



Bangladesh skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza (C) is helped by teammates to go out of the field after he suffered muscle strain on the third day of the first Test against West Indies at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown on Saturday.

## Tigers fight back

**Cricket**

AFP, Kingstown

Tamim Iqbal and Imrul Kayes took Bangladesh to 26-0 in their second innings, and a deficit of 43 runs, at stumps against the West Indies on the third day of the first Test on Saturday. Tamim and Kayes kept their nerve through a tricky seven-over period to remain not out on 14 and 11 respectively, after West Indies, reply-

### LATEST

Bangladesh were 97 for 1 after 35 overs with Tamim Iqbal batting on 63 with him Zunaed Siddiqui on 5. Opener Imrul Kayes scored 24 before becoming the first Bangladesh casualty on the fourth morning but not before adding 82 runs for the opening stand with Tamim. It gave the visitors a 28-run lead.

ing to Bangladesh's first innings total of 238, were dismissed for 307.

Bangladesh's bowlers had kept their side in the Test, despite consistent batting down the order from the depleted West Indies.

Mahmudullah snared three wickets for 59 runs from 19.4 overs with his uncomplicated off-spin, and teenaged fast bowler Rubel Hossain, playing in his first Test, collected three for 76 from 15 overs.

But Shakib Al Hasan was the pick of the Bangladesh bowlers with two for 76 from 35 overs bowling his steady left-arm spin.

Bangladesh were hamstrung by the absence of their new captain and main fast bowler

Mashrafe Bin Mortaza with a knee injury.

The tourists, however, remained competitive thanks to a slow, low pitch which made run-scoring difficult, although left-handed opener Omar Phillips hit the top score of 94 for West Indies, Dave Bernard Jr made 53 and Darren Sammy hit 48.

"I was disappointed that I missed the hundred," said 22-year-old Phillips, one of a group of emergency players that West Indies assembled after a strike by their established stars protesting pay and contract issues.

"It was a great innings for me in my first Test, but I tried to change the tactics just a little bit when I got into the 90s, and that's what led to my downfall, but the next time I get that far, I'll know not to change my game plan."

Before lunch, Bangladesh had limited success, as Phillips anchored West Indies to 136 for two.

Bangladesh were hunting early wickets to put the depleted West Indies batting under pressure, when the home team continued from their overnight total of 17 for one.

But the Tigers were held up, when Phillips and night-watchman Ryan Austin added a valuable 79 for the second wicket.

Bangladesh suffered a huge setback, when Mortaza fell over following the third delivery of his seventh over, and injured his right knee.

The visitors' captain left the field and was taken to hospital for a precautionary medical examination.

The rest of the Bangladesh bowlers tried to make headway, but Phillips, who started on a nought and took 14 nervous balls to get off the mark, reached his 50 from 92 balls, when he square drove Rubel for a single.

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## Did U Know?

The official game of badminton was born in a stately home in Gloucestershire, England, home of the Duke of Beaufort.



## Sachin Tendulkar

(India cricket superstar)

"I am really fortunate that I have had the wisdom of a legend to fall back on. He still is and will continue to remain my hero, the same person I first met in 1987."

While paying tribute to legendary Indian opener Sunil Gavaskar on his 60th birthday.



## TEN Sports

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## Gaibandha cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

TDS Kira Chakka defeated All Star Cricket King by 10 runs in first match while Motiur Rahman Smritty Sangsad defeated Adarsha Cricket Club by two wickets in second match in the Bonarpara Premier Cricket League at the Bonarpara Kazi Azher Ali High School ground yesterday.

In the first match DTS Kira Chakka scored 62 runs for the loss of seven wickets in their stipulated ten overs. In reply, All Star Cricket King made 52 runs, losing four wickets at the end of

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## Aussies need 3 wkts

**Cricket**

AFP, Cardiff

Australia were just three wickets away from winning the first Ashes Test against England heading into the last session of the fifth and final day at Sophia Gardens here on Sunday.

England were 169 for seven at tea -- still needing 70 more runs to avoid an innings defeat and so prevent Ashes-holders Australia from going 1-0 up in the five-Test series in emphatic style.

Paul Collingwood was still at the crease on 55 not out after backing up his own plea, delivered after Saturday's play, for the top-order to take personal responsibility for seeing England through to the safety of a draw.

Graeme Swann, hit three times in four balls by fast bowler Peter Siddle, was four not out after several of England's premier batsmen contributed to their own downfall.

