

## Bandara bemuses BD A

Cricket

Sports Reporter

Gloucestershire's Sri Lankan leg-spinner Malinga Bandara skittled Bangladesh A for 181 as the tourists slumped to a 130-run defeat in their first three-day match at Bristol yesterday.

Bandara knocked the stuffing out of the Bangladesh middle-order as they collapsed from a promising 106-2 to 165 for six in the second innings after Gloucester had declared on 330 for five shortly before lunch. The visitors were set an improbable 312 for victory and the target was to play out for a draw. But Malinga's five for 45 from 17.3 overs ensured the match ended half an hour before the scheduled close.

Gloucestershire, who never looked back after Bangladesh A had let them off the hook on Day One when they recovered from 72 for seven to 232. And they made their intentions clear of forcing a result by blasting 171 in 20.1 overs in the morning before the declaration came.

Overnight batsman Alexander Gidman, who had started the day on 22, raced to exactly 100 not out off 94 balls (11x4; 2x6) while there were quickfire contributions from first innings top-scorer Stephen Snell (42 off 38) and Stephen Adshhead (41 off 40).

Pace bowlers Shahadat Hossain Rajib and Mushfiqur Rahman took two wickets each for the Ashes. Mushfiq then opened the batting in

place of regular opener Nafees Iqbal but could make only 15 before he got out to first change bowler William Rudge (36/1). Skipper Shahriar Nafees Ahmed was another Rudge victim having made 30. Tushar Imran and Nazimuddin gave the tourists hope by sharing 55 before Bandara, who has played one Test for Sri Lanka, took charge. In a marathon spell, he dismissed first innings centurion Imran (29), Nazimuddin (35), Alok Kapali (8) and Mushfiqur Rahman (27).

Iqbal came in an unaccustomed position at number seven and made 27 before becoming the eighth man out. Bandara finished off the innings by having Shahadat Hossain caught by Snell.

The A team takes on Hampshire next at the Rosebowl in Southampton in a one-day match on July 24.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day match between Bangladesh A and Gloucestershire at Bristol on Friday.

**GLoucestershire:** First innings 232 all out in 58.1 overs (Snell 83 n.o., Averis 33, Lewis 47; Rudge 2-46, Shahadat 3-73, Jubair 3-37).

**BANGLADESH A:** First innings 251 all out in 72 overs (Tushar Imran 119, Kapali 59; Lewis 3-75, Rudge 3-46).

**GLoucestershire:** Second innings (overnight 48 for 1) Weston c Kapali b Mushfiqur 63 Kadeer b Shahadat 1 Fisher b Mushfiqur 36 Gidman not out 100 Adshhead c Rudge b Jubair 41

Snell c sub b Shahadat 42 Pearson not out 7 Extras: (lb-23, w-4, nb-13) 40 Total: (For 5 wickets declared in 65.1 overs) 330 Did not bat: Bandara, Lewis, Averis, Rudge. Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-109, 3-140, 4-210, 5-319.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Rudge	13	1	66	0
Shahadat	9.1	0	54	2
Enamul jr	24	3	81	0
Jubair	12	1	63	1
Mushfiqur	7	2	43	2

**BANGLADESH A:** Second innings Nafees c & b Rudge 30 Mushfiqur c Pearson b Rudge 15 Imran lbw b Bandara 29 Nazimuddin b Bandara 35 Kapali b Bandara 8 Rahim c Pearson b Bandara 27 Iqbal lbw b Fisher 27 Rudge lbw b Fisher 1 Shahadat c Snell b Bandara 4 Jubair c Kadeer b Fisher 0 Enamul jr not out 0 Extras: (b-1, nb-4) 5 Total: (All out in 55.3 overs) 181 Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-51, 3-106, 4-111, 5-124, 6-165, 7-176, 8-177, 9-177, 10-181.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Lewis	12	1	51	0
Averis	10	2	28	0
Rudge	5	1	23	2
Bandara	17.3	7	45	5
Fisher	11	4	33	3

**Result:** Gloucestershire won by 130 runs.



FLYING DEBUT: England's Kevin Pietersen (C), who topscored with 57, is ecstatic after running out Australia's Justin Langer (far right) on the second day of the first Test at Lord's on Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Aussies press ahead

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AFP, London

Australia were 140 for three, a healthy lead of 175, at tea on the second day of the first Test against England at Lord's here Friday.

