

Kreza knew it was coming

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The debutant off-spinner Jason Kreza expected the harsh treatment dished out by India on the first day, but he was excited to have removed three of the game's greatest modern batsmen.

"I was expecting them to come after me and they did," Kreza said. "Sehwag hit me for a massive six, which was good. I kept my head on my shoulders, chatted to Ricky Ponting and Matthew Hayden, got my nerves down and bowled quite well."

After being struck for 11 runs from his first over and 32 from his opening three, Kreza kept attacking and refused to be intimidated. "I probably get that from my dad's side," he said. "He's a hard European bloke. It's something that you learn over the years with your bowling. You're always going to get hit as a spinner, if you're going to be an attacking spinner."

Kreza's father was a professional footballer in Czechoslovakia, but he said "cricket was always my No. 1 love". The 25-year-old's first wicket was Rahul Dravid for zero - caught by Simon Katich, who has Croatian heritage, at bat pad.

"He came up to me straight away and said it was the two angry-European combination that got that wicket," Kreza said. "It was great, because we've got a bit of anger in us."

Kreza came into the side for paceman Stuart Clark after playing just 24 first-class games with an average of 50.09. He bowled Sehwag (66) when he played on trying to cut and Laxman (64) attempted a similar shot and got an edge to the wicketkeeper Brad Haddin.

"It was good to get it out of the way," he said of playing his first game. "It was good to get the cap, it had been a nervous wait."

Rajib going

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Rajib was sharing the second place with nine other players, who trailed leader French GM Edouard-Romain who has maximum five points.

Sachin satisfied

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Sachin Tendulkar has said India were in a decent, but not brilliant, position after ending the first day of the final Test in Nagpur on 311 for five on Thursday. Tendulkar, who stabilised the Indian innings with his 40th Test hundred, felt losing five wickets was too many and "three would have been okay".

The situation when he began his innings was reminiscent of India's first innings in Mohali where a terrific start had been eroded by quick wickets. Today India went from 98 for 0 to 116 for 3 and were in danger of allowing Australia to bounce back after Virender Sehwag's half-century forced them on the defensive.

"It was important that I got going because we had lost a couple of wickets and even Sehwag got out after that," Tendulkar said. "I think it was just about keeping the head cool initially because when I walked in it was a critical stage. We had to make sure that we [VVS Laxman and I] had a good partnership and took the game away from Australia because the momentum was with them [Australia] initially."

Tendulkar and Laxman's efforts succeeded and they regained the advantage by adding 146 for the fourth wicket. Tendulkar went after the debutant off-spinner Jason

Kreza, slogging him over midwicket and lifting over mid-on. He fed off the deliveries that Mitchell Johnson bowled on his pads, flicking with impeccable timing towards the square-leg boundary. The shot of the day, however, was a trademark on-drive against Lee which bisected the gap between the bowler and mid-on.

Tendulkar, however, was fortunate to get a century. On 74 he survived a run-out chance; on 85 he mis-hit Kreza to mid-off where Johnson dropped the catch; on 96 he lofted Kreza once again to long-off where Brett Lee couldn't hang on. Tendulkar played out 11 dot balls on 99 before reaching his hundred by cutting Kreza to the point boundary.

"I can say he [Kreza] was a bit unlucky," Tendulkar said. "He had a wonderful first day. Today [Thursday] I can also thank God [for reaching the hundred]. I am delighted at getting the century."

The 40th century eluded Tendulkar twice in this series. He was out for 88 in Mohali and 68 in Delhi and on both occasions he was batting with fluency before falling against the run of play. Tendulkar, however, said although he missed out on hundreds, he had made vital contributions, such as the patient 49 in Bangalore which helped India save the Test.

"I know I am batting well, but I was not getting to the three-figure landmark. But I don't think that is

everything. I have gone in at crucial [stages] at almost four or five times and I have been able to play. That is very satisfying, when you deliver when the team needs the most."

Tendulkar was dismissed in the last half-hour of the day, playing across the line to Johnson, who was bowling with the second new ball. That lapse, and the catches that were offered before his century, seemed to indicate a drop in concentration, but Tendulkar did not agree.

