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Bangladesh captain Akbar Ali proudly holds the ICC U-19 World Cup trophy after leading his side to a thrilling three-wicket victory over India in the final at Potchefstroom, South Africa yesterday.

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Naseem hatricket leaves Tigers reeling

AFP, Rawalpindi



Teenage paceman Naseem Shah became the youngest player to record a Test hatricket as Pakistan closed in on victory against Bangladesh in Rawalpindi on Sunday.

Just when Bangladesh seemed to have fought their way back into the match at 124-2 minutes before the close on the third day, Naseem destroyed them with three wickets off successive deliveries.

Aged 16 years and 359 days, he becomes the youngest player to record a Test hatricket, besting Bangladeshi Alok Kapali who achieved the feat aged 19 in 2003.

Naseem trapped Najumul Hossain Shanto leg before off the fourth ball of his seventh over for 38, then followed up with dismissals of Taijul Islam (lbw) and Mahmudullah (caught) with the next two deliveries.

Naseem had figures of 4-26 before he left the field with a shoulder injury.

Shanto and Mominul Haque, unbeaten on 37 at the close, had added 71 for the third wicket after they lost Saif Hassan on 16 and Tamim Iqbal on 34.

At the close, Bangladesh were 126-6 and needing another 86 runs to avoid an innings defeat with two days to play.

Naseem, who burst onto the scene on Pakistan's Australia tour last year, is also the youngest fast bowler and second bowler overall to take five wickets in a Test innings.

He achieved that feat at 16 years and 307 days against Sri Lanka in Karachi last year.

Pakistan were bowled out for 445 in their first innings with Babar Azam scoring 143 and Haris Sohail 75.

Saif, playing his first Test, was on a pair after his second-ball duck

SCORES IN BRIEF

BANGLADESH: First innings 233 and second innings 126 for 6 (Tamim 34, Najmul 38, Mominul 37 not out; Naseem 4-26, Yasir 2-33)
PAKISTAN: First innings 445 all out (Masood 100, Azhar 34, Azam 143, Shafiq 65, Sohail 75; Jayed 3-86, Rubel 3-113, Taijul 2-139)

in the first innings but he started confidently to reach 16 with four boundaries before he was bowled by Naseem.

Iqbal, fresh from scoring the highest first-class score on Bangladeshi soil of 334 not out last week, was trapped leg-before by Yasir.

Earlier, Pakistan lost seven wickets either side of lunch with Sohail holding the innings together.

He struck seven fours and two sixes for his third Test half-century before holing out off spinner Taijul Islam to deep mid-wicket.

Last man Naseem was run out to end Pakistan's first innings.

A healthy 10,000-strong holiday crowd had come in anticipation of popular batsman Babar Azam scoring a double hundred.

But resuming at 342-3, Pakistan lost Azam to the first ball of the day.

Azam seemed caught in two minds whether to play or leave a length delivery from pace bowler Abu Jayed and edged to Mohammad Mithun at first slip.

Azam's 143 was his fifth Test hundred and a masterclass of attractive batting, which included a six and 18 fours.

Asad Shafiq, who put on 137 for the fourth wicket with Azam, added just five to his overnight score before he was caught behind off fast bowler Ebadot Hossain for a 65 that included nine boundaries.

Jayed was the pick of the bowlers with 3-86 while Islam finished with 2-139.



Pakistan's young speedster Naseem Shah started his second-innings onslaught with the dismissal of Bangladesh opener Saif Hasan before taking a hatricket to leave Bangladesh facing an innings defeat on the third day of the Rawalpindi Test yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

BD U-19S V IND U-19S SCOREBOARD

INDIA UNDER-19S	R/B	45/6S
Jaiswal c Tanzid b Shoriful	88/121	8/1
Saxena c Mahmudul b Avishek	2/17	0/0
Tilak c Shoriful b Tanzim	38/65	3/0
Garg c Tanzid b Rakibul	7/9	0/0
Jurel run out	22/38	1/0
Veer lbw b Shoriful	0/1	0/0
Ankolekar b Avishek	3/7	0/0
Bishnoi run out	2/6	0/0
Mishra c Shoriful b Tanzim	3/8	0/0
Tyagi c Akbar b Avishek	0/5	0/0
Akash not out	1/7	0/0
Extras: (lb-1, w-10)	11	
Total: (All out in 47.2 overs)	177	
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-103, 3-114, 4-156, 5-156, 6-168, 7-170, 8-170, 9-172, 10-177.		