Damien Martyn was 24 not out and Michael Clarke 22 not out. But Clarke was fortunate when, in the last over before tea, he was dropped on 21 by Test debutant Kevin Pietersen at cover off Simon Jones.

At lunch, Australia were 47 for one, a lead of 82, with Matthew Hayden 32 not out and captain Ricky Ponting unbeaten on seven.

But Hayden added just two to his score before he bottom-edged a pull off Andrew Flintoff onto his stumps.

Then a single off Matthew Hoggard saw Ponting, in his 89th Test and 145th innings, become the seventh Australian to score 7,000 Test runs.

However, a run later Ponting, on 42, guided a catch off Hoggard to substitute James Hildreth at backward point.

Together with Martyn he'd put on 46, Australia 100 for three. Earlier Pietersen, picked after two dashing one-day international innings against world champions Australia, top scored with 57 as England were bowled out for 155.

The 25-year-old South Africa-born batsman, in for 100-cap veteran Graham Thorpe who announced his Test retirement Friday, then ran out Justin Langer (six) with an underarm throw from the covers.

England resumed on 92 for seven, still 98 runs behind after a first day when Australia, winners of the last eight Ashes series, were bowled out for 190 (Harmison taking five for 43) and an extraordinary 17 wickets in all.

Pietersen was 28 not out and Matthew Hoggard yet to face.

Glenn McGrath, who had taken five for 21 Thursday to dismiss all of England's top five and in the process become only the fourth bowler to take 500 Test wickets, saw Pietersen undercut his first ball over the slips for four. Instead it was Shane Warne, who struck first Friday when the leg-spinner extend his world record haul of Test

wickets to 584 when Hoggard was caught cutting by Hayden at first slip for a 16-ball fourth.

His exit left England 101 for eight but Pietersen, undaunted, struck three successive boundaries off McGrath.

Going down the pitch, he pulled-drove the 35-year-old quick for a violent straight drive but next ball a textbook lofted straight drive sailed for six into the Pavilion.

Pietersen followed that up with a scorching drive through to the extra-cover boundary, his eighth four taking him to an 84-ball fifty.

He then swept Warne, his county captain at Hampshire, for six.

But next ball, trying to repeat the stroke, Pietersen saw Martyn, running round the boundary, take a low diving catch just inside the rope, England 122 for nine.

But a last wicket stand of 33 in 29 balls between Harmison (11) and Simon Jones (20 not out) helped restrict Australia's first innings lead to 35.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the first Test between England and Australia at Lord's on Friday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 190 (Harmison 5-43) **ENGLAND:** First innings (overnight 92-7)

Trescothick c Langer b McGrath 4 Strauss c Warne b McGrath 2 Vaughan b McGrath 3 Bell b McGrath 6 Pietersen c Martyn b Warne 57 Flintoff b McGrath 0 G Jones c Gilchrist b Lee 30 Giles hit wkt b Lee 11 Hoggard c Hayden b Warne 0 Harmison c Martyn b Lee 11 S Jones not out 20 Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-5) 11 Total: (All out in 48.1 overs) 155 Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-11, 3-18, 4-19, 5-21, 6-79, 7-92, 8-101, 9-122.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	18	5	53	5
Lee	15.1	5	47	3
Gillespie	8	1	30	0
Warne	7	2	19	2

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings Langer run out 6 Hayden b Flintoff 34 Ponting c sub b Hoggard 42

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Alfaz Ahmed squandered a penalty but scored two goals to give Mohammedan Sporting Club a flying start in the second leg of the Premier Football League with a 3-1 win over Dipali Juba Sangha yesterday.

Manju, joint top scorer with Alfaz after the first leg with five goals, put league leaders ahead after 17 minutes as the Premiership's second phase resumed at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Bottom-table Dipali, however, exposed the defensive vulnerability of their mighty opponents with a series of raids but had to remain satisfied with only a consolation goal

from Rubel.

The Black and Whites, who pushed their collection to 26 points from ten games, began to slice through the rival backline after a quiet start. But skipper Alfaz saw his side volley from a cross by Kamal saved by Dipali goalkeeper Titu in the 13th minute.

Dipali threatened to score in the very next minute but Tajul's long range drive on a counter attack was tipped over the bar by custodian Biplab, who looked to have returned to his best with a terrific performance.

Manju, fresh from his hat-trick in the previous game, was on target from his very first chance when the unmarked striker nodded in a right-flank freekick by Matiur Munna in the 17th minute.

