

India make it 2-0

Cricket
AFP, Port of Spain

Half-centuries from Virat Kohli and Parthiv Patel followed up Amit Mishra's career-best bowling to lead India to a seven-wicket victory over West Indies in the rain-affected second one-day international on Wednesday.

Kohli struck six fours and one six in 81 from 103 balls to earn the man-of-the-match award, and Patel made 56 from 64 deliveries, as the Indians, chasing a revised target of 183 from 37 overs due to rain, reached their target with 20 balls remaining.

India captain Suresh Raina clinched victory, when he steered a delivery from Ravi Rampaul wide of point for two runs.

India now lead the five-match series 2-0, following a four-wicket victory in the first ODI two days ago at the same venue.

Mishra had upstaged half-centuries from Lendl Simmons and Ramnaresh Sarwan, triggering a batting collapse with a career-best spell, as West Indies posted 240 for nine from their allocation of 50 overs.

Mishra captured four for 31 from his allotment of 10 overs, as the Windies collapsed dramatically from a comfortable 175 for two in the 36th before the hosts' captain Darren Sammy added some late order runs.

Munaf Patel bagged three for 35 from 10 overs, and Yusuf Pathan took two for 51 from eight overs to play their part in destabilising the West Indies' batting.

India suffered an early setback, when Shikhar Dhawan was caught at square cover off Ravi Rampaul for three in the third over.

But a second wicket stand of 120 between Kohli and Patel put India firmly on track, enduring two stoppages for rain.

Patel was caught behind down the leg-side off leg-spinner Anthony Martin in the 27th over, and Kohli was caught at long-off off Devendra Bishoo, the other West Indies leggie, in the 31st over.

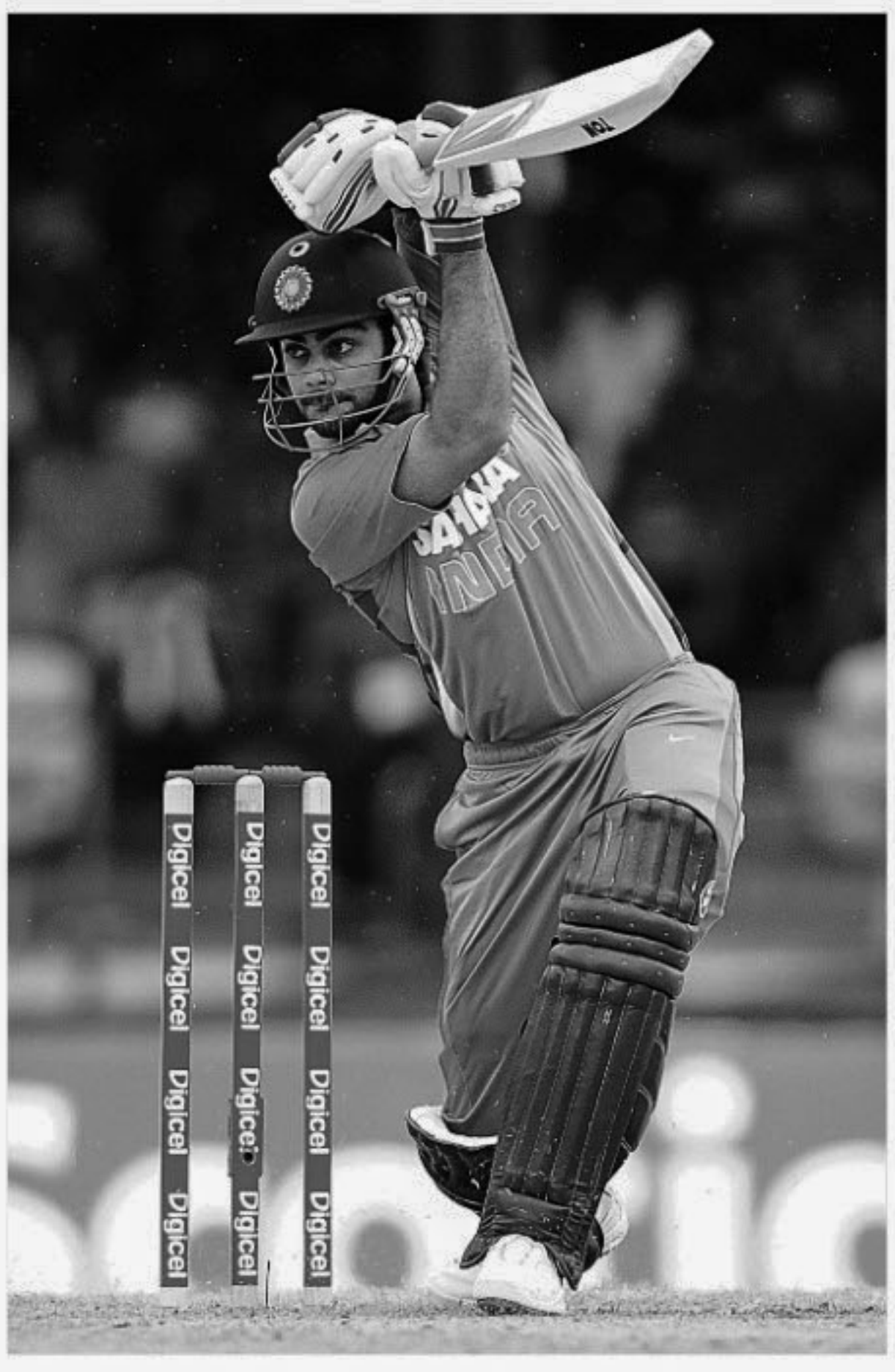
Earlier, India were on the back-foot, when West Indies benefitted from three straight half-century stands.