"I don't think I lost my concentration," he said. "Yes there was a patch in between but later on I felt I had sort of again changed the momentum and I just wanted to be there till the end today [Thursday]."

Tendulkar said that the pitch was a "perfect track" but what was noticeable, even in the first hour of play, was how quickly the bowlers' follow-throughs left their mark on the surface. Kreza got a few deliveries to spin and turn on day one and Tendulkar said it will definitely help the spinners more.

"The wicket is playing good. It is on the harder side and it is quite good. The spinners are getting bounce so I think in a day or two it will be difficult to play the spinners." When play ended on the first day, Harbhajan Singh made his way out to the middle, possibly to inspect the surface on which he hopes to fulfil the responsibility passed on to him by Anil Kumble.

Swann's new swim

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Graeme Swann is hoping that a return to the subcontinent will bring a change of fortune for him as England begin their tour of India. Swann is part of both the one-day and Test squad, but although he isn't guaranteed a starting place in either side he is hoping conditions will be in his favour.

He played a key role in England's one-day series win in Sri Lanka last year, taking seven wickets in four matches, but has since struggled to maintain his place in the team. He hasn't played an ODI since June and against South Africa he was sidelined by the emergence

of Samit Patel. However, he was selected for the final two matches in the Stanford Super Series and with conditions likely to favour spin he could partner Patel over the next month.

"I am really excited, I can't wait to get out there because I did well in Sri Lanka last year, the wickets obviously suit spin bowling more than other parts of the world," Swann told the Press Association. "So I hope to play a big role in both the one-dayers and the Test matches."

The tour includes seven one-day internationals, starting in Rajkot on November 14, followed by two Tests before Christmas. The last time England toured India they lost the one-day series 5-1, following an impressive drawn Test

series, and Swann knows it's vital that the squad begin strongly this time around.

"The start of this tour is the most important couple of weeks we have got left in this year because if we start well and get off on the right footing then it sets you up for the whole trip," he said. "The last thing you want to do when you are on a tour like India and you're travelling, it's hectic and you're not in places that you're familiar with, is lose the first couple."

"Suddenly it can seem like a whirlwind, flying around, playing games but never having time to prepare. On the same basis if you are winning, you just can't wait to play again."

England had 12 hours in London after arriving back from Antigua before departing for Mumbai and Swann said the team has already moved on from the disappointment of missing out on a million dollars each.

"I was a lot less bothered than I thought I'd be," he said. "Even though it was a big week in terms of publicity, it still ranks low in the grand scheme of England cricket."

"The journey back after the match was very English. There was a lot of mickey-taking and Paul Collingwood came out with 'don't worry lads, at least we got to the final!'"

Black Caps go for pace

AFP, Wellington

New Zealand have decided on a pace-dominated bowling attack for their squad to take on Australia in the first cricket Test in Brisbane from November 20.

Team selectors on Thursday left out Jeetan Patel, with captain Daniel Vettori the only spinner in the 15-man squad to take on the world's top team.

New Zealand's pace options for the first of the two Tests include Tim Southee, Iain O'Brien, Kyle Mills, Mark Gillespie and Chris Martin.

Only 13 players will initially travel to Brisbane, with batsman Peter Fulton remaining in New Zealand to play domestic cricket, New Zealand Cricket said.

Reserve wicketkeeper Gareth Hopkins will only be on call in Brisbane for one day before the start of the Test to cover for Brendon McCullum.

SQUAD

Daniel Vettori (captain), Aaron Redmond, Jamie How, Jesse Ryder, Ross Taylor, Peter Fulton, Daniel Flynn, Brendon McCullum, Grant Elliott, Gareth Hopkins, Tim Southee, Iain O'Brien, Kyle Mills, Mark Gillespie, Chris Martin.

'Let's move on from Yousuf'

PTI, Karachi

Pakistan coach Intikhab Alam on Thursday described Mohammad Yousuf's decision to join the rebel Indian Cricket League (ICL) as "unfortunate" but remained confident about finding a replacement of the middle-order batsman before the Test series against India early next year.

"The manner in which Yousuf has gone to India and joined the ICL is 'unfortunate' and 'ill-advised'," Intikhab said in an interview.