Alfaz, who shot the ball into the

side netting on the half hour, doubled the lead seven minutes later. Manju's first-time header on a chipped cross by Faisal bounced off a rival defender but the striker retrieved the ball and passed it back to Alfaz who fired into the top right corner from ten yards.

Mohammedan, the only side still unbeaten in the fray, were awarded a penalty three minutes into the second half when Dipali centre-back Abdullah handled the ball inside their area while trying to stop a centre by Kamal. But Alfaz was denied from the spot, his shot kept out by the diving goalkeeper.

The Mohammedan veteran, however, made amends for his mistake when he converted a

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Mohammedan striker Manju heads the ball during their Premier Bank Premier Football League match against Dipali Sangha at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## LATEST

STAR SPORT MONITOR

Australia were heading towards a sizable lead against England in the first Ashes Test at Lord's yesterday.

After taking a useful 35-run lead, Ricky Ponting's men raced to 260-5 in their second innings in the final session of the second day's play.

Michael Clarke with an aggressive 106-ball 91 and Damien Martyn's 65 off 138 balls laid a solid stand of 155 runs for the fourth wicket before both fell off successive deliveries.

## Ponting is 7,000

AFP, London

Australia captain Ricky Ponting became only the seventh Australian batsman to score 7,000 Test runs when he made 42 against England on the second day of the first Test at Lord's on Friday.

The full list is as follows (Runs, Player, Tests):

11, 174 Allan Border	156
10,927 Steve Waugh	168
8,029 Mark Waugh	128
7,525 Mark Taylor	104
7,422 David Boon	107
7,110 Greg Chappell	87
7,001 Ricky Ponting	89

## Kang flies home today

SPORTS REPORTER

Korean coach Man Young Kang will leave Dhaka today to join his ailing wife back home.

The South Korean, who was sacked by Mohammedan Sporting Club in late March after three months in charge, was finally paid his dues by the club in June.

Kang, who coached Bangladesh national team in mid 90s, sought prayers from the football fans for his wife, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

It was reported that although Mohammedan have paid Kang's dues, his two sacked Korean booters were still owed their salaries.

## Rahmatganj win big

SPORTS REPORTER

Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society celebrated their First Division Football League triumph with a goal feast in their last match, drubbing Mohakhali Ekadash 5-2 at the Bishreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Rahmatganj, who began the 14th and last round clash having ensured their title, ended on 33 points while Mohakhali finished fourth with 20.

The league champions were leading 2-0 at the break but the match came alive in the last 18 minutes, which produced five goals.

Mamun slotted two while Polo, Sony and Golap one each for the winners while Rabiul struck twice for Mohakhali.

The league will conclude today with the Badda-Victoria match that will also decide the runners-up and third-placed teams. Rahmatganj, Badda and Victoria have already confirmed their promotion to the Premier League.

## Thorpe bows out as Thorpe

Cricket

AFP, London

England batsman Graham Thorpe announced his retirement from Test cricket Friday.

In a statement, Thorpe said: "My partner is having a baby in the next couple of weeks and I have decided that I want to concentrate on my family life."

The 35-year-old Surrey left-hander last month became only the eighth England player to appear in 100 Tests when he played against Bangladesh in the second Test at the Riverside.

But, having already been long retired from one-day internationals, Thorpe's Ashes place was called into question when he announced he would be coaching in New South

Wales next year while England were on tour in India.

He was left out of the ongoing first Test against Australia at Lord's, his place taken by debutant Kevin Pietersen, ten years his junior.

"I have enjoyed my time with England and I have wished them every success in this Ashes series," added Thorpe who scored a hundred on his Test debut, against Australia at Trent Bridge, in 1993.

England's chairman of selectors, David Graveney, said of Thorpe: "He will be remembered as a tenacious batsman who served England with great ability and great pride."

Former England captain Alec Stewart, a long-time team-mate of Thorpe's at Surrey, said his former colleague's decision had come as no surprise.

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## CAREER AT A GLANCE

**Test debut:** v Australia, Nottingham, July 1993

100 Test appearances, 6,744 Test runs, average 44.66

**ODI debut:** v Australia, Old Trafford, 1993

82 ODI appearances, 2380 ODI runs, average 37.18

**1969:** Born, August 1, Farnham, Surrey

**1984:** Achieved first of many schoolboy representative honours when playing for England Under-15s. He was also later to play in the England Under-19s and England Schools football under-18 side.