Sarwan's 56 off 90 balls was the top score, and Simmons supported with 53 from 84 deliveries.

But five wickets -- three to Mishra -- fell for 22 in the space of 47 deliveries before Sammy struck one four and two sixes in 22 from 19 balls to push West Indies to a respectable total.

A back-foot drive off Pathan for a single carried Simmons to his 50 from 76 balls, but the off-spinner had the West Indies opener stumped in the 27th over.

A short delivery from Kumar was pulled over mid-wicket to usher Sarwan to his 50 from 80 balls, but he miscued a pull at a high full toss from Patel, and was caught at deep back-



India batsman Virat Kohli plays a classical cover drive during his match-winning innings of 81 against the West Indies in the second ODI at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain Wednesday.

PHOTO: AFP

ward square leg in the 41st over.

The drama then began to unfold, when Mishra trapped Kieron Pollard lbw for a duck, getting down on one knee and trying to sweep in the 42nd over, and in his next over, the portly Indian leg-spinner struck twice.

The third ODI will be played on June 11 at the Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua.

SCORES IN BRIEF

WEST INDIES: 240 for 9 in 50 overs (Sarwan 56, Simmons 53, Samuels 36; Mishra 4-31, Munaf 3-35)
INDIA: 183 for 3 in 33.4 overs (Kohli 81, Parthiv 56; Rampaul 1-32)
Result: India won by 7 wickets (D/L method)
Man-of-the-match: Virat Kohli.

Tendulkar and Kallis share top spot

PTI, Dubai

India's Sachin Tendulkar and South Africa's Jacques Kallis remained jointly on top of Reliance ICC Player Rankings for Test batsmen. Both Tendulkar and Kallis have garnered 883 points each.

Kallis also maintained his top spot in the list of leading all-rounders in Test cricket.

India's Virender Sehwag and VVS Laxman also held on to their sixth and eighth place respectively. Former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara dropped one place to be at fourth in the current list released by the ICC.

In the list of bowlers, speedsters Zaheer Khan and off-spinner Harbhajan Singh maintained their fifth and seventh position respectively. Dale Steyn is way ahead on top with 899 points with England off-spinner Graeme Swann being a distant second.