England, at lunch, had

## Amre looks on the bright side

CRICINFO, undated

Pravin Amre, the India's coach for the Emerging Players' tournament in Australia, has said the series challenge the players' fitness as they play seven ODIs and two Twenty20s in a span of 13 days, starting July 20.

"Our fitness levels will be tested in these nine games," Amre told the Hindu. "The tournament is also a good opportunity for our players to prove their talent." The Indian squad, led by S Badrinath, is strong on paper, with seven players having international experience. But they can expect to face stiff opposition from Australia, who have several players with solid first-class base, and New Zealand, led by Peter Fulton and including fast bowler Tim Southee.

The Indian team went through a skills and fitness preparatory camp at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bangalore on Saturday. Badrinath, M Vijay and R Ashwin will join the camp today after playing league matches in Chennai. Bangalore has seen rain in the past week, prompting the team to have an morning nets session in anticipation of showers in the afternoon.

The tournament begins on July 20, with Australia, South Africa and New Zealand being the other competing teams. The teams play each other twice, and the final will be held on August 1. New Zealand won the tournament last year, beating Australia by three wickets in the final.

been 102 for five. Collingwood was 35 not out and all-rounder Andrew Flintoff unbeaten on 11.

After lunch, they both looked to be getting down to the task at hand.

But a stand of 57 was ended when Flintoff fell on 26 to the first ball he faced after the drinks break.

England's 2005 Ashes hero opened the face of his bat against left-arm fast bowler Mitchell Johnson and was caught low down at second slip by Australia captain Ricky Ponting.

Stuart Broad, who survived a close lbw appeal from Johnson first ball, was plumb lbw to Nathan Hauritz for 14 as the off-spinner, much-

maligned before the start of this match, took his third wicket of the day and sixth of the Test.

Collingwood held firm to complete a 167-ball fifty but his was a lone hand.

Earlier, star batsman Kevin Pietersen had taken his overnight score from three to eight when, trying to leave a delivery from paceman Ben Hilfenhaus, he got into an awkward position and was bowled off-stump just 16 minutes into the day's play.

Hauritz was cut for four by England captain Andrew Strauss.

But next ball Hauritz, bowling from around the wicket, got a delivery to turn and

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## Zia unbeaten champion

**Chess**

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman added another feather to his crown when the number one chess player of the country lifted the Mercantile Bank 35th National Chess Championship in style at the Federation hall-room yesterday.

Enjoying the pole position from the word go, Zia went into the final round with an intent to avoid defeat so that he could become the unbeaten champion. He did it without shedding much sweat against fellow Grand Master Enamul Hossain Rajib. Playing with black pieces, Zia adopted the familiar French Defence that Rajib found to hard to penetrate and agreed to draw after 25 moves.

With this draw, Zia's second

in 12 games, he finished with highest 11 points. Rajib on the other hand finished third with eight points.

Zia's long-time rival Grand Master Reefat Bin Sattar won his last game against Aminul Islam. But he had to be content with a runner-up slot with eight and a half points. Playing with Black pieces, Reefat adopted the Sicilian Defense against Polash's Closed variation and won after 32 moves.

Fide Master Abu Sufian Shakil finished fourth on 7½ points while Golam Mostafa Bhuiyan claimed the fifth position with 6½ points.

Although at the of the meet the order was restored, the only disappointment was country's first Grand Master Niaz Murshed, who withdrew from the meet after the third round citing that he could no longer enjoy the game that earned him fame.



GM Ziaur Rahman ponders his next move against GM Enamul Hossain Rajib (not in picture) in the Mercantile Bank 35th National Chess Championship at the federation hall room yesterday.

## Mash unlikely to bowl

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza is unlikely to bowl in the on-going first Test against West Indies but will be able to bat with a runner, confirmed a Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) official last night.

Mashrafe awkwardly fell to the ground while bowling in West Indies' first innings at Arnos Vale on Saturday. He limped off the ground and never returned to the field on the third day.

"He sustained an injury on his left knee and the first impression is that it has swelled. Since there is no facility of MRI scan in Kingstown we will have to wait for the team to reach Granada to have an assessment of the extent of his injury," said BCB's media committee chairman to The Daily Star.

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## Teletalk cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari,

Khobongpuria Samobai Samity reached the final after defeating Ujjibito Jubo Sangha by 88 runs in the first semifinal of the first Tele talk cricket tournament held at the Khagrachhari Government high school ground yesterday.

