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FIFA WORLD CUP

Tamim takes fight to England

Cricket
AGENCIES, Manchester

Tamim Iqbal crashed an exhilarating 65 not out off 57 balls as Bangladesh reached 96 for no loss at tea on Day Two of the second and final Test at Old Trafford on Saturday in reply to England's 419 all out.

For the third consecutive innings, the Bangladesh openers passed 80 together, taking advantage of a lacklustre bowling display from England.

Imrul Kayes was unbeaten on 19 from 52 deliveries. It was the perfect start for the tourists who need to win to draw the series.

The ultra-aggressive Tamim, who made 55 and a dashing 103 at Lord's where his side lost, cut, drove and

slashed anything loose.

He was providing England captain Andrew Strauss with a quandary having seen his four-man attack struggle to pose a threat in hot and sunny, good batting conditions.

Even after introducing off-spinner Graeme Swann in the 10th over, on a turning pitch, England still looked toothless.

Tamim skipped down the pitch and drove Swann over long-on for six to reach his 50 from 43 balls. He had hit eight fours as well.

England's bowling analysis was not too flattering with opening pair James Anderson conceding 33 runs from his six overs and Steven Finn 24 from four.

Earlier, Ian Bell's 11th Test century, and third against Bangladesh, helped put England in command before left-arm spinner Shakib Al Hasan claimed three wickets for two runs in 13 balls. The left-arm spinner finished with innings figures of five for 121 in 37.3 overs and, in the process, denied wicketkeeper Matt Prior a third Test century.

Bell was bowled by a sharply spun delivery from for 128, while Prior missed his century and was caught at point for 93 trying a reverse sweep. Bell and Prior combined in a valuable sixth-wicket partnership of 153 which is an England record against the Tigers. They surpassed the 143 Bell and Tim Bresnan put on at Mirpur in March.

The Bangladesh flag at the

PHOTO: AFP



NOTHING CAN RUFFLE HIM: Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan is greeted by Mahmudullah Riyad after the left-arm spinner picked up a five-for against England on the second day of the second Test at Old Trafford in Manchester yesterday.



LARA, GAYLE, NOW TAMIM: Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal pulls Caribbean-style on the second day of the second Test against England at Old Trafford in Manchester yesterday. The left-hander struck his fourth Test century.

Sabrina retains another event

SPORTS REPORTER

Sabrina Sultana retained supremacy in the women's 50m rifle three position when she bagged the gold in the 24th National Shooting Championship at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan yesterday.

Sabrina scored 565 to secure her third gold medal in the event after her success in the 50m prone and 10m air rifles.

Sharmin Shilpa followed her with 556 to secure the silver while Tripti Datta bagged the bronze with a score of 549 points.

In the women's 10m air pistol, Armin Asha became new champion with a score of 457.2 while Ardina Ferdous finished second for silver with 449.2 and Anamika Haque Mukta managed bronze with 448.7.

Muksedur Rahman retained gold in the men's 25m pistol scoring 511 while Selim Azad bagged silver with 486 and Nadimul Islam secured bronze with 484.

Today is the last day of the competition and three events -- skeet final, men's 50m three position and men's 10m air pistol -- will be finalised on the concluding day.

The return of Ronaldo

WORLD CUP 2002 PART III
The Italians did not take defeat with good grace and Perugia, Ahn's Italian employers, through colourful chief Luciano Gaucci, sacked him immediately for his act of treason, saying: "That gentleman will never set foot in Perugia again. He was a phenomenon only against Italy. I have no intention of paying a salary to someone who has ruined Italian football."

Referee Byron Moreno, too, was not a popular figure after sending off golden boy Francesco Totti for a dive in extra-time, dominated by the lively and physically resilient South Koreans, when he tumbled in the box vainly searching for a penalty. Struggling to top each party, expecting it to be the last, over a million people poured out onto the streets of Seoul alone, but it was not long before more face-paint and fireworks were required -

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Ronaldo with the World Cup. PHOTO: STAR ARCHIVE

INTER COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2010

Clear men CONFIDENCE CUP

Inter-college trophy Barisal College's

SPORTS REPORTER

Government Barisal College became champions in the inter-college Clear Men Confidence Cup with a thumping 4-0 victory in the final against Notre Dame College at the Army Stadium in Banani yesterday.

The winners dominated the game from the word go on in the water-logged ground.

The Barisal College led the first half 2-0.

Atiqul Islam Rakib, who was adjudged 'Clear man of

Mikel latest casualty

AFP, Lagos



Nigeria suffered a blow just under a week away from the start of the World Cup as they announced that star midfielder John Obi Mikel had been left out of the squad because he did not want to aggravate a knee injury.

The 23-year-old Chelsea star - who follows club teammates Michael Ballack, Michael Essien and possibly Didier Drogba in missing out on the finals because of injury - has been replaced by striker Brown Ideye, who plays for French First Division side Sochaux.

"We have dropped Mikel from the World Cup squad after he told the team he did not want to put his career at risk as his knee injury has yet to fully heal after a recent surgery," disclosed top team official Emmanuel Attah on Saturday morning.

Attah later announced that Ideye had replaced Mikel after a meeting of federation officials and coach Lars Lagerback.

Ideye was held up in Nigeria for about a week before he could join up with the rest of the squad



JOHN OBI MIKEL

in England as a result of problems with an entry visa to the United Kingdom.

He could therefore only train with the team once before the final 23-man squad was announced on Monday.

Ideye, a former youth international, has yet to be capped at full international level by Nigeria.

Mikel, capped over 30 times, had been a huge doubt for the World Cup as he last played for Chelsea in April.

