



'Looking forward to working with Tamim the captain'

2020 was supposed to be the biggest challenge for Russell Domingo, who was appointed as head coach of the Bangladesh cricket team last year. The 45-year-old, who is currently back in South Africa, is however chalking out plans for the Tigers' upcoming assignments once the coronavirus pandemic eases off. The Daily Star's Mazhar Uddin spoke with the coach about various issues including his plans for the Tigers during an interview over phone. Following are the excerpts of the interview:

The Daily Star (TDS): There were quite a lot of fixtures this year for Bangladesh, especially in Test cricket including the home series against Australia. You must have had big plans for it?

Russell Domingo (RD): Very disappointed that we are not playing the big series against Australia. Big tour to the UK against Ireland would have been great too. Missing those two series is a big blow for us. The more Test cricket we play, the better it is for us. So of course I am very disappointed in missing out on those, particularly the series against Australia.

TDS: It is still uncertain whether international cricket will return anytime soon. What will be your plan when things get back to normal?

RD: Obviously not sure when international cricket is going to start again. But important is that before starting, we get some time to prepare both physically and technically before we rush into a series again.

TDS: What will be your biggest challenge when cricket returns?

RD: Biggest challenge when we start again, I suppose, will be getting players physically fit to start playing again. The players have been given individual training programmes and schedules. But being in lockdown does limit your physical preparation considerably, so getting guys fit before we play again is of paramount importance.

TDS: Are you willing to give more emphasis on domestic cricket during this period?

RD: Regarding domestic cricket, I am not sure when that's going to start again, but



obviously I keep a keen eye on who is doing well in domestic circuit. Dhaka Premier League is not taking place anymore but the Bangladesh Premier League and four-day cricket is also important and when I can I follow those very closely.

TDS: Keeping the current situation in mind, Shakib Al Hasan is expected to be available by the time things get back to normal. Your take on that?

RD: I suppose by the time we start playing, Shakib will be nearly available again. I think he is banned till the end of October.

The plus side is that he is not missing too many games [for Bangladesh]. He is a great player and the best all-rounder in the world. To have him back in our group will be fantastic for the team. The players will enjoy playing with him, they look up to him. He is a great player to be around the younger players.

TDS: What's your take on appointing Tamim Iqbal as the new ODI captain?

RD: I am looking forward to working with the new ODI captain Tamim. I have enjoyed my time with him since he has

been back to the squad after his break. I am really pleased that he has been appointed. We looked at one or two other options available for the new captain. But the board decided to go with Tamim and I think it is a very good decision. I am certainly looking forward to working with him. I have enjoyed the way he has gone about his business and prepare them to make Bangladesh a force in world cricket.

TDS: Do you think there will be an added pressure on Tamim as the successor of Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, who is the most successful ODI captain for Bangladesh?

RD: Hard for me to talk too much about Mashrafe. I don't know him that well. I have been involved in a few games with him. Three games against Zimbabwe, so I don't know how he goes about his business. But look Tamim is one of the Bangladeshi legends. He has performed unbelievably well. He is the leading run-scorer in all formats for Bangladesh. He has got the pedigree and the knowledge in the game to lead the team well. So, I don't think he will be under any more pressure than any international captain around the world. I am expecting great things from him going forward.

TDS: Do you think the cricket world will remain the same once this pandemic ends?

RD: I don't think cricket or the world is going to be the same after this virus, well not until the vaccine gets found for it. I think everybody is going to be very aware of social distancing. Not getting close to one another, I suppose; making sure our hygiene is where it needs to be. I don't quite think it is going to be the same for a while.



Taylor recalls 'brutal spell'

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Former Australian captain Mark Taylor said that spell in Antigua during the 1995 tour to the West Indies was one of the most brutal he ever faced.

He has also revealed he wrote to the ICC during the tour to highlight a weakness in the laws of the game after a brutal spell from Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh.

To mark the 25th anniversary of the tour that saw Australia defeat the West Indies for the first time since the summer of 1975-76, Taylor sat down with Wide World of Sports to reflect on a historic series during his time as skipper.

Billed as the unofficial battle for the No.1 ranking, Taylor's side arrived in the Caribbean determined to reverse a 2-1 West Indian victory in Australia in 1992-93.

Taylor said that the Australians were ready for the challenge and "There was no fear in that 1995 side." During the second Test in Antigua, Taylor and opening partner Michael Slater had to face nine overs on the second evening, with Ambrose and Walsh turning up the pace.

Taylor and Slater survived the searching examination from the legendary bowlers, but not without a degree of pain, with both batsmen sporting large ice-packs on their shoulder in the dressing room afterwards.

According to Steve Waugh's tour diary, Ambrose told media prior to the second Test: "Slater is going to have 19 ambulances waiting for him when he goes into bat in this match."

"I actually wrote a letter to the ICC after that Test match, which finished in a draw," Taylor said. "But that second night, we faced nine overs. That's 54 deliveries. I think 35 or 40 of them were short pitched balls that went through somewhere between chest and head height."

"Four or five balls an over were short. They were allowed two bouncers, but that doesn't count the balls at the chest. To me that was intimidatory bowling."