Batting first, Khobongpuria Samobai Samity amassed 183 runs for 8 wickets in their share of 30 over. Opening batsman Elit Chakma scored the highest 62 runs while Satej Chakma (39), Nurul Hoque (20), Jibon Dewan (17) chipped in with useful contributions.

Mohammad Naser of Ujjibito Jubo Sangha picked up 4 wickets for 37 runs while Asif Hossen picked up 3 wickets.

In reply, Ujjibito Jubo

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## Brac continue to plunder

SPORTS REPORTER



The third day of the Ascent Group 5-a-side indoor corporate soccer cup saw Brac Bank keep up their amazing goalscoring exploits as they hammered Ispahani Group by 10-1.

The goal fest at Scholastica's STM Hall means that the bankers have now scored 32 goals in total in the tournament.

On a day of reduced fixtures, Gemcon Group also shone, putting five past Mutual Trust Bank without reply.

In the day's other games, BanglaCat lost out to Olympic Industries 2-4 while BanglaTrac and Grey fought out the sole 0-0 draw of the tournament in an ill-tempered encounter.

## Nuwan toys with Pakistan

**Cricket**

AFP, Colombo

Seamer Nuwan Kulasekera took a career-best 4-21 as Sri Lanka took early charge of the second cricket Test after bowling Pakistan out for a paltry 90 on Sunday.

The tourists, electing to bat on a wicket that provided early assistance to the seamers, slumped to their lowest total against Sri Lanka after being reduced to 19-4 by the seventh over of the match.

Sri Lanka ended the opening day at 164-3 in reply, leaving them well-placed to build on the 50-run win in the first Test at Galle last week that gave them the lead in the three-match series.

Skipper Kumar Sangakkara led the way with an unbeaten 81 after adding 54 for the second wicket with Tharanga Paranavitana and 51 for

the third with Mahela Jayawardene.

Sri Lanka's left-arm fast bowler Thilan Thushara chipped in with two wickets and spinner Ajantha Mendis dismissed the last three batsmen as Pakistan were shot out in 36 overs 45 minutes after lunch.

Former Pakistan captain Shoaib Malik was the lone batsman to defy the Sri Lankan bowlers at the P Sara Oval, returning unbeaten on 39.

Pakistan caved in just as they had done in the second innings of the Galle Test where, needing 97 more to win on the fourth morning, they lost their last eight wickets for 46 runs.

Pakistan's 117 at Galle was their lowest against Sri Lanka, but it took just one more innings to fall below that mark in a reckless display with the bat.

Eight batsmen failed to reach double figures, while debutant Fawad Alam was the second highest scorer after Malik with 16 in 81 minutes.

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Sri Lanka seamer Nuwan Kulasekera bowls on the first day of the second Test against Pakistan at the P Sara Oval in Colombo yesterday.

## Hunte will solve it

**Cricket**

AFP, Kingstown

West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) president Julian Hunte has vowed to put an end to the tribal warfare that has constantly engulfed negotiations between his organisation and the West Indies Players' Association (WIPA).

Hunte insisted that the WICB would not yield to WIPA's go-as-you-please approach to negotiations, and would seek to develop a proper system of consultation between the two sides.

"We have been trying to negotiate with WIPA and somehow we cannot get them in between series to come to the table and negotiate," said Hunte in a radio interview in Trinidad.

"Before a series starts, there will be a flurry of activity, and then they will want to meet to negotiate. This is not good industrial relations practice, and we are going to put a stop to this once and for all."

He added: "When I took up the position as president, I inherited these problems with WIPA, but I can assure you that I am not going to leave it for anyone who replaces me to deal with."

"This has come to a head, and it must stop.

This is damaging to West Indies cricket and these problems before tours and during tours must be eliminated."

A long-running feud between the WICB and the players sparked industrial action by the West Indies squad of 13 named last Monday for the first Test against Bangladesh here.

This left the WICB with less than 48 hours to assemble a replacement side for the Test at the Arnos Vale Sports Complex.

The striking players are protesting playing four series without contracts, outstanding payments, and other issues.

The WICB were holding emergency meetings this weekend here to try to deal with the impasse with the players.

"We will be briefed by the chairman of the negotiating committee (WICB Vice President Dave Cameron), and then we will announce our next move," said Hunte.

A meeting between the WICB and WIPA earlier this week broke down after 23 minutes with the sides no nearer to a solution.

Meanwhile, the opening Test hung in the balance after three days with Bangladesh on 26 without loss in their second innings, after the depleted West Indies were dismissed for 307, replying to their first innings total of 238.