Before this big injury blow, a confident coach Lars Lagerback had been confident that Mikel would play a part in Sunday's warm-up game against North Korea.

However, others had been concerned that Nigeria were taking a big chance on Mikel after he did not play in the team's two build-up games against Saudi Arabia and Colombia.

He was the last player to join up with the rest of the squad at their training camp in Essex, England, last week and in South Africa, he cut short his work out with the team for two straight days.

Nigeria are drawn in Group B along with two-time champions Argentina, Greece and South Korea and play their first match on June 12 against Argentina.

Afridi wants Younus for Tests

CRICINFO

Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi has reiterated that Younus Khan's experience will be crucial for the side's upcoming Test matches against England and Australia. Younus is the only batsman in the 35-player list of probabilities for the England tour with an average touching 50. He was banned indefinitely by the PCB in the aftermath of a wireless tour of Australia, but the punishment was revoked by the one-man tribunal that heard his appeal on Saturday.

"I don't think it is a big problem that Younus has not been picked in the one-day squad but we definitely need him for the Test matches," Afridi told PTI. "I am sure he will be ready for a Test comeback in England."

Shoaib Malik, whose ban was reversed during his hearing, featured in the one-day squad for the Asia Cup and Afridi hoped Younus would make a similar comeback in time for the Tests.

Younus has been short on international match-practice, having sat out of Pakistan's tour of New Zealand and the Tests in Australia. He returned for the ODI leg of that tour, after which he was banned for disciplinary reasons by a PCB inquiry committee. He is set to turn out for Surrey in the English domestic season, and Afridi hopes that will help him prepare for the Tests.

"I just hope that Younus is able to score runs for Surrey in England. It will be good for us because he is already playing there and would have got used to the English conditions by the time we go there," he said.

India out of tri-series

Cricket

AFP, Harare

India were shut out of the Wednesday's tri-nations final here Saturday when Dinesh Chandimal led Sri Lanka to victory with just 10 balls to spare.

India needed a win to stay in the tournament, which would have given them a slender chance to play in the final on Wednesday.

That would have depended on Zimbabwe then beating Sri Lanka in the last round robin match on Monday. This game will now have no significance for the tournament, but will be a guide to form.

India's score of 268-9 was not quite enough. Sri Lanka hit 270 with 10 balls to spare and six wickets in hand.

India now have six days to wait to play two

Twenty/20 matches against Zimbabwe next weekend, which have been added on to the Tri-nations tournament. With this latest defeat they have dropped to third place behind Australia and South Africa in the ICC ODI rankings.

Chandimal, named man of the match, punished the Indian bowlers with 111 in 118 balls. It was his maiden century in internationals and he said afterwards: "I just played my normal game, which is an aggressive one."

He was partnered for the third wicket of 114 by Chamara Kapudegera in a supporting but important role, scoring 42.

Every one of Sri Lanka's batsmen contributed more than 21.

Tillekeratne Dilshan, the Sri Lanka captain, said he was pleased and relieved not to leave it late getting to the final. "Our plan was to keep the pressure on India all the way. Our fielding

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WORLD CUP POLL

Which star will you miss most in this year's football World Cup?

Ronaldinho	42.3%
Ferdinand	22.6%
Ballack	19.2%
Drogba	13.5%

TOTAL VOTES 208

TODAY'S POLL

Should teams play warm-up matches just before the World Cup?

Visit the sports page of www.thedailystar.net to cast your vote

Schiavone new queen of Roland Garros

AFP, Paris



Francesca Schiavone became the first Italian woman to win a Grand Slam singles title on Saturday after defeating Australian favourite Samantha Stosur 6-4, 7-6 (7/2) in the French Open final.

Victory made the 29-year-old the second oldest first-time Grand Slam women's champion.

It also shattered Stosur's aim of ending Australia's 30-year wait for a women's champion at one of the four majors, a streak stretching back to Evonne Goolagong's 1980 Wimbledon win.

Schiavone, who had lost to Stosur in the first round here last year, got her tactics spot on, trumping the seventh seed's power game with clever variations of pace and movement.

She took the ball early, stepped inside and utilised her greater confidence at the net and with her volley to ensure the 26-year-old Stosur was kept on the defensive.

"I didn't prepare anything to say, because I thought that if I did then this would never happen," said Schiavone, who follows compatriot Adriano Panatta, who was men's champion here in 1976, into the



PHOTO: AFP

Italy's Francesca Schiavone holds aloft the winner's trophy after beating Australia's Samantha Stosur in the French Open singles final at the Roland Garros Stadium in Paris yesterday. Schiavone won 6-4, 7-6.

Easy wins for Turja, Zahid

SPORTS REPORTER

Turja of Pirojpur brushed aside Faridpur's Sajal 21-3, 21-8 in the Citycell 30th National Badminton Championship at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

Bangladesh Railway's Zahid also had a trouble-free outing, beating Doyal of Manikganj 21-5, 21-8.

Touhid Feroze, representing Joypurhat, beat Barisal's Omar 21-11, 21-12.

The day's other winners are Monowar, Pappu, Goutam, Mamun, Sohel, Jamil, Ataur, Rakib, Tushar, Sabbir, Feroze, Hasan, Ashraf, Amin, Noman and Shabbir.

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AUYON RAHMAN, 25, development worker

England all the way. It's a guilty pleasure and a consequence of being a Manchester United fan! But go [Wayne] Rooney!

Logic says Brazil or Spain, so I'll say somebody other than Brazil or Spain.

Gabrielle Marcotti
The Times correspondent

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