



HE DIDN'T LIKE IT: Australia captain Ricky Ponting (C) puts on a stone face as England's 12th man Bilal Shafayat (L) crosses him with a pair of gloves in an apparent attempt to delay things in the middle during the tense final session of the first Ashes Test in Cardiff on Sunday.

Ponting not happy

Cricket

AFP, Cardiff

Australia captain Ricky Ponting slammed England for a lack of sportsmanship after a controversial conclusion to a dramatic drawn first Test here at Sophia Gardens.

Ashes-holders Australia were poised to go 1-0 up in the five-Test series before England's last-wicket duo James Anderson (21 not out) and Monty Panesar (seven not out) held out for the final 40 minutes to salvage an unlikely draw.

But twice during the 10th wicket pair's 69-ball stand, England 12th man Bilal Shafayat ran onto the field to offer Anderson batting gloves while physio Steve McCaig was eventually ordered off by the umpires after making it to the middle on the second occasion.

During the last Ashes series in Britain in 2005, which England won 2-1, Ponting became incensed at the hosts' tactic of bringing on a 12th man just to give their fast bowlers a breather.

And he let fly on his way back into the pavilion at then England coach Duncan Fletcher after he was run out by substitute fielder Gary Pratt during Australia's fourth Test loss at Trent Bridge even though, on that occasion, fast bowler Simon Jones was off the field with a genuine injury.

Ponting kept his anger in check this time around but made his feelings plain to reporters after stumps.

"I don't think it was required. He [Anderson] changed [gloves] the over before," Ponting said. "I don't think they'd be too sweaty in one over."

Daily Star

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at the STM Hall failed.

The five minute recession until the lights were back to speed proved to be a vital flaw as the Daily Star lost all momentum and conceded to further goals on the counter attack to effectively bow out from the meet.

In other games, Rahim Afroz and Radio Foort fought their way to a thoroughly entertaining 2-2 draw while Nokia were inspired in their 7-3 hammering of Westin.

However, the biggest winners of the evening were undoubtedly hosts Ascent Group who blanked Securix 10-0.

Brac Dairy upstaged Flora Telecom 5-0 in the day's other game.

Newcastle

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Charlie Chawke, one of the members of the Drumaville consortium which took over at Sunderland three years ago, revealed Sunday that he was trying to put together another group to take over at Newcastle.

However, it is understood that consortia from Malaysia and America remain the favourites.

Harper says it is vital to end the uncertainty: "At the moment, the club is not rebuilding - it is in a state of limbo and it is no good for anyone."

"We just want to get this club going back in the right direction and the situation is very, very frustrating for all of us."

Ballack

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behind Liverpool, who had a strong season.

"There are a few moments which decide every championship but we are confident it will be different next time. We have a very experienced squad."

Chelsea are expected to further strengthen their squad before the traditional curtain-raiser of the FA Community Shield against United at Wembley on August 9.

The Blues head out to the United States on a four-match tour later this week, by which time they hope the future of skipper John Terry, currently subject of interest from cash-rich Manchester City, will be resolved.

Qasim new Pak chief selector

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan on Monday appointed former left-arm spinner Iqbal Qasim to chair its cricket selection committee responsible for both senior and junior affairs.

Pakistan last month disbanded its selection committees following the resignation of senior election committee chairman Abdul Qadir, who cited interference in his work by the national coach, captain and others.

Following that resignation, former captain Wasim Bari was appointed to act as a one-man interim committee to select the 15-man squad to tour Sri Lanka.

Pakistan's team are currently in Sri Lanka, where they are playing the second of three Tests, ahead of five one-day internationals and one Twenty20 international.

"Qasim will be heading a five-man selection committee," the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said in a statement.

The other members were named as Salim Jaffer, Ijaz Ahmed, Mohammad Ilyas and Azhar Khan, with Asif Baloch and Farrukh Zaman as co-opted members.

The 55-year-old Qasim, who played 50 Tests for Pakistan in the 1970s and 1980s, served as a member of the selection committee between 2005 and 2007.

The junior selection committee was previously headed by former Test all-rounder Ilyas.

The PCB practice of employing paid selectors since April 2007 has now been rescinded and there are reports in the local media that the new selection committee will be honorary.

