

Shakib fights

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The win gives Pakistan a 4-0 lead in the five-match series, and hands Shoaib Malik's men their 10th consecutive win -- equaling the longest winning one-day streak by a Pakistan team since November 1990.

Left-handed opener Salman Butt put the home team on track, following up his 76 and 132 in the last two matches with another dominating 74, and adding a brisk 97 for the first wicket with Kamran Akmal who made 36.

Butt and Akmal, who shared a 151-run opening stand in Pakistan's 23-run win in the third match in Lahore on Sunday, batteled in the same vein, before Akmal fell to Shakib in the 17th over and Butt was run out in the 24th.

Butt hit eight boundaries during his 84-ball knock while Akmal struck six boundaries and a six off 35 deliveries.

Bazid Khan (51) notched up his second one-day fifty but fell with just 12 needed to win. He added 82 for the third wicket with Mohammad Yousuf who remained not out on 37.

Earlier Shakib scored his second one-day hundred and shared a Bangladesh record ninth wicket stand of 97 with Mashrafe Mortaza (38) to revive the tourists, who were reeling at 109-8 after they won the toss and batted.

The young left-hander, who made 75 in the third match on Sunday, took a double in the 47th over to reach his hundred off 115 balls with eight fours.

In all, he faced 120 balls before holing out in the last over to paceman Sohail Khan, who finished with 3-30.

The previous best ninth wicket stand for Bangladesh in one-day cricket was 62 between Khaled Mashud and Mohammad Rafique against the West Indies at St. Lucia four years ago.

Mortaza, who hit just one boundary during his 67-ball knock, was out at long-on in the 48th over.

Shakib, who came in when the scoreboard was at 10-3, also added 37 for the sixth wicket with Forhad Reza (14) after paceman Umar Gul rocked the tourists.

Gul's incisive opening spell of 3-25 left Bangladesh struggling at 16-4 in the sixth over.

Bangladesh were off to a disastrous start, losing opener Zunaid Siddiq (naught) to Gul off the fifth ball of the second over and then Aftab Ahmed fell to the same bowler for a duck.

From the other end, Mohammad Asif removed Tamim Iqbal (10) in the third. Asif, who returned after a five-month lay-off from an elbow injury, took 2-35.

Gul then had Bangladesh skipper Mohammad Ashraful (four) caught in the slips before Hasan and Mahmudullah Riad (14) added 29 for the fifth wicket.

The fifth and final match will be played in Karachi on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fourth one-day international between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Multan Stadium on Wednesday:

BANGLADESH

Tamim c Butt Asif	10
Zunaid c Akmal b Gul	0
Aftab c Misbahul b Gul	0
Ashraful c Misbahul b Gul	4
Shakib c Fawad b Sohail	108
Mahmudullah b Sohail	9
Forhad c Akmal b Sohail	14
Dhiman lbw b Afridi	0
Razzak lbw b Malik	7
Mortaza c Fawad b Asif	38

Shahadat not out 1
Extras: (lb-5, nb-5, w-9) 19
Total: (All out in 49.1 overs) 210
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-6, 3-10, 4-16, 5-45, 6-82, 7-84, 8-109, 9-206, 10-210.

Bowler O M R W
Asif 10 0 35 2
Gul 10 1 48 3
Sohail 6.1 0 30 3
Afridi 10 0 34 1
Malik 9 2 32 1
Fawad 4 0 26 0

PAKISTAN

Butt run out 74
Akmal c Mortaza b Shakib 36
Bazid c Shahadat b Razzak 51
Yousuf not out 37
Fawad not out 5
Extras: (lb-2, w-7) 9
Total: (For 3 wickets in 44.3 overs) 212

Did not bat: Shoaib Malik, Misbahul Haq, Shahid Afridi, Sohail Khan, Mohammad Umar Gul

Fall of wickets: 1-97, 2-117, 3-199

Bowler O M R W
Mashrafe 5 0 30 0
Shahadat 7 0 47 0
Razzak 8.3 0 37 1
Shakib 9 1 34 1
Mahmudullah 10 1 38 0
Forhad 5 0 24 0

Result: Pakistan won by seven wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh).

Toss: Bangladesh

Govt plans

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UNB adds: The finance adviser said the national budget for next fiscal year would target 6.5 percent GDP growth.

The revenue expenditure and the ADP (Annual Development Programme) would be fixed proportionately to the GDP target", he said.

BEA President Dr Qazi Khilquzzaman Ahmad, who led the BEA delegation, expressed concern over the disproportionate distribution of the economic growth, widening disparity between the rich and the poor and deepening poverty.

Questioning the impact and quality of expenditures and development objectives, the BEA delegation stressed the need for developing the SME sector, creating employment opportunities, widening safety-net programmes and pursuing home-grown development programmes.

Upping his previous projection, the finance adviser said he expects the GDP growth to be between 6.1 and 6.2 percent during the current fiscal year as major economic indicators picked up recently and the country expects a bumper Boro harvest.

"It's not bad in the context of regional and global growth projections," he said adding, "It's not a drastic fall from last year's achievement (6.5 percent)".

Referring to Bangladesh's GDP estimates by international institutions, he said their estimates are based on previous indicators which picked up recently.

The adviser said ADP size would be determined considering revenue collection and likelihood of foreign aid, as he has no intention to raise the tax rates in the coming budget. "In few cases, the tax rate will be reduced despite the lowest tax-GDP ratio."

