

## Ali memorabilia to raise funds for Parkinson's

A collection of Muhammad Ali memorabilia, hand-signed and donated by the celebrated boxer to a Parkinson's disease charity will be sold in London next week. The three-time world heavyweight champion was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the nervous system, in 1984, aged 42. One of the highlights of Bonham's Sporting Memorabilia sale of October 20 is a boxing glove (estimate 600-800 pounds), on which he has written, "Service to others is the rent that we pay on



FITTING END TO A DREAM SERIES: New Zealand's last hope Kyle Mills (L) could only feel his leg-stump being dislodged by a gem of a yorker from Bangladesh paceman Rubel Hossain (R, centre) to spark off a wild celebration for an exciting three-run win in the fifth and final one-day international at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTOS: AFP/STAR

# Tigers paint Kiwis red & green

MOHAMMAD ISAM

With the series-winning trophy, the man-of-the-series award and two more prizes in the bag, Shakib Al Hasan mentioned that the acquisition of a brand new gift had helped them win the fifth and final one-day against New Zealand in such a tense fashion, completing the unexpected 4-0 rout. "When you have the mentality of a winning team, you can get out of any situation," said the No 1 all-rounder in the world both in words and in effort. Bangladesh only made 174 runs from 49.3 overs and during the lunch break, it was partly expected that they would make a fist of it. It was the lowest total they have defended successfully, their previous best being the 185 they defended against Scotland four years ago. Shakib was in the thick of things again, directing traffic and making important bowling changes in a bid to protect the small total, but New Zealand's collapse was never unlikely. He used Rubel Hossain perfectly in the conditions, letting him share the new ball with Shafiqul Islam. Rubel destroyed the Kiwi top-order and made sure they never made an effort to touch the required run-rate during the first 20 overs. "We knew it was possible because this is how winning teams work. If we had been losing, we could have easily given up

quite early," said Shakib while talking to the reporters during the series-ending press conference at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. "Things are different now and the win has made me very happy," he added. The left-hander again starred with the bat, scoring 36 important runs but his dismissal sparked the Tigers' collapse. "We did not bat according to how we planned. But our spirit made sure we pulled through," he said. But despite his untimely dismissal, Shakib picked up two wickets and made sure he was always around when his bowlers were in operation. Shakib has usually been the cheerleader of the team and while he was tired in the fourth game, he was back at his vocal best. He got the better of Nathan McCullum, the Kiwi outfoxed by a flighted delivery as he raged into a charge during a crucial time for the visitors. The send-off, after McCullum got into a tiff with one of the Tigers, was a sign of the team's confidence. "I really enjoy these little words we have with each other in the middle. They tell me something, I give them a reply, I think it's fun," he said frankly after being asked about the incident. Rubel, sitting beside Shakib, looked pleased with his man-of-the-match performance of four for 25. "This is my first man-of-the-match and this could change my life," he said. Asked about the pressure of bowling a



Cricket fans enjoyed every bit of the five-match one-day series of the Tigers against the Kiwis. Here two fans wave the red and green national flag during the fifth one-day international at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

final over of the match, Rubel said that his skipper's words were important for him. "Shakib bhai encouraged me even after I got hit for four. They needed eight runs but we needed just one wicket so I

was always confident," said the 20-year-old Rubel, adding that the bad memories of the tri-series final of early 2009 where he gave away a lot of runs was not in his mind.

But the cause for concern -- Powerplay and the form of Junaed Siddiqui and Rokibul Hasan -- was also on Shakib's mind as he wanted the duo to get back among the runs soon. "I want all the

players, including them, to score runs in the National Cricket League. It worries me slightly but not much because they are capable of making big scores," he said. "We didn't bat our best in the series but our bowling and fielding were up there," he added. Shakib's captaincy has certainly won him a lot of praises again after his year-long stint that ended with the Asia Cup in June. Now, his return to the top is seen by many as a permanent move after Mashrafe Bin Mortaza again got injured and will be out for almost six more weeks. "I have a better record as a captain but I don't know how that happens. When I'm out in the field, I take the best of six or seven options but when I bat, I hardly ever think of captaining. "I think a long-term role is important as it gives the captain time to have a vision and take decisions accordingly," he said.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the fifth and final one-day international between Bangladesh and New Zealand at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday:

**BANGLADESH**  
Kaye lbw b Vettori 34  
Nafees lbw b McKay 11  
Zunaed c Vettori b Mills 10  
Rokibul b Vettori 6  
Shakib c Williamson b Elliott 36  
Mushfiq b Elliott 29  
Mahmudullah lbw b Vettori 19  
Shuvo c B McCullum b Mills 3

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## Trouble around SBNS!

SPORTS REPORTER

It wasn't too bad a start for the Tigers yesterday morning, but there was utter chaos in the surrounding areas of the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. Some estimated that due to the national holiday, more than one lakh people, the majority without a ticket in hand, turned up in a hope to watch Bangladesh make mincemeat of New Zealand. Each queue to the ticket counters on the southern gate went beyond the 10,000-mark and there was a few more that tried to make its way into the main entrance of the stadium. But most had to be refused at the gates as tickets were at a minimum, despite the television showing some parts of the galleries and the clubhouse empty. Some decided to vent their frustration by breaking car windows and the road leading towards the venue was closed off, making it hard for all as they had to walk a long way.