Flintoff scare

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Fast bowler Stephen Harmison, not selected for the Ashes opener despite taking six wickets for the England Lions against Australia the week before, was added Monday to a 14-man squad which saw back-up batsman Ian Bell and reserve quick Graham Onions both retain their places.

"We have added Stephen Harmison to our squad for the next Test match as Andrew Flintoff injured his right knee at Cardiff and will undergo a precautionary scan later today (Monday)," said England's selection supremo Geoff Miller.

"Andrew is experiencing soreness and swelling in the knee which he twisted while in the field and he will be reassessed by the medical staff over the next 48 hours leading up to the Test match on Thursday," he added.

Nazmul

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Hossain, 21, picked two wickets on his Test debut against India and has also played 24 one-day international matches.

The Test series will be followed by three one-day internationals and a Twenty20 international.

Hauritz would do it too

Cricket

AFP, Cardiff

Australia's Nathan Hauritz said he would have done all he could to count down the clock if he'd been in England's position after a row over time-wasting soured the climax to the drawn first Test.

England's last-wicket pair of James Anderson and Monty Panesar batted out the final 40 minutes here on Sunday in a stand spanning 69 balls as they secured a thrilling draw and kept the five-match Ashes series all square at 0-0 heading into Thursday's second Test at Lord's.

But their efforts were interrupted by the England 12th man twice going out to the middle late on in what seemed a blatant delaying tactic and a ploy labelled "pretty ordinary" by Australia captain Ricky Ponting.

However, Hauritz said: "At the end of the day they had to last and they faced out the overs. It's dead and buried."

"You are playing for your country to win the Ashes. I don't think anyone expects it to be easy and yesterday wasn't easy," he also told reporters at the squad's hotel here Monday.

"If it was me in that situation I wouldn't be facing up as quick every ball. They did their job."

"If I'm in that situation, if I call for gloves they won't care."

The match was something of a personal triumph for off-spinner Hauritz.

It was widely forecast he would be

outbowled at Sophia Gardens by the England spin duo of Graeme Swann and Panesar.

But Hauritz was the most successful bowler in the first Test, taking six wickets for 158 runs from his 62.5 overs. By contrast, Panesar and Swann had combined figures of one for 246 from 73 overs.

Hauritz was pleased with his haul although the 27-year-old, who has never taken five-wickets in an innings in his first-class career, was savvy enough to know it was unlikely to silence his detractors.

"I think I'll always be written about to be honest. Every game I play in, I'm always going to be Shane Warne's successor."

Hauritz, one of eight frontline slow bowlers used by Australia since leg-spin legend Warne retired from Test cricket in January 2007, had been widely panned ahead of the Ashes opener.

Former Australia captain Ian Chappell damned Hauritz as a "containing bowler" and said of his selection: "Containers are a blessing in the shipping industry, but not a priority when choosing frontline Test bowlers."

And Hauritz gave his critics in Australia and England plenty of fresh ammunition by taking only two wickets for 260 runs in the two warm-up matches before the first Test.

"I didn't give myself much chance of even playing this game (the first Test) at one stage," reflected Hauritz, who, after making his Test debut in India in 2004, joined state side New South Wales when the Wondal-born bowler found he could no longer secure a place in his native Queensland team.

Tamim takes Tigers

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Siddique batted solidly throughout his four-hour stay at the crease, and reached his 50 from 119 balls, when he cut Austin to deep backward point for a deuce.

But in the hunt for quick runs in the final session, he was caught at gully off Sammy before Mohammad Ashraful was adjudged lbw to Kemar Roach for three, and Rakibul was bowled by Sammy for 18.

This was in stark contrast to what transpired before lunch, when Bangladesh made steady progress to reach 109 for one, after they had continued from their overnight total of 26 without loss.

Tamim and Kayes formally took Bangladesh to the lead -- after they trailed West Indies by 69 on first innings -- when Austin delivered a no-ball in his

sixth over.

Tamim then reached his 50 from 72 balls, when he turned a delivery from Sammy into mid-wicket for a single.

But soon after Kayes was caught at extra cover driving at a flighted ball from Austin about an hour before lunch.

After the interval, Tamim and Siddique batted through the entire afternoon session to carry Bangladesh to 200 for one at tea with both reaching their milestones.

