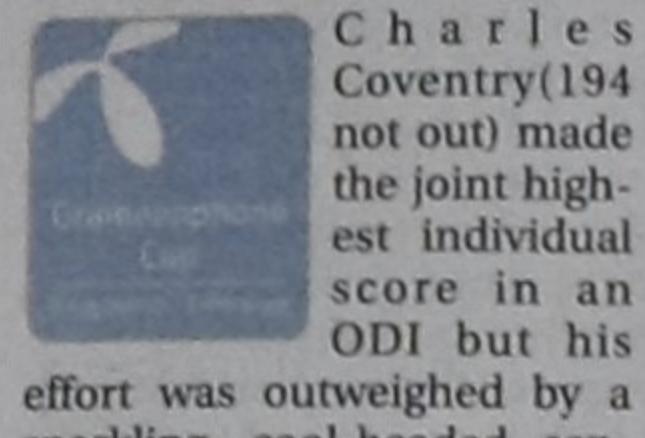


## Tamim outshines Charles

CRICKET, undated



Charles Coventry (194 not out) made the joint highest individual score in an ODI but his effort was outweighed by a sparkling, cool-headed century from Tamim Iqbal (154), who broke the record for the most runs made in an innings by a Bangladeshi batsman, as the Tigers took a winning 3-1 lead in the five-match series against Zimbabwe at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo yesterday.

Coventry's blockbuster innings pushed Zimbabwe beyond 300, far more than Bangladesh have chased before, but the visitors were rarely troubled as they hunted down the target of 313 in 47.5 overs in the fourth match to take their third consecutive series.

Tamim continued his superb run of form and always kept Bangladesh in with a chance of overhauling the massive target.

Zimbabwe's one-down batsman Charles Coventry salutes the crowd on reaching 150 in the fourth one-day match against Bangladesh at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo yesterday. Coventry went on to hammer 194 not out to equal the world record for highest individual score with Pakistan's Saeed Anwar.

to 65 off nine overs but Zunaid's dismissal, and the introduction of Zimbabwe's spinners, sucked the momentum out of the chase. Mohammad Ashraf took his time to settle, and Tamim cut out the big hits for a while, which made the asking-rate make a steady slide upwards.

After hobbling to a boundary-free 10-ball 28, Ashraf chipped a flighted delivery from Ray Price to the covers.

Zimbabwe had been in deeper trouble had substitute Vusi Sibanda held on to a chance from Rokibul Hasan at short fine leg in Price's next over.

Zimbabwe were slowly taking control when Tamim decided to take on the spin-

ers; Malcolm Waller was blasted over long-on and long-off consecutive deliveries, followed by a powerful cut for four. He also came down the track and cracked Price over long-on to get his strike-rate above a 100. There still a long way to go for Bangladesh, but with their best batsman Shakib Al Hasan yet to come, 313 is definitely within their grasp.

Earlier, a blockbuster of an innings from Coventry raised Zimbabwe's chances of levelling the series. Coventry was involved in two substantial partnerships, with Hamilton Masakadza and Stuart Matsikenyeri, on either side of a middle-order collapse to power Zimbabwe to their

second consecutive 300-plus total.

It was a superbly paced innings from Coventry; he provided the impetus after the early dismissal of Mark Vermeulen, then tempered his aggression when the wickets tumbled around him in the middle overs, before finishing off with an awesome display of power hitting. What made it even more astonishing was that the next highest score in the innings was 37, 157 less than Coventry. It was also his first ODI century, and he had never before crossed 106 in any form of senior cricket.

He stomped on the gas soon after reaching his century in the 38th over, particularly targeting the swathe from long-on to midwicket, where he slammed six of his seven sixes. Still, at the end of the 42nd over he was on 129, and the world record didn't seem in his sights. By the end of the 47th he was on 180, and all the interest was around whether he would make an ODI double-century, a feat not

seen since 1992.

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### TOP BANGLADESHI BATSMEN

Batsman	Runs	Balls	Opposition	Venue	Year
Tamim Iqbal	154	138	Zimbabwe	Bulawayo	2009
Shakib Al Hasan	134*	152	Canada	St John's	2007
Tamim Iqbal	129	136	Ireland	Dhaka	2008
Shahriar Nafees	123*	161	Zimbabwe	Jaipur	2006
Shahriar Nafees	118*	148	Zimbabwe	Harare	2006

(\*denotes not out)

### TOP TEN INDIVIDUAL ODI SCORES

Batsman	Runs	Balls	4s	6s	SR	Team	Opposition	Ground
C Coventry	194*	156	16	7	124.35	Zimbabwe	Bangladesh	Bulawayo
Sanwar	194	146	22	5	132.87	Pakistan	India	Chennai
V Richards	189*	170	21	5	111.17	West Indies	England	Manchester
S Jayasuriya	189	161	21	4	117.39	Sri Lanka	India	Shahjahan
G Kirsten	188*	159	13	4	118.23	South Africa	UAE	Rawalpindi
S Tendulkar	186*	150	20	3	124.00	India	New Zealand	Hyderabad
MS Dhoni	183*	145	15	10	126.20	India	Sri Lanka	Jaipur
S Ganguly	183	158	17	7	115.82	India	Sri Lanka	Taunton
M Hayden	181*	166	11	10	109.03	Australia	New Zealand	Hamilton
V Richards	181	125	16	7	144.80	West Indies	Sri Lanka	Karachi

(\*denotes not out)

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### Roberto Martinez

(Wigan soccer manager)  
"He is a really powerful lad, technically excellent, with good pace and he will fit in well to our system. I have no doubts about him adjusting to English football."

After signing Spanish defender Antonio Amaya from Rayo Vallecano on Friday.



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## Trott to keep his cool

AFP, London

Jonathan Trott vowed to stay as "relaxed as possible" after being handed arguably the most daunting set of circumstances possible in which to make his England Test debut.

The South Africa-born batsman was named Sunday in England's 14-man squad for next week's must-win Ashes Test against Australia here at The Oval and national selector Geoff Miller confirmed that, late injury permitting, Trott would play in place of the

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