be just beaten home by the combination of a throw from Brad Williams and smart work by Stuart MacGill to knock off the bats.

Dravid and Laxman were conjuring memories of their part in India's famous 171-run win over Steve Waugh's team at Calcutta two years ago with their match-winning 376-run fifth wicket partnership.

"I don't even want to think about that (Calcutta loss) ... they are very good players and I'm sure they would have had those

thoughts going through their minds today," said Ponting, who scored a record 242 in Australia's first innings.

Laxman continued his fine series form after a 75 in Brisbane and raised his half-century off 95 balls with six boundaries.

"We have got to come up with some plans overnight to try to restrict these guys, they're quite free-flowing when they get going and hopefully break the partnership sooner than later," Ponting said.

India lost the wickets of openers Akash Chopra (27) and Virender Sehwag (47) before tea.

Bichel, whose place in the Australian team was under threat after a dismal bowling performance of 1-130 in the first Brisbane Test, bounced back with three wickets for 55 off 12 overs.

He took a diving return catch to dismiss Chopra in the 12th over and four overs later had Sehwag snapped up at first slip low down by Matthew Hayden.

But it was his cheap dismissal of Tendulkar in his seventh over which could prove decisive in this Test.

Australia were dismissed not long after lunch, the last three wickets falling in spinner Anil Kumble's 43rd over with Ricky Ponting scoring 242, the highest by an Australian against India.

Ponting surpassed teammate Justin Langer's 223 in the 1999-2000 series in Australia as he maintained his dominance of the depleted Indian attack.

Ponting batted for 508 minutes and faced 352 balls, hitting 31 fours before he was caught by Dravid at slip attempting a late cut off a Kumble googly.

Kumble also claimed the wickets of the tailenders, bowling Williams and having MacGill leg before wicket for ducks to finish with 5-154.

Gillespie was left stranded on 48 two short of his maiden Test half-century.

Upon reaching his second Test double-century, Ponting waved his helmet and bat towards the team dressing room and blew a kiss to his wife Rianna watching in the stands.

"She was actually thinking about going home after yesterday so I told her to hang around for a while because there might have been something special happening, she stayed on and managed to see me score 200 which was nice," Ponting said.

The Australians maintained their aggressive scoring tempo of 4.4 runs per over in the morning session.

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