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# Vettori devastated

SAKEB TAHSIN SUBHAN

After a result that would have defied belief before New Zealand's tour of Bangladesh began a 4-0 whitewash at the hands of unfancied Bangladesh Kiwi skipper Daniel Vettori cut a forlorn figure at yesterday's post-match press conference. Trailing 3-0 in the series and with only pride to play for, the visitors seemed to have started on the right track when they induced Bangladesh's first real batting lapse of the tour by dismissing them for a partly 174 inside 45 overs. But it all turned south for Vettori's team thereafter, being cut down to 20-5 midway through the seventh over, before the captain himself and Grant Elliott combined for a valiant 86-run stand that eventually proved to be in vain with the visitors falling agonisingly short by 3 runs in the last over of the match. "We are devastated by the result, especially the last game," said the glum Kiwi captain after the match. "We came into this game trying to rectify a little bit of the tour. We bowled so well and fielded so well, and then to be 20 for 5 put a lot of pressure on us. We couldn't quite recover from that.

"It's incredibly disappointing because we came here with high hopes of preparing for the World Cup, and to win games. To be staring down the barrel of a 4-0 score line is really disappointing." Vettori identified his team's batting as the major area of concern. The New Zealand top order collapsed regularly through the series, with their best score at the fall of the fifth wicket being a mere 135. "We know we played very poorly, every game we were 20 for 5, 50 for 5, 60 for 5. There's no way you can win one-day games from that position," Vettori said. When asked whether he was surprised by Bangladesh's performance, Vettori said that his team knew that winning here was going to be a tough assignment. "We had been tracking them for a while. They played well against England, and had pushed them in every match. "Bangladesh are considered one of the lower teams in world cricket, but they are on the rise. They have proved that they are the better team in these conditions and taught us to do the simple things right, and we will be a very poor team if we cannot learn from that. If we can learn from that then we can

bounce back and come here for the World Cup and prove that we are a better side than we showed here." Vettori however, did not hold back in his praise for opposite number and man-of-the-series Shakib Al Hasan. Shakib has been imperious throughout the series and proved a constant thorn to the Kiwis. "To walk off at the end of the series as the highest run scorer and the highest wicket taker, he has done a fantastic job, and he has captained the side as well. Bangladesh definitely has one of the best players in the world in Shakib." He also had encouraging words for man-of-the-match Rubel Hossain, who broke the back of the Kiwi batting with a 3 wicket burst in his opening spell. "He bowled in tough spots. It's important to take wickets for fast bowlers in these conditions even if you are a bit expensive. With Mashrafe coming back, this will be a well-balanced bowling attack." With their next assignment a daunting tour of India, Vettori was under no illusions as to the steep mountain they would have to climb in order to take something away from that tour. "Doing well against the form team in the world after a result like this is going to be an incredible turnaround, but its something we can aspire to."

# Tigers on a par with WI

Cricket

ICC MEDIA RELEASE, Dubai

Bangladesh have joined the West Indies on 67 ratings points in the Reliance Mobile International Cricket Council ODI Championship after defeating New Zealand 4-0 in the five-match series in Mirpur on Sunday. However, the Tigers are still placed behind the West Indian side when the ratings are calculated beyond the decimal point. To be precise, the West Indies have 67.06 ratings points while Bangladesh now have 66.68 ratings points. Bangladesh had started the series on 53 ratings points and earned 13 ratings points after winning four of the five matches with one being washed out. Bangladesh next host Zimbabwe in a five-match

ODI series over December 1-15 and can potentially have a taste of number-eight position as the West Indies will play five ODIs against Sri Lanka from December 9.

In sharp contrast, New Zealand have plummeted to 96 ratings points after starting the series on 112. As a result, they have now dropped behind Pakistan into seventh position.

**ODI CHAMPIONSHIP**

Ranking	Team	Rating
1	Australia	132
2	India	115
3	Sri Lanka	115
4	South Africa	115
5	England	112
6	Pakistan	99
7	New Zealand	96
8	West Indies	67
9	Bangladesh	67
10	Ireland	39
11	Zimbabwe	38
12	Netherlands	17
13	Kenya	0

## SA clinch series

AFP, Potchefstroom

South Africa claimed an eight-wicket victory in the second one-day international against Zimbabwe at Senwes Park on Sunday. ZIMBABWE: 268 (Taylor 32, Chibhabha 19, Taibu c Theron 78, Flower 22, Ervine 27, Dabengwa 28, Utseya 22; Langeveldt 2-49, Parnell 2-52, Theron 5-44) SOUTH AFRICA: 273 for 2 (Amla 110, Smith 40, De Villiers 101 not out) Result: South Africa won by eight wickets and lead the three-match series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: Rusty Theron.

## Indo-Aussie first ODI abandoned

AFP, Kochi

The first one-day international between India and Australia was abandoned without a ball being bowled on Sunday due to bad weather.

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