Meanwhile, the drawn Test against Sri Lanka at the Lord's means England will not now be able to displace South Africa as the No 2 team in Test matches behind India.

The best series result England can now achieve is 2-0 which will put them alongside South Africa on 117 ratings points but it will be ranked behind the Proteas when the ratings are calculated beyond the decimal point.

Nadal getting into the grass groove

Tennis
AP, London

Just three days after winning the French Open for a sixth time, Rafael Nadal began his preparations for Wimbledon with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Australian qualifier Matthew Ebden in his opening match at Queen's Club on Wednesday.

The top-seeded Spaniard was never at his best, but broke in the opening game of each set to beat his 168th-ranked opponent comfortably and move into the third round.

While Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer both pulled out of their scheduled Wimbledon warmup events this week, Nadal opted to play despite the short turnaround after the French Open.

It was midnight when Nadal returned to his hotel after beating Federer on Sunday for his sixth title at Roland Garros. After a few hours' sleep, he was up early on Monday for a photocall at Disneyland Paris before heading to London later the same day and straight to the practice courts at Queen's Club.

There wasn't even time for a glass of champagne to celebrate matching Bjorn Borg's record for French Open titles.

"To celebrate the victory, I'm going to have time later," Nadal said. "I have to be focused on the grass-court season."

Nadal's movement was often awkward on the grass Wednesday, and he let out a yelp of frustration at 3-2 in the second set when a routine forehand drifted into the tramlines.

Ebden, playing only his 11th match at this level, went on to earn his one and only chance

to break serve in the match, but Nadal found a big first serve when it counted to weather the threat.

"It's impossible to be playing well the first day," said Nadal, the 2008 Wimbledon champion. "The energy is not in the perfect condition right now but I'm here to try my best as usual."

"I'm here because I love this tournament... but at the same time, it works for me to try to start to have the feelings on grass. Sure, my conditions are not perfect because I feel everything (his muscles) a little more tighter than usual."

Nadal, who will face Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic in the third round, was kept waiting in the locker room on Wednesday by several rain delays and a three-set match between second-seeded Andy Murray and Xavier Malisse.

Murray, who reached the French Open semifinals last week despite injuring his ankle earlier in the tournament, beat Malisse 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 to set up a third-round meeting with Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia.

In other matches, the 14th-seeded Tipsarevic defeated American Michael Russell 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5), while eighth-seeded Marin Cilic of Croatia also advanced, beating French qualifier Arnaud Clement 6-4, 6-4.

David Nalbandian defeated Serbian qualifier Ilija Bozoljac 6-4, 6-4, and 15th-seeded Kevin Anderson swept past Donald Young of the United States 6-2, 6-4.

In a late match, Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina beat Igor Kunitsyn 6-4, 6-4 to reach the third round, where he will face Gilles Simon of France.

Police Instt champions

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It was however Arafat Khan who was adjudged man-of-the-final for his stroke-filled 61-ball 59 that contained three fours and two sixes. His knock and captain Shariful Islam's 79-ball 45 helped the Chittagong Police Institute put up a fighting total on the board despite pacer Rakibul Islam's five-wicket haul.

"For everybody it's their first experience of playing at the country's premier venue, so everybody was excited and it's our first match in the tournament which was played on

a turf wicket. We have our own ground at the school and we play cricket regularly. The result was the outcome of the good facilities in our school," said an excited Shariful, a student of class ten.

It took four months to finish the tournament but man-of-the-final Arafat said that they enjoyed the tournament. "We really enjoyed the tournament. We are really happy as we became champions in the tournament for the first time. It's for the first time we played cricket in Dhaka, especially at

Mirpur," said Arafat, the class seven student.

Shakil Hossain came to Dhaka to watch the final despite his team Pabna Zilla School being eliminated from the semifinal, as the allrounder was adjudged best player of the tournament. Shakil claimed 17 wickets in six matches with his pace bowling and scored 95 runs.