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shoriful	10	1	31	2
Tanzim	8.2	2	28	2
Avishek	9	0	40	3
Shamim	6	0	36	0
Rakibul	10	1	29	1
Towhid	4	0	12	0

BANGLADESH UNDER-19S	R/B	45/6S
Parvez c Akash b Jaiswal	47/79	7/0
Tanzid c Tyagi b Bishnoi	17/25	2/1
Mahmudul b Bishnoi	8/12	2/0
Towhid lbw b Bishnoi	0/2	0/0
Shahadat st Jurel		
b Bishnoi	1/10	0/0
Akbar not out	43/77	4/1
Shamim c Jaiswal		
b Mishra	7/18	0/0
Avishek c Tyagi b Mishra	5/7	1/0
Rakibul not out	9/25	1/0

Extras: (b-8, lb-4, nb-2, w-19) 33
Total: (For 7 wickets in 42.1 overs) 170
Did not bat: Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Shoriful Islam.
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-62, 3-62, 4-65, 5-85, 6-102, 7-143.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tyagi	10	2	35	2
Mishra	7	0	23	0
Akash	8	1	33	0
Bishnoi	10	3	30	4
Ankolekar	4.1	0	22	0
Jaiswal	3	0	15	1

Result: Bangladesh U-19s won by 3 wickets (D/L method)
Player-of-the-match: Akbar Ali.
Player-of-the-series: Yashasvi Jaiswal.

Kings unveil the 'pirate' who was Messi's teammate

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Covering his left eye with one hand and punching the air with the right, Argentinian striker

Hernan Barcos introduced himself to Bashundhara Kings fans with his trademark pirate celebration on the big stage as the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) champions introduced their new recruit at the under-construction Bashundhara Sports Complex in the Bashundhara Residential Area yesterday.

Although it is a traditional practice in countries such as Spain, the introduction of a foreign player was quite a unique sight in Bangladesh because no Bangladeshi club had introduced a player in such way before. Bashundhara Kings made a big stage on their green practice ground with an impressive digital backdrop as numerous fans -- all wearing the number 28 allotted to Barcos -- waited. Finally, after the introduction of four other foreigners who already played the Federation Cup this season, the 6ft 2in Barcos appeared in a black and grey jacket and blue jeans.

The 35-year-old, who famously shared a dressing room with star Lionel Messi during his five-match international career, signed a 10-month contract that will allow him to play in the AFC Cup and the second phase of the BPL. And he was eager to unleash his trademark celebration on the field to bring joy to fans and the club.

"Forget about the number of goals I want to score. I want to make Bashundhara champions in the

group stage of the AFC Cup and the Bangladesh Premier League," Barcos said, ponytail flowing. He also told the tale of his trademark pirate celebration.

"The pirate celebration started because of my surname. Barcos means ship in Spanish and ships are related to pirates. I am really excited to start celebrating goals with the pirate celebration. Although a very challenging competition is ahead, I want to start the celebration not only



for me, but also for the team and fans. "As a striker, I want to score. But the most important thing is that I want to play as a member of the team and understand the players. At the moment we are all the same. The important thing is success," added Barcos.

Barcos has played in 10 countries and had offers from clubs in Brazil and Argentina, but says he chose

Bangladesh as a "personal challenge." Eventually, the conversation shifted to his more illustrious national teammate and Barcos was more than happy to speak about what would be an unforgettable moment for any player: sharing a pitch with Messi.

"Playing with Messi is the biggest achievement and something every professional desires. I felt proud to have the opportunity to firstly play with the national team and secondly,

three wickets.

Earlier, Central resumed the day on 187 for five in their second innings with Shuvagata on 28. In the other match in Cox's Bazar, East Zone replied well after being forced to follow on by South Zone and were leading by 147 runs in their second innings.

Resuming on 270 for five in their first innings in reply to South's 482, East were all out after adding just 36 to their overnight score and were asked to follow on.

However, East came back well in their second innings, riding on Pinak Ghosh's century before he was dismissed for 121 off 139 balls.

Hom puts Central in charge

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Central Zone were eyeing their first win in the Bangladesh Cricket League after skipper Shuvagata Hom struck a hundred to help post a challenging target of 330. In reply, North Zone ended the day on 156 for five, needing another 174 to win with five wickets in hand after the third day at the Sylhet International Stadium yesterday.

North were in trouble at 81 for three. Tanbir Hayder and Mushfiqur Rahim added 58 runs for the fourth wicket before the latter departed for 38, dismissed by pacer Shahidul Islam, who ended up picking

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