After the break, Bangladesh looked to increase the tempo of their scoring, but they lost Tamim caught at mid-on about 20 minutes after the break.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the opening Test between West Indies and Bangladesh at the Arnos Vale Sports Complex in Kingstown

on Sunday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 238 (Mashrafe 39; Roach 3-46) WEST INDIES: First innings 307 (Phillips 94; Mahmudullah 3-59, Rubel 3-76)

BA NGLADESH: Second innings (overnight 26-0)

Tamim c Dowlin b Bernard 128

Imrul c Roach b Austin 24

Zunaid c Richards b Sammy 78

Rakibul b Sammy 18

Ashraful lbw b Roach 3

Shakib not out 26

Mushfiq not out 28

Extras: (lb-8, w-1, nb-7) 16

Total: (For 5 wks in 105 overs) 321

Fall of wickets: 1-82, 2-228, 3-258, 4-261, 5-267

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Roach 18 1 61 1

Best 13 3 49 0

Austin 30 4 78 1

Sammy 23 5 53 2

Miller 17 4 40 0

Bernard 4 0 32 1

Alam ton brings Pakistan

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first innings in check.

The hosts lost their last seven wickets for 63 runs after starting the day at a comfortable 164-3.

Gul extracted reverse swing with the old ball on the dry wicket to rip through the innings, including the wickets of Nuwan Kulasekera and Herath off successive deliveries.

Thilan Thushara denied Gul a hat-trick and Angelo Mathews hit a defiant 27 towards the end to boost Sri Lanka's total from 220-8 before the innings ended 20 minutes after lunch.

The hosts lost the overnight pair of Sangakkara and Thilan Samaraweera within the first hour of the addition of 24 runs.

Samaraweera, who made 21 in a four-wicket stand of 44 with his captain, was run out by a direct throw from Mohammad Aamer at mid-off while trying to attempt a cheeky single.

Sangakkara plodded from his overnight score of 81 to 87 but was denied a 19th Test century when Gul pegged back his off-stump with a reverse-swinging delivery that came in sharply.

Ajmal, who had claimed two wickets on Sunday, earned

another crucial break when umpire Daryl Harper ruled Dilshan caught at the wicket by Kamran Akmal for 20 to make Sri Lanka 203-6.

The hosts tripped to 220-8 soon after, when Gul had Kulasekera edging a wild heave to Misbahul Haq at first slip before taking a return catch off Herath with the next delivery.

Thushara was leg-before to Abdur Rauf in the first over after lunch before Ajmal terminated the innings by having Mathews caught in the covers by Mohammad Yousof.

Sri Lanka won the first Test in Galle by 50 runs last week to take the lead in the three-match series.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the P Sara Oval in Colombo on Monday:

PAKISTAN: First innings 90 (Malik 39 not out; Kulasekera 4-21, Mendis 3-20)

SRI LANKA: First innings (overnight 164-3)

Warnapura lbw b Gul 11

Paranavithana c Akmal b Ajmal 26

Sangakkara b Gul 87

Jayawardene c Manzoorb Ajmal 19

Samaraweera run out 21

Dilshan c Akmal b Ajmal 20

Mathews c Yousof b Ajmal 27

Kulasekera c Misbah b Gul 11

Herath c and b Gul 0

Thushara lbw b Rauf 1

Mendis not out 0

Extras: (b-8, lb-1, nb-8) 17

Total: (All out in 80 overs) 240

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-82, 3-133, 4-177, 5-188, 6-203, 7-220, 8-220, 9-227

Bowler O M R W

Gul 18 1 43 4

Aamer 13 2 36 0

Rauf 11 1 38 1

Ajmal 31 5 87 4

Younus 7 1 27 0

PAKISTAN: Second innings

Manzoorb Dilshan b Herath 38

Fawad not out 102

Younus not out 35

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-1) 3

Total: (For one wkt in 53 overs) 178

To bat: Yousof, Misbah, Malik, Akmal, Gul, Ajmal, Aamer, Rauf

Fall of wicket: 1-85

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Kulasekera 9 2 25 0

Thushara 10 0 32 0

Mathews 6 0 20 0

Mendis 11 0 43 0

Herath 16 1 53 1

Paranavithana 1 0 3 0

LOCAL SNIPPETS

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A total of 72 children are participating in this event, which will end on July 17th. The event is sponsored by Multi Securities and Services Limited.

