

# 2nd Test from today

England want more like Lord's

## Cricket

AFP, Nottingham

England will look for more of the same against India in the second Test at Trent Bridge starting here on Friday.

They thrashed the tourists by 196 runs on Monday, with James Anderson taking five for 65 in front of a full house at Lord's in the 2,000th Test of all-time.

England, who will replace India at the top of the ICC's Test table if they win this four-match series 2-0 or better, had things pretty much their own way at Lord's, with Kevin Pietersen making a double century, Matt Prior a reviving second innings hundred and Stuart Broad returning to his best bowling form.

And even when dropped catches or contentious lbw decisions, for which there are no reviews this series because of Indian objections to ball-tracking technology, went against England, it made little difference.

"We know we're playing really, really good cricket at the moment," said Anderson. "Everyone's chipping in -- and if we need someone to step up, generally someone is."

"We're trying to improve each day, as

individuals and as a team. If we can do that, we know we can do great things."

Anderson, often a beneficiary of the swing friendly conditions on offer at Trent Bridge, has dismissed Sachin Tendulkar six times in seven Tests, including lbw for 12 in the second innings at Lord's to leave the India great stranded on 99 international hundreds.

"When you get him out you know it's a key dismissal, so we know we've got to be on top of our game to do that," Anderson said.

England had a huge break at Lord's when Zaheer Khan broke down early with a hamstring injury and then didn't bowl at all in the second innings.

England have a doubt over fast bowler Chris Tremlett, unable to train on Wednesday because of a tight hamstring.

If Tremlett is sidelined, fellow Ashes-winner Tim Bresnan will be recalled.

Rahul Dravid was the only member of India's celebrated top order to make a century at Lord's but the likes of Tendulkar and Venkatsai Laxman will be keen to post a significant score.

So too will 21-year-old left-hander Abhinav Mukund, opening while Virender Sehwag recovers from a shoulder injury.

Sehwag has an unrivalled ability to attack the new ball whereas Mukund, who

made 49 and 12 at Lord's, is a far more orthodox opener.

"I don't want to replace Sehwag or play like he does, because it's not possible," Mukund said. "I just want to go out and play how I know. If it comes off it will help the team."

And he insisted India were well-capable of demonstrating the resilience that had taken them to the summit of Test cricket during the rest of this series.

"Being the world number one, the India team has conquered a lot of challenges on the way here."

"We've come here to take up this challenge, and will definitely give it a good fight."

### SQUADS

ENGLAND (from): Andrew Strauss (captain), Alastair Cook, Jonathan Trott, Kevin Pietersen, Ian Bell, Eoin Morgan, Matt Prior, Stuart Broad, Graeme Swann, Chris Tremlett, James Anderson, Tim Bresnan.

INDIA (from): Abhinav Mukund, Gautam Gambhir, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Suresh Raina, Venkatsai Laxman, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Harbhajan Singh, Praveen Kumar, Ishant Sharma, Zaheer Khan, Shanthakumaran Sreesanth, Amit Mishra, Yuvraj Singh, Munaf Patel, Wridhiman Saha.



PHOTO: REUTERS

England fast bowler James Anderson (2nd from L) and batsman Eoin Morgan (R) do the strength test during a training session at Trent Bridge in Nottingham yesterday, ahead of today's second Test against India.

## Tigers' travel hassle

SPORTS REPORTER from Johannesburg

The Bangladesh cricket team ran into some complications on their journey to Zimbabwe for a Test and five-ODI tour in Doha yesterday. After their long stop-over in Doha the Tigers and the accompanying journalists were denied passage to Johannesburg because they were without South African transit visas, the possession of which is a new regulation for passengers passing through South Africa. The BCB were apparently unaware of this new rule, and after communication with the authorities in South Africa, the situation was resolved and the team continued on their journey after a one-hour delay.

## Four leave for S'pore

SPORTS REPORTER

Four Bangladeshi cricketers left Dhaka yesterday to play in the IA T20 Super Challenge Cup in Singapore that begins today.

Alok Kapali, Sohrabadi Shuvo, Naem Islam and Syed Rasel will all play in the ICS Lions side in the four-team tournament with Australian paceman Shaun Tait being their icon player, replacing Lasith Malinga of Sri Lanka.

Malinga's compatriot Sanath Jayasuriya, Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar and former New Zealand speedster Shane Bond are the other famous names in the competition which has been organised by the Singapore Indian Association.