Aziz expected that revenue collection this fiscal year would exceed the target for the first time as the July-February collections grew by 23 percent from the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

3 killed in Colorado wildfires

AP, Ordway

Firefighters resumed the battle yesterday against three wildfires that blazed across thousands of acres of grass, forcing hundreds of residents to evacuate and leading to the deaths of two firefighters and a pilot.

One of the fires was unchecked and still growing yesterday morning.

Wind gusted up to 50 mph along the Rocky Mountain Front Range and eastern plains on Tuesday, fanning flames that had spread across 8,900 acres or 14 square miles of grassland near Ordway. Authorities told all 1,200 residents of the town to leave, and they had not been allowed back in Wednesday.

On Wednesday morning, wind was blowing at less than 10 mph at Pueblo, about 50 miles west of Ordway, the National Weather Service said. Rain was possible in parts of the area during the afternoon and there was a chance of up to a foot of snow in Colorado's eastern mountains beginning Wednesday evening and lasting into Thursday morning, the weather service said.

Firefighters had contained 80 percent of the Ordway blaze, which damaged at least 24 buildings, eight within town limits, fire information officer Katherine Sanguineti said.

Two volunteer firefighters were killed when a bridge damaged by flames collapsed under their fire truck, state Rep. Cory Gardner, whose district includes Ordway, told the legislative leaders Wednesday.

ACC asks

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Tk 15 lakh defence savings certificate has been at Pubali Bank principal branch.

Khoka in his wealth statement submitted to the ACC mentioned that his wife, daughter and he had 40 bank accounts while a total of Tk 40 lakh was being saved in two savings schemes under his son's name.

The accounts that are being seized are five accounts with National Credit and Commerce Bank principal branch, four accounts with Standard Chartered Bank Motijheel branch and a total of eleven accounts with the following banks: Agrani Bank Hatkhola Branch, Standard Chartered Bank principal branch, Rupali Bank foreign exchange branch, HSBC Motijheel branch, Uttara Bank local office, Habib Bank Motijheel branch, Janata Bank corporate branch, Janata Bank Nagarhaban branch, BRAC Bank Motijheel branch, Premiere Bank Uttara branch and Janata Bank WASA Bhaban branch, said the sources.

"There is no alternative to it in order to survive on the tough competitive world market," he said, adding that if the textile industrialists prepare a coordinated work plan, then everyone in the textile sector would benefit from it.

Mentioning that various conditions of compliance will much influence the textile sector in the future, he said the entrepreneurs would have to do short, medium and long-term planning from now on to this end. Obtaining latest technology is also important in this regard, he said.

"The welfare of workers working in this sector is also relevant," he said.

The CA hoped that courage, spirit and perseverance of the entrepreneurs would help Bangladesh in becoming a middle-income country by 2021.

Appreciating the progress of the

Textile mill

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private sector has so far risen to 301, from 84 in 1995. Some 1340 million kilograms of yarn and 1700 million metres of fabrics are manufactured per year, the function was informed. The industry provides livelihood for around 45 lakh people.

Yarn produced by BTMA-member mills meets 85 to 90 percent demand of export-oriented knit-garment industries while 40 percent demand for fabrics of oven garment exporters.

The textile sector, including primary textiles, adds 13 percent to national income. The sector is making major contributions to employment generation and poverty alleviation, trailing only manpower export and agriculture sectors.

Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam, Textiles and Jute Adviser Md Anwarul Iqbal, Commerce Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman and BTMA President Abdul Hai Sarkar also spoke at the inaugural function.

Leaders of various business organisations, owners of textile mills and industries and entrepreneurs were, among others, present at the function.

Having potato with rice would help lower the demand for rice and retrain its prices while meeting nutritional needs of a person, said Moeen.

"To control rising prices and utilise the bumper potato harvest of 80 tonnes this year, we have to do it together."

"We have to consume 58 lakh tonnes of potato domestically this year, otherwise a huge quantity of it will be spoilt due to the lack of adequate storage facilities," he added.

A potato farmer might not be interested to grow the crop again next year if heavy losses are incurred this year, observed the army chief.

An army personnel's daily potato intake presently stands at 113 grams, he said adding that the daily potato allocation for each army member would be increased in the next couple of months.

Adviser CS Karim said people need to be motivated to consume more potatoes and its increased consumption would ensure sustainable food security in the country, while enabling the farmers to get fair price for their produce.

Every inch of the cultivable land in the country should be utilised for food production to cope with any future food shortage, he suggested.

In order to tackle any possible food shortage, there is no alternative to increasing food production and improved management of our produce including potato, said Karim.

Andre Alex Gomez, general manager of Radisson Water Garden Hotel, said the initiative is aimed at popularising potato as an alternative source of staple, which could help fight threats of hunger and poverty globally.

The weeklong feast showcases various local and international potato-based delicious cuisines ranging from soup, pie, pasta, samosas, ice cream and salads that are very easy to prepare and the ingredients are available locally, Gomez said.

17 killed

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The train did not stop after the accident, witnesses said.

Patrol police, locals and fire brigade immediately started a rescue operation recovering the injured and sent them to Tangail General Hospital where another bus passenger Mohammad Alauddin Alauddin, 45, succumbed to his injuries.

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