**1988:** County debut for Surrey.

**1989-90:** Toured with England A for first time, in Zimbabwe and Kenya. Subsequent A tours took him to Pakistan in 1990/91, Bermuda and West Indies in 1991-92, and Australia in 1992-93.

**1991:** Awarded county cap by Surrey.

**1992:** Consolidated growing reputation in first-class game by making 216 against Somerset at The Oval.

**1993:** Made century on Test match debut for England in home Ashes series at Trent Bridge. Recorded best bowling figures against the Australians, this time for Surrey at The Oval, where he took 4-40.

**1993-94:** First overseas tour with England to West Indies. Went on further tours to Australia (1994-95), South Africa (1995-96), India and Pakistan for the World Cup in

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GRAHAM THORPE

What to WATCH

ESPN

Ashes Test Series  
England vs Australia  
First Test, Day Three  
Live at 3:30 pm

TEN Sports

West Indies vs Sri Lanka  
Second Test, Day Two  
Live at 10:15 am

DAY'S EVENT

Premier Football League  
Brothers Union vs Dhaka Wanderers  
(5:00 pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

## ICC almost got bowled!

PTI, Islamabad

The International Cricket Council escaped a major embarrassment with the Pakistan Cricket Board officials rectifying in the nick of time a poster showing Afghan refugees and Maulvis taking part in a demonstration, to promote Pakistan cricket.

According to PCB sources, the ICC has created posters of all the teams whose players have been picked for the World XI to play against Australia in the Super Series in October. The poster of each country including Pakistan shows a crowd of people in the backdrop with the slogan 'A million people want your seat'.

"The idea is to depict the message that many people want to play in the Super Series or watch it from a particular country," the sources said.

## Vaas' perfect response

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AFP, Kandy

Chaminda Vaas upstaged Daren Powell as Sri Lanka hit back after being shot out for 150 on a dramatic opening day of the second cricket Test against the West Indies here on Friday.

Left-arm seamer Vaas grabbed 4-17 to leave the depleted tourists tottering at 92-5 in reply by stumps as 15 wickets fell during the day on a slow track at the Asgiriya Stadium.

Powell took a personal best of 5-25 and Tino Best chipped in with 3-50 as Sri Lanka lasted only 46.1 overs after being sent to bat by Shivnarine Chanderparat in overcast conditions.

The second-string West Indians were, however, under pressure even in the four overs they faced before tea when openers Xavier Marshall and debutant Ryan Ramdass were dismissed in the space of two deliveries.

Ramdass was run out for three, while Marshall drove the next ball from Vaas to Sri Lankan captain Marvan Atapattu at mid-off.

The West Indians slipped from 12-2 at tea to 27-4 as Vaas bowled Runako Morton and then claimed the prize scalp of Chanderparat, trapped leg-before for 13.

Sylvester Joseph and Narsingh Deonarine added 48 for the fifth wicket before Vaas, returning for his second spell, broke through having Joseph caught in the slips.

At stumps, Deonarine was unbeaten after a well-crafted 36 and Denesh Ramdin was on eight.

Prolific off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, who has been suffering from a flu virus over the last few days, bowled only three overs after making an unbeaten 18 with the bat.

Earlier Powell, the 27-year-old Jamaican, worked up good pace to return career-best figures in only his 12th Test match.

Powell had Sanath Jayasuriya caught behind in his second over and struck again two overs later when Kumar Sangakkara edged a wild slash to Morton at second slip.

At the other end, Atapattu (17) was bowled first ball by Best, who replaced Jermaine Lawson in the 12th over.

Mahela Jayawardena edged Best to Morton to make Sri Lanka 42-4 before Dilshan and Samaraweera retrieved the situation.

Dilshan, whose belligerent batting included three consecutive boundaries off Best, was run out in the last over before lunch. Samaraweera was caught at short-leg off spinner Omari Banks after the resumption.

The Sri Lankans wore black arm-bands to mourn the death of former Test cricketer Roshan Gunaratne who died in the United States on Thursday aged 43.

Gunaratne, a leg-spinner, played one Test match against Australia at Kandy in 1983.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second Test between Sri Lanka and the West Indies at the Asgiriya Stadium in Kandy on Friday:

**SRI LANKA:** First innings Atapattu b Best 17 Jayasuriya c Ramdin b Powell 2 Sangakkara c Morton b Powell 6

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