"Yousuf has been one of our leading batsmen in recent years and there is no doubt about the depth and value he gave to Pakistan batting line-up. But his defection is something we have to overcome."

Pepsi-DRU cricket from tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

Seven matches will be held on the opening day of the Pepsi-DRU six-a-side media cricket tournament tomorrow.

All matches will be played at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium.

A total of 32 teams split into eight groups will compete in the regular event, sponsored by Transcom Beverages, organisers told at a press conference yesterday at the DRU auditorium.

Transcom will provide Tk 2.35 lakh out of the total Tk 2.60 lakh budget.

Golam Qudus Chowdhury, executive director and CEO of Transcom Beverages, spoke on the occasion. Tournament committee chairman Monwar Haque, member-secretary Rafiqul Islam, DRU sports secretary Kamruzzaman Hiru and Bangladesh handball Federation general secretary Asaduzzaman Kholinore were also present.

Tomorrow's matches: Inqilab v Jai Jai Din, Khobarpatra v Banglabazar, Financial Express v Karato, Channel 1 v BSS, Jugantor v Deshbangla, Naya Diganata v Bhorer Kagaj, Banglavision v Manavzamin.

Big win for Police

UNB, Dhaka

Police AC crushed Bachelors SC 7-2 in the Green Delta Metropolitan First Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 3-0. Rana Das scored five goals while Ramjan Ali and Riazuddin netted one goal each for the winners. Mohammad Suman and KS Nasser reduced the arrears for the losers.

In the day's other match, Rubel struck twice to help Mukta Bihanga beat Victoria SC 2-1 after leading the first half 2-0. Tushar scored Victoria's lone goal.

NCC Bank Open men's singles title Amol's

UNB, Dhaka

Amol Roy emerged champion in the men's singles of NCC Bank Open Tennis Competition when the top-seed beat Dipu Lal 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 at the Cox's Bazar Officers Club yesterday.

Sathi Sarkar lifted the women's singles title beating Sharada 7-5, 6-4.

In the men's doubles final, Dipu Lal and Alamgir Hossain defeated Amal Roy and Raju Ram 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Rustam Ali won the boys' singles (U-14) with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 win over Biplab Ram.

Cox's Bazar Deputy Commissioner Manjor Alam Bhuiyan distributed the prizes among the winners as chief guest.

Baridhara win comfortably

SPORTS REPORTER

Uttar Baridhara recorded a comfortable 3-1 victory against BG Press in the Second Division Football League at the Bishreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Sohan and Jewel struck inside ten minutes while Hasan added a late goal to secure three points for Baridhara after Shipon had scored for BG Press in the 28th minute.

Siddons thinking

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opportunity to get off to a winning start in the series.

He also raised questions whether his batsmen could understand his message or not. "Again I am very disappointed because the batsmen continued to let down the chances. I am not sure whether my message is not getting through. They were asked to play cricket shots but they did not do that. Ash (Mohammad Ashraf) and Tamim (Iqbal) got out by playing bad shots and frustratingly we had two run outs," said Siddons.

Ashrafal however was focused on their performance as a team and said that they may lose close matches because of a lack of experience.

"We were very close to win matches in the last few series and I think it's a good sign for our cricket," said Ashrafal.

"This is a very young team and I think the team is shaping to win matches on a regular basis," said Ashrafal, who was blamed for being aggressive in the Twenty20 match when the requirement was of a responsible knock with the run-rate within reach.

"We have to learn how to finish the game. That's it," he added.

He has also an example of the Sri Lankan team who started to win matches on a regular basis after losing so many close matches. And it was reminded by none but the match referee Roshan Mahanama, the former Sri Lanka captain, to a Bangladesh team management official.

Greg's email hurt Sourav

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Sourav Ganguly has said he believes people outside the team poisoned Greg Chappell against him, leading to his removal from the captaincy and, for a while, from the team. Ganguly, who will bow out after the Nagpur Test against Australia, said he would not have been in the team for the current Test series against Australia if the "old selection committee had stayed" and that he would have "thought differently" about his retirement had he still been playing one-day cricket.