ICS Lions take on Sentosa Challengers in the opening game of the three-day competition.

## Bangladesh

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In the other matches, West Bengal beat Maldives 77-71 after leading the first half 45-36 points. Shuvash scored 23 and VV Pillay 20 for the winners while Jilal caged 24 and Afsan 12 for the losers.

Malaysia posted a 78-61 victory over Bhutan. The winners led the first half by 41-35 points.

Galden caged 24 and Kesang 13 points for Bhutan while Tan scored 18 and Sim 12 for Malaysia.

## Zaheer blow

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Dhoni asked if Gambhir was doubtful for the second Test, replied: "As of now, yes."

If he were ruled out Rahul Dravid, as happened in the second innings at Lord's, would be promoted to open the innings with Yuvraj Singh in line to take Gambhir's place in the team.

## Lochte breaks record, but at cost of Phelps

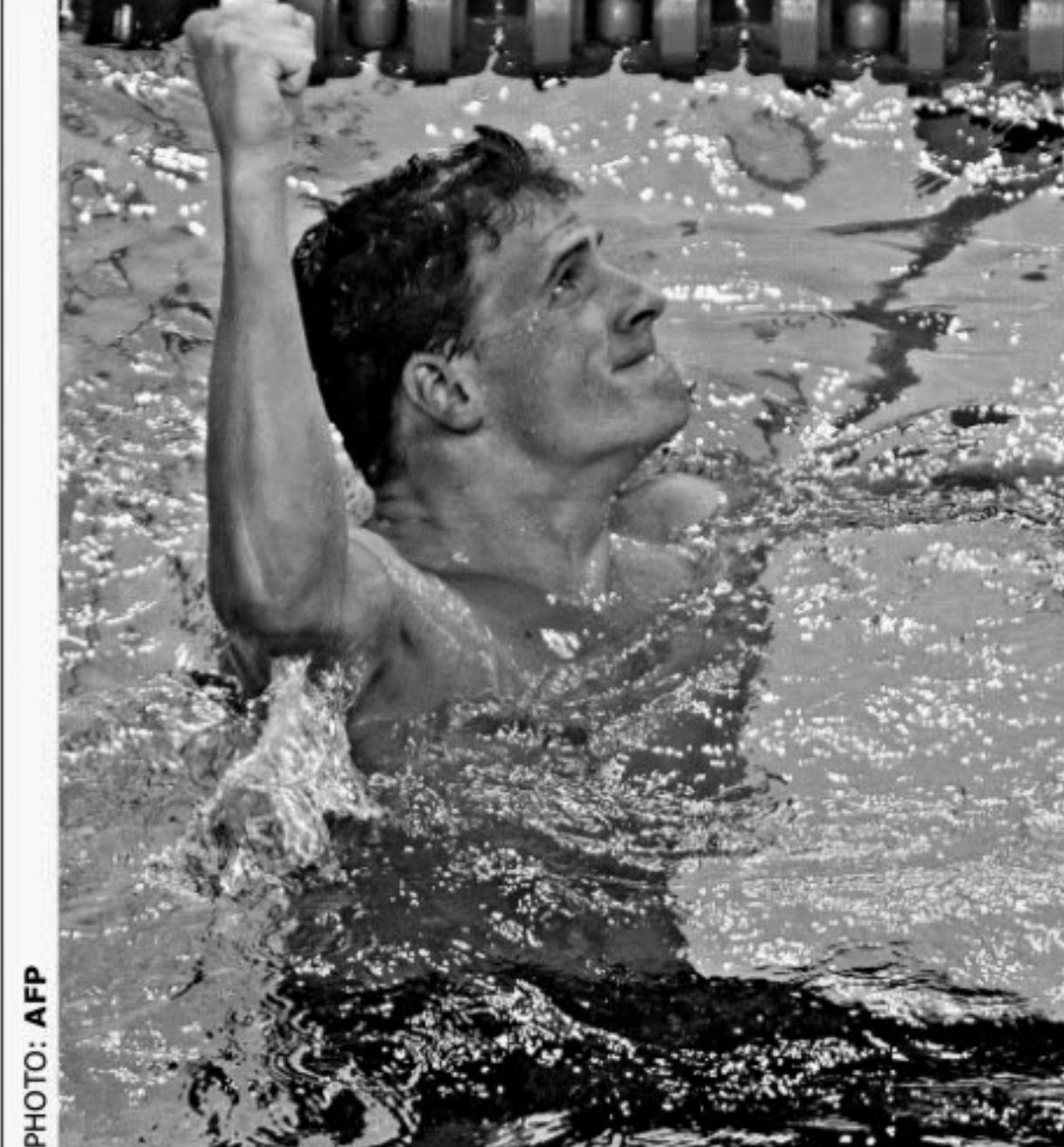
### Swimming

AFP, Shanghai

America's Ryan Lochte broke a 19-month record drought and deepened Michael Phelps's season of woe Thursday as he won a thrilling 200m individual medley at the World Championships in Shanghai.