"If someone is bowling short all the time they're not trying to get you out, they're just trying to intimidate you."

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৪।	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।				
৫।	দরপত্র সম্পাদনাকারী প্রধান				
৬।	পুলিশ সুপার, ফরিদপুর।				
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৮।	জেলা পুলিশের বেতন সামগ্রী প্রস্তুত।				
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১।	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি				
২।	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।				
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৩।	বাক্যে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ				
৪।	প্রকাশিত হবে।				
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Dutch season is effectively over: KNVB

REUTERS, Amsterdam

The Dutch football season was effectively ended on Tuesday as the government extended a ban on major public events by three months, the Dutch football association (KNVB) said in a statement.

The KNVB said it would not continue efforts to try to complete the 2019-20 campaign, but would first consult UEFA, who has asked member countries to try to finish their seasons.

Dutch prime minister Mark Rutte on Tuesday banned events including professional sports and music festivals until Sept. 1 to prevent a resurgence of coronavirus infections.

"That the events requiring a permit remain prohibited until September 1 now offers clarity," said the KNVB.

No cricket in near future: Ganguly

AGENCIES, New Delhi

Top-flight cricket in India will not return to India any time soon, according to BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, who says sport should take a backseat 'when there is risk to human life'.

The Bundesliga, the German football league, is likely to be the first top-flight league that sets the tone for the future with discussions being held for the league to resume sometime in May.

But Ganguly said that had no bearing on India. "The social reality of Germany and India are different, there will be no cricket in India in the near future," Ganguly told Times of India. "There are too many ifs and buts involved. More importantly, I don't believe in sport when there is a risk to human life."



While Kylian Mbappe decided to go the route of curling up under a blanket and patiently waiting out the coronavirus pandemic, Neymar channelled the other half of the population as he decided to pursue more productive interests.

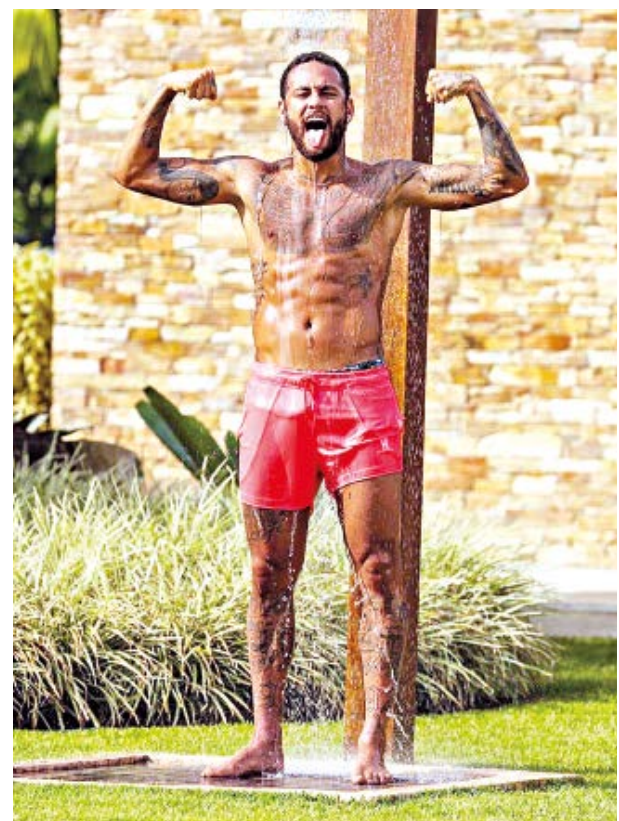


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Kohli 'howled' all night after first rejection

AFP, New Delhi

India captain Virat Kohli revealed Tuesday how he "howled" through the night after being rejected by his state side before turning into the world's leading batsman.

Kohli and his Bollywood actress wife Anushka Sharma spoke about their lives and careers in an online session with students on how to get motivated.

"The first time I was rejected in the state selections, I remember it was late at night and I just cried," said the 31-year-old cricket superstar.

"I howled till about three in the morning and I could not believe it," he added.

"Because I scored well, everything was going perfectly for me. I performed till I reached that stage and I was rejected."

"And I kept asking my coach for two hours, why didn't it happen? And

I couldn't make sense of it. But when there is passion and commitment, that motivation comes back to you."

Kohli made his debut for home state Delhi in 2006 before breaking into the national team two years later in a one-day international against Sri Lanka.



He has since shattered records on the way to accumulating 7,240 runs, including 27 centuries and 22 fifties in 86 Tests.

His marriage to Sharma in 2017 has added to the spotlight on him and

Kohli credited his wife for improving his temper.

"To be honest the patience bit I have learnt ever since me and Anushka met each other. I was a very impatient before," said Kohli. The couple met in 2013 when filming a shampoo advert.

"The learnings from one another that we have had, looking at her personality, looking at her composure in situations has really inspired me to fight it out."

"Even when things are tough you have to swallow your ego and keep being there in adversity, keep fighting your way out and eventually you will find a way."

"So that's what I have seen her do and I have learnt from that."

Kohli said he can now apply the attribute "where things are totally against you."

"Sometimes you have to bat in a Test match for two hours for 20 runs but the team wants you to do that. So you should be able to do that."