"The thing that hurt me the most, in my whole career, was the public email he [Chappell] sent -- what was written in it and the tone in which it was written," he told the Indian Express. "It was very upsetting, and I found it strange because I didn't think we'd spent enough time together in the team for him to form such a strong opinion about me. I'm convinced that some people had poisoned him against me."

Asked whether they were people in the team, he said, "No, outside the team."

The email was subsequently leaked to the media and Ganguly was out of the team till he staged a comeback late in 2006.

Chappell was appointed as coach with the backing of Ganguly, then India captain. "I'd discussed my batting with him a couple of times and he'd been very helpful. Most of the others wanted [Tom] Moody but I pushed for Chappell. You could say I was my biggest mistake, but I had the best for Indian cricket at heart. People joke with me that I was to blame for getting them stuck with him."

Ganguly suggested he might have continued for longer if he was still a part of India's ODI team. "I'm sure it's [retirement] never easy for anyone," he said. "But there were a lot of factors. I'd been left out of the team, and I'd been out of the one-day side for a while. The fact that I wasn't playing ODIs played a big part. If I'd been playing in both forms of the game, perhaps I would've thought differently. I always wanted to leave on a high."

There is no point being pushed around, dragging on for the last few years when nobody wants you."

Ganguly, however, said he still had "great respect" for Dilip Vengsarkar, the chairman of the previous selection committee. "If he hadn't been the chief selector, I would've never made a comeback in 2006 [in South Africa]. I may not have agreed with his dropping me from the one-day team and the Test, but that's okay."

Ganguly felt his fielding was the reason that cost him a place in the ODI team; he was dropped for the CB Series in Australia earlier this year. "I did think I should have played one-day cricket for longer. I was included in only some 30-odd matches in the last three years. In no other country can a player who's scored 12,000 runs in his career be used so sparingly."

"I believe it had to do with my fielding, and because they wanted to build a team for the 2011 World Cup. I didn't think I'd be around for that long, so I knew my one-day career was over after being left out for the Australia series."

'Use power wisely'

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India must use its growing power in world cricket to keep the game on the right path rather than becoming obsessed with short-term issues like code-of-conduct hearings, James Sutherland, Cricket Australia's chief executive, has said. He said there was little the rest of the cricketing world could do to match India's power, so Indian administrators needed to take greater responsibility for the game's welfare.

Sutherland was speaking in Melbourne in the lead-up to the Nagpur Test, before India confirmed that their starting line-up would not include Gautam Gambhir, who was suspended for one Test for elbowing Shane Watson. It was unclear whether Gambhir was in the side or out of it -- even India's captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, on the day before the match, said he was "almost sure" he wouldn't be playing.

Sutherland said it was clear India viewed such behavioural issues differently from Australia. "They tend to look at these sorts of issues and code of conduct decisions in a different sort of light," Sutherland said. "We have seen in the last probably five years, at least four times where they have tried some sort of approach to appeal and, where the appeal hasn't been successful,

taken it to another level."

In January, India were seriously considering whether to continue with their tour of Australia after Harbhajan Singh was suspended for allegedly racially abusing Andrew Symonds -- a ban that was later overturned on appeal. And in 2001, India refused to accept Virender Sehwag's suspension and named him for a Test against South Africa. The match was stripped of its Test status when the teams agreed to lock the match referee Mike Denness out of the stadium.

Sutherland said "you can always argue" that India had too much power over the sport and compared their influence in the ICC with the role the United States plays in the United Nations. However, he felt the other cricketing countries could do little but accept the status quo.

"The power that India has is obviously connected a lot to the financial contribution that they make to the game," he said. "Something like 70% of cricket revenue is generated out of India and to that end it means that I think they have, in recent times, come to realise that with that they can influence more than perhaps they have done in the past."

"With that ability to influence obviously comes power and, as someone once told me, with wealth comes responsibility. That's something that ideally you would like to see India continue to take a leadership role in helping the game to be better rather than focusing on

taking these sorts of issues that we're talking about today, with Gambhir, down the wrong path."

Juve jive on

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of the previous encounter a fortnight ago when Paul Ince, like Strachan another former United star, had said it was like watching men against boys.

"We are not boys we are men," said Strachan. "All I asked of the players was that they show some pride tonight (Wednesday) and they did that in spades."

