

medium pacer, has these words to say: "It is an extraordinary feeling, I don't know how to translate them into words." One of the finest batsmen we have ever had Nannu was a proud member of the Bangladesh team that in their maiden World Cup appearance beat a much stronger Pakistan.

Nannu regrets not being able to make it to the stadium as he had a Premier League match on the fifth day of the first test match. He, however, kept himself updated about the match while doing the fielding. "We badly needed this victory. The way our national team has been losing matches one after another the morale of the national players has been very low.



Cricket frenzy Bangladeshis burst into wild celebrations with the first test victory.



Rajin Saleh on his way to a solid 89.

The following graph depicts the First Test triumphs for all the Test playing countries

| Country | First Test | First Test Win | Test | Opponents | Venue |
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| Australia | March 1877 | March 19, 1877 | 1st | England | Melbourne |
| England | March 1877 | April 4, 1877 | 2nd | Australia | Melbourne |
| Pakistan | Oct. 1952 | Oct. 26, 1952 | 2nd | India | Lucknow |
| W.Indies | June 1928 | Feb. 26, 1930 | 6th | England | Georgetown |
| Zimbabwe | Oct. 1992 | Feb. 5, 1995 | 11th | Pakistan | Harare |
| S.Africa | March 1889 | Jan. 4, 1906 | 12th | England | Johannesburg |
| S.Lanka | Feb. 1982 | Sept. 11, 1985 | 14th | India | Colombo, PSS |
| India | June 1932 | Feb. 10, 1952 | 25th | England | Madras |
| Bangladesh | Nov. 2000 | Jan. 10, 2005 | 35th | Zimbabwe | Chittagong |
| N.Zealand | Jan. 1930 | Mar. 13, 1956 | 45th | W.Indies | Auckland |

They were not being able to play five days and losing badly within three days. Things became so bad that people both at home and abroad were raising questions about the justification of awarding Bangladesh test status. This victory will certainly dispel that derogatory attitude towards Bangladesh's capability," he expects.

Nannu believes the present team is very well organised. "The real strength of the team is the team spirit. Our players have gelled well and it's not eleven individuals that are playing but one team, the Bangladesh team, that is playing now," identifies the key factor to Bangladesh's success.

Gazi Ashraf Lipu

A fine batsman and an occasional spin bowler Gazi Ashraf Lipu is often believed to be the shrewdest skipper Bangladesh national team has ever played under. "I am extremely happy at this win. Our boys have shown in Chittagong that if we keep faith in them they won't disappoint us," he says.

When asked what the secret behind this win of Bangladesh is, Lipu echoes Akram's views. "Bangladesh have been playing well in the recent months, especially in the last three outings in Australia, Pakistan and West Indies. The win against Zimbabwe is just the continuation of that good performance," he says.

This victory has done a world of good to the national team. "A win makes one believe in his ability and I have no doubt