"I enjoyed the tournament very much. Shane Watson is my idol and my dream is to play for the national team," said Shakil.

Everybody however ech-

Super Cup

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have expressed their interest to play the second-tier league and we will ask other clubs to apply by June 30. Those who already submitted applications have been requested to reconfirm their application," said Murshedy.

Replying to a query, Murshedy said that they have already got an application from Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation who wanted to participate in the top-tier Bangladesh League, and that they would send it to the BFF executive committee to seek suggestions about the side that has good organising capacity, financial backup and a rich football heritage.

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International Stadium.

"I can ensure you that the pitch will be prepared to an international standard before the teams face-off here. We will start work on the pitch as soon as the Super Cup will be finished in mid-July. This will give us a month and a half to prepare the pitch fully."

He also stated that there would be renovation work done in the dressing rooms to bring them up to international standards.

Regarding tickets, Salahuddin stated that while no final decision had been taken, it was envisioned that the minimum rate for gallery tickets would be Tk 7,500 (\$100).

'Stabbed in the back'

Cricket
AFP, Sydney

Test opening batsman Simon Katich has been stabbed in the back and "appallingly hung" in being dumped from Cricket Australia's 2011-12 contract list, former greats said in reports on Thursday.

Katich was the notable omission when the list of CA's contracted players for next season was released on Tuesday, effectively ending the 56-Test batsman's international career.

Chairman of selectors Andrew Hilditch said his panel felt it was time to forge a new opening partnership ahead of the next Ashes series against England in two years' time, and there was now no room for 35-year-old Katich. But the decision outraged former players and cricket writers.

"If his replacement

came in scoring hundreds and was red hot, then I can understand an injury stopping someone in their mid-30s," television pundit and former Test opener Michael Slater told the Daily Telegraph.

"But that clearly hasn't happened... I think he has been appallingly hung."

Bob Simpson, who returned to cricket at the age of 41 to captain Australia during the World Series crisis in the 1970s, said he was shocked by Katich's axing.

"When you are regenerating a team you are looking for three or four players who are reliable and will do their job and you start with the opening batsmen. If you have two great opening batsmen you are on your way," Simpson told The Australian.

"Age shouldn't be brought into [it]," Simpson said. "In

Simon's case he has proved himself and been successful since returning."

Katich and Shane Watson average over 50 as an opening partnership, a figure only beaten by Simpson and Bill Lawry. Former Test batsman Mark Waugh said he found Katich's demise a hard decision to comprehend.

"I know he's 35, but who's to say he hasn't got a good 12 to 24 months left in him? It's a bit of a shock for sure," Waugh told Fox Sports.

The Asia Foundation
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The Asia Foundation's Promoting Democratic Institutions and Practices (PRODIP) project in Bangladesh is seeking qualified applicants for several positions. PRODIP is a five-year program funded by the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) designed to work with both the Parliament of Bangladesh and citizen groups to create an open and effective Parliament and a more constructive and sustainable role for civil society in democratic governance.

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Sanath surprise

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Jayasuriya, who retired from test cricket in 2007, remains Sri Lanka's highest run scorer in one-day internationals with 13,428 runs from 444 matches.

Pace bowler Lasith Malinga, who quit test cricket last month, has also been included in the 16-member squad along with uncapped left-handed opener Dimuth Karunaratne.

Sri Lanka currently trail England 1-0 after two Tests of a three-match series and will play one Twenty20 and five one-dayers against the hosts, followed by 50-over matches against Ireland and Scotland to conclude the tour.

SQUAD

Tilakarathne Dilshan (captain), Thilina Kandamby, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardena, Dinesh Chandimal, Jeevan Mendis, Dimuth Karunaratne, Thissara Perera, Lasith Malinga, Nuwan Kulasekera, Suranga Lakmal, Dilhara Fernando, Suraj Mendis, Ajantha Mendis, Angelo Mathews, Sanath Jayasuriya.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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