In a high-tempo evening at Oriental Sports Centre, Australian hotshot James Magnussen delivered a fifth-to-first victory in the 100m freestyle and Jiao Liuyang claimed China's fourth swimming gold in the women's 200m butterfly.

Lochte out-duelled Olympic champion Phelps to win the medley in 1min 54.00sec,



US swimmer Ryan Lochte clenches his fist in celebration after winning the final of the men's 200-metre individual medley swimming event in the FINA World Championships at Oriental Sports Center in Shanghai yesterday

## Censure motivated

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behind the 2-0 win over Lebanon in Dhaka.

"We had earlier sought pardon of the football-loving people of Bangladesh after losing 4-0 in the first leg and we were keen to prove that Bangladesh are not a team to concede 4 goals. Besides, we were all fit and comfortable in our home conditions and finally proved our worth," said Sujan.

The desire to compensate for the huge loss in Beirut was stronger for the striking duo Emily and Mithun, as they were condemned for breaking team discipline by playing on hire just the day before their departure to Lebanon for the first-leg match.

"Me and Emily could not sleep well and felt ashamed of what we did and are very keen to erase the memory of our misdeeds from people's minds by doing something good for the country. This eagerness drove us to play better in front of the home crowd," said Mithun, who opened the account after the barren first half.

"You saw what we did as all of us gave 200 percent and left the field with heads held high as we were determined to win the match regardless of whether we advance to the next round," said Emily, adding that the gruelling journey to Lebanon and some problems there cost them dearly in the first-leg match.

Goalkeeper Mamun, who foiled at least three efforts from the opponents, said their determination to do something better drove them to put on a good show and hoped that he would try his level best in future. Ilievski also termed Mamun the successor of retired goalkeeper Aminul Haque.

On the other hand, Lebanon coach Emile Rustom congratulated the Bangladesh side for the brave show but believed that Lebanon had missed a lot of chances, which cleared the path for Bangladesh.

"I was expecting that the game would be a difficult one but our players squandered a lot of chances," said Rustom adding that it was difficult for Bangladesh to win the game by a 4-0 margin though everything is match possible.

"After winning the first-leg match comprehensively, perhaps our players were relaxing a bit," Rustom said. "It was the same Bangladesh in Beirut but today they availed the chances that came their way and in contrast our players failed to cash in on the opportunities they created."

## Vi quarunnisa Group A champs

SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Vi quarunnisa Noon School & College became Group A champions to reach the semifinal of the 14th Delta Life Women's College/University Handball Tournament with a massive 27-1 goals victory over Dr. Malika University at the Handball Stadium yesterday.

Eden Girls College and Siddeshwari Girls College also moved into the semifinals eliminating their respective rivals in the last group matches.

Eden Girls College defeated Dhaka Imperial College 19-1 after leading the first half 9-1 while Siddeshwari Girls College beat Mirpur Girls Ideal Laboratory Institute 13-1 after leading the first half 8-1.

Last time runners-up Siddeshwari Girls College will meet Eden Girls College at 11am while Vi quarunnisa Noon School & College will play Home Economics College at 4pm in today's semifinals.

In the day's other match, Holy Cross College defeated Ispahani Girls School & College 9-1 after leading the first half 4-0.

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## London begins 2012 Olympics countdown

APP, London

The one-year countdown to the 2012 Olympics got underway here Wednesday with officials bullishly predicting London was on course to deliver the best ever games with 12 months to go.

International Olympic Committee chief Jacques Rogge was set to extend a formal invitation to the world's athletes during a 7:00pm ceremony at Trafalgar Square in the culmination of day-long events to mark the one-year milestone.

British diver Tom Daley was due to plunge into the waters of the gleaming new Aquatics Centre, one of an array of new venues which have been built at the 2.5 square kilometre (one square mile) Olympic Park site in east London.

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