Wenger's frustrations with his team's performance - albeit a side vastly reduced by injuries - was all too clear.

However once again the thoughtful Frenchman refused to allude to weaknesses of the Gunners, though he did admit that perhaps they had let three points slip through their fingers.

"The positive side is we are top of the group, the negative side is we should have won."

Tendulkar hits

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Bowler	O	M	R	W
Lee	12	1	46	0
Johnson	21	8	54	1
Watson	13	2	35	1
Kreza	28	1	138	3
White	10	1	24	0
Katich	3	0	8	0

AUSTRALIA: Katich, Hayden, Ponting, Hussey, Clarke, Watson, Haddin, White, Lee, Johnson, Kreza. Toss: India. Umpires: Billy Bowden and Aleem Dar.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Police Super, Dhaka

Tender Notice

Individual re-tenders in own pad/prescribed schedule under sealed cover are invited from experienced contractors/suppliers as per rules of "The Public Procurement Regulations-2003" for purchase of prescribed ration items for the members of Dhaka District Police Force during 3rd quarter of 2008-2009 financial year.

- 01. Ministry/Department : Ministry of Home Affairs, Bangladesh Police.
- 02. Name of procurement entity : Police Super, Dhaka.
- 03. Procurement process : Open tender process.
- 04. Source of fund : Subject to availability of fund from police headquarters.
- 05. Number of tender items : 03 (three).
- 06. Date of inviting tender : 3rd quarter of 2008-2009 financial year.
- 07. Eligibility of tenderers : Tenderer should be holder of current financial year's up-to-date trade license, bank solvency certificate, income tax certificate, VAT registration certificate, citizenship certificate & experience certificate.
- 08. Name & address of tender selling office : Police Ration Store, Mill-Barrack Police Line, Sutrapur, Dhaka, during office hours except on holiday (tenderer participating in tender can purchase the tender schedule on application in own pad). Respective experience certificate should be submitted in case of each work.
- 09. Name & address of tender receiving office : Office of the Police Super, Dhaka.
- 10. Name & address of tender opening office : Office of the Police Super, Dhaka.
- 11. Last date & time of selling tender : 30/11/2008 from morning 09:00 hrs to afternoon 17:00 hrs.
- 12. Last date & time of submitting tender : 01/12/2008 up to 12:00 hrs.
- 13. Date & time of opening tender : Tender box shall be opened on 01/12/2008 at 12:30 hrs in presence (if any) of the tenderers/suppliers.
- 14. Detailed description of items of the invited tender :

Item No.	Description of item	Quantity	Schedule to be had at	Price per schedule (non-refundable)	Amount of tender earnest money	Remarks
01.	Superior quality lentil	Approximately 25,000 Kg	OC, Ration Store, Mill-Barrack Police Lines, Sutrapur, Dhaka	Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only	44,000/- (forty-four thousand) only	
02.	Soybean oil 4 & 2 liter can	Approximately 14,000 liter	OC, Ration Store, Mill-Barrack Police Lines, Sutrapur, Dhaka	Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only	36,000/- (thirty-six thousand) only	
03.	Dalda 16 Kg carton	Approximately 2,200 Kg	OC, Ration Store, Mill-Barrack Police Lines, Sutrapur, Dhaka	Tk 400/- (four hundred) only	5,000/- (five thousand) only	

- 15. Special instructions:
- a) The abovementioned contractors & suppliers can be purchased tender schedule through application in own pad.
- b) The abovementioned tender earnest money should be submitted in Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of the undersigned fulfilling all terms & conditions.
- c) With tender schedule shall be enclosed of current financial year's up-to-date trade license, bank solvency certificate, income tax certificate, VAT registration certificate, citizenship certificate & experience certificates photocopies of the all certificate mentioned in the notice duly attested by 1st class gazetted officer. Failing to abide by the related papers and rules & regulations, the tender shall be treated as cancelled at the time of selection. Respective experience certificate should be submitted in case of each work.
- d) None can submit tender without the tender schedule.
- e) The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Golam Qudus Chowdhury, executive director and CEO of Transcom Beverages, addressing a press conference at the DRU auditorium yesterday in connection with the Pepsi-DRU cricket tournament.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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