DC GOLD CUP

Naogaon Zila Dal thrashed Thakurgaon Zila Dal with a 7-1 victory at the Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup Soccer tournament held in Gaibandha stadium on Monday.

Santo of Naogaon netted four goals while Rana scored two. Arif scored the only goal in favour of Thakurgaon.

Today's first semi-final will

be held between Joypurhat and Dinajpur.

DU CHESS

The Dhaka University Inter-Department Chess Tournament '09 was inaugurated at Munir Chowdhury Conference Center on Monday. A total of 20 teams will be participating in this event. The tournament was inaugurated by Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AASMArefin Siddique.

Standard Chartered Chess

The games of the 11th Standard Chartered School Chess Tournament will start from today at N.S.C. Tower

Auditorium Lounge. A total of 240 students are participating in the event including four players from Nepal and eight players from India. The event will be held in a nine round Swiss-League system.

The Press-briefing ceremony of the event was held yesterday at the N.S.C. Conference-Room.

Tournament Committee Chairman Syed Shujauddin Ahmed, Bitopi Das Chowdhury, Head of Corporate Affairs of Standard Chartered Bank and Mr. Md. Haroon-Ur-Rashid, Chief Arbitrer of the event were present in the press briefing.

What an escape!

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technique worthy of top-order batsmen although England angered Australia by sending on physiotherapist Steve McCaig and 12th man Bilal Shafayat in what appeared to be a blatant attempt at time-wasting.

Each ball Anderson and Panesar survived was cheered to the echo by the crowd in what was the first Test match ever played in Wales.

And when Anderson steered Siddle through the slips for four it meant Australia would have to bat again to win the match.

England had let the game get away while making 435 in a first innings where three batsmen, Collingwood included, got past fifty but did not get a hundred.

By contrast, Australia scored four hundreds in the same Test innings against England for the first time with Ponting, Marcus North (125 not out), Simon Katich (122) and Brad Haddin (121) all reaching three figures.

Australia's progress was first checked Sunday by a determined eighth-wicket stand of 62 lasting 81 minutes between Collingwood and Graeme Swann.

But when Swann -- who made 47 not out in the first innings -- was plumb lbw to Ben Hilfenhaus for 31, England

were 221 for eight and the game seemingly over.

The sight of Australia spearhead and left-arm quick Mitchell Johnson bowling wickets with the new ball gave England fans hope that the draw, which had seemed for beyond their side's reach at 70 for five, was coming into view.

England, at lunch, had been 102 for five.

Collingwood's promising stand of 57 with Andrew Flintoff ended when England's 2005 Ashes hero opened the face of his bat against Johnson and was caught low down at second slip by Ponting.

Earlier, star batsman Kevin Pietersen had taken his overnight score from three to eight when, trying to leave a delivery from Hilfenhaus, he got into an awkward position and was bowled off-stump.

Off-spinner Nathan Hauritz, a ball after being cut for four by Strauss, got a delivery to turn and bounce away from the left-hander who edged behind as he attempted another cut and was well caught by wicketkeeper Haddin for 17.

England, already in trouble on their overnight score of 20 for two, were now, at 46 for four in dire straits only for the most unlikely batting heroes to deny Australia victory.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth

day of the first Ashes Test between England and Australia at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff on Sunday:

ENGLAND: First innings 435 (Pietersen 69, Collingwood 64, Prior 56; Johnson 3-87, Hauritz 3-95)

AUSTRALIA: First innings 674-6 declared (Ponting 150, North 125 not out, Katich 122, Haddin 121, Clarke 83)

ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 20-2)

Strauss c Haddin b Hauritz 17

Cook lbw b Johnson 6

Bopara lbw b Hilfenhaus 1

Pietersen b Hilfenhaus 8

Collingwood c Hussey b Siddle 74

Prior c Clarke b Hauritz 14

Swann lbw b Hilfenhaus 31

Anderson not out 21

Panesar not out 7

Extras: (b-9, lb-9, w-4, nb-11) 33

Total: (For 9 wks in 105 overs) 252

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-17, 3-31, 4-46, 5-70, 6-127, 7-159, 8-221, 9-233

Bowler O M R W

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