

BD-PAK SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and last day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan in Mirpur on Wednesday:

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PAKISTAN

First innings 470 (Umar 130, Misbah 70, Azhar 57, Akmal 53; Shakib 6-82)

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BANGLADESH

Second innings (overnight 114-5)

Tamim c Misbah b Gul

21

Nazimuddin b Rehman

12

Nafis lbw b Gul

0

Mahmudullah c Rehman b Cheema

32

Nasir b Rehman

79

Shakib c Azhar b Cheema

6

Mushfiqur c Ajmal b Rehman

53

Sunny b Ajmal

4

Shahadat c Younis b Rehman

1

Nazmul not out

8

Robiul st Akmal b Ajmal

0

Extras: (b-10, lb-7, w-1)

18

Total: (All out in 82.1 overs)

234

Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-24, 3-54, 4-76, 5-95, 6-212, 7-221, 8-226, 9-228

Bowler

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Gul

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Cheema

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61

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Rehman

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Ajmal

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Hafeez

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Azhar

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PAKISTAN

Second innings

Hafeez c Shahadat b Shakib

47

Umar c Nazimuddin b Nazmul

3

Azhar b Sunny

34

Younis not out

16

Misbah not out

6

Extras: (nb-1)

1

Total: (For three wkts in 20.5 overs)

107

Did not bat: Shafig, Akmal, Rehman, Gul, Ajmal, Cheema

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-70, 3-101

Bowler

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Shakib

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Shahadat

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Robiul

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Sunny

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Result: Pakistan won by seven wickets

Rajshahi rout Metro

Enamul first to reach 300 first-class wickets

SPORTS REPORTER

Rajshahi crushed Dhaka Metro by nine wickets in the National Cricket League's second phase game yesterday, but the individual milestones of Enamul Haque Jr and Mithun Ali kept the spotlight firmly at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong.

Enamul became the first Bangladeshi bowler to take 300 first-class wickets when he had Al-Amin Hossain caught at mid-off off the fifth ball of his 32nd over. He left Mohammad Sharif, who has taken 272 wickets, a way behind earlier this season while

ENAMUL... 300 wkts

Mohammad Rafique is in third position with 237 scalps.

The wicket, apart from giving the left-arm spinner a five-for, was the end of Khulna's innings which also contained yet another Mithun century, his second of the game. He became the fourth Bangladeshi to accomplish this feat after Minhazul Abedin, Javed Omar and Shahin Hossain.

The 271 all out set Sylhet an improbable 332 runs to chase. Dollar Mahmud took four quick wickets before Rajin Saleh's unbeaten 66 kept Sylhet afloat and when the bails were pulled off by the umpires, they had safely negotiated the draw.

At the Sylhet Divisional Stadium, Mehrab Hossain's century held up Rajshahi for a while but Dhaka Metro were bowled out for 274 in the second innings. Mukhtar Ali and Forhad Reza took four wickets each.

The defending champions took only 10.3 overs to get the 72 required to win.

SCORES IN BRIEF

DHAKA METRO: First innings 201 and second innings 274 all out in 99.5 overs (Ashraf 69, Mehrab 101; Forhad 4-69, Mukhtar 4-39).

RAJSHAHI: First innings 404-5 dec and second innings 72-1 in 10.3 overs (Forhad 36 not out, Mizanur 27 not out).

Result: Rajshahi won by nine wickets

KHULNA: First innings 301-9 dec and second innings 271 all out in 83.5 overs (Mithun 100, Sahagir 26; Enamul 5-95)

SYLHET: First innings 251-9 dec and second innings 164-7 in 60 overs (Rajin 66 not out; Dollar 4-37).

Result: Match drawn.

India's tour game drawn

AFP, Canberra

Usman Khawaja and Phillip Hughes responded to their dumping from the Australian Test squad with a century opening stand as the Chairman's XI's tour match against India petered out into a draw Wednesday.

Khawaja (56 not out) and Hughes (42 not out) put on 100 for the first wicket chasing 145 when both captains agreed to call the match off ahead of India's opening Test against Australia starting in Melbourne next Monday.

Khawaja and Hughes were left out of a 13-man Australian squad announced on Wednesday for the MCG Test and took out their frustrations on the Indian bowlers.

There were two generous declarations on the third and final day with a result made meaningless as India sought to wrap up their preparations for the Boxing Day Test.

Skipper David Warner declared the Chairman's XI first innings at the overnight total of 215 for seven, 54 runs adrift of India's first innings 269.

Virender Sehwag again fell cheaply following his 12 in the first innings with just eight in his second turn for the tourists.

Sehwag only lasted eight balls before he edged paceman Peter George to first slip. It

was the second time George had snared Sehwag's prized wicket in the match.

Ajinkya Rahane was the only other wicket to fall, with the batsman caught behind off Josh Lalor for a duck as India declared at 90 for two at lunch.

Test opener Gautam Gambhir was left unbeaten on 42 off 98 balls with Rohit Sharma not out 38.

Only 30 overs were bowled in the Chairman's XI second innings with Test pace-man Ishant Sharma granted permission to bowl on the final day despite not being included in India's original 13-man squad.

Sharma, troubled by an ankle injury in the tourists' opening two-day game last week, finished with 0-18 from four overs.

While the match largely served as preparation for India ahead of the first Test it also provided Chairman's XI opener Ed Cowan with his launching pad into the Australian squad after his 109 on Tuesday's second day.

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INDIA: First innings 269 (Kohli 132, Sharma 47; J. Holland 6-70)

CHAIRMAN'S XI: First innings 215 for 7 decl (Cowan 109; Ashwin 4-52)

INDIA: Second innings 90 for 2 decl (Gambhir 42 not out, Sharma 38 not out)

CHAIRMAN'S XI: Second innings 100 for no loss (Khawaja 56 not out, Hughes 42 not out)

Result: Match drawn.

Ilievski, BFF part ways

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your cooperation," he said.

It was learnt yesterday that Ilievski had cut his relationship with the BFF through mutual consent as the football's governing body was not happy with the Macedonian coach after Bangladesh's poor performance in the SAFF Championship.

It is also believed that since there are no international commitments of the national football team in next six months and because of an acute financial crisis, the BFF decided to accept Ilievski's decision. In his short stint, the Macedonian guided Bangladesh to two wins, two

draws and three defeats.

The 57-year coach, however, spoke with hope about Bangladesh's future saying that they have a number of talented footballers. He also urged the BFF to field the National U-23 team in the professional football league.

"So far 11 teams will play the league (Bangladesh Premier League) and it is better to play an U-23 team in the league because they young players will get at least 18 matches (actually it is 22 matches if under-23 team is allowed in the league) and it is a cheaper model than one that requires sending the national side outside Bangladesh," he said.

Replying to a query, NTMC chairman Badal Roy said, "We are also responsible for the failure. But we have been trying to do something for football and obviously we will resign from the NTMC if we feel we are not performing."

The BFF vice president said they would think deeply before appointing another coach. The Bangladesh post though looks set to be empty for some time as there is hardly any hope to find a coach before next April, when the four-year tenure of the Kazi Salahuddin-led committee will come to an end.

From safety to defeat

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have been different if the Bangladesh captain held his nerve at a crucial moment.

Bangladesh pushed close through brilliant batting from Mushfiqur and Nasir, who guided Bangladesh through the first session without any damage with the scoreboard reading 200 for five, but they fell short of holding on for a draw when an arm ball from left-arm spinner Abdur Rehman bamboozled Nasir, who saw his stumps dismantled.

But still hopes of a draw were alive until Mushfiqur made a mistake. The right-hander unnecessarily went down the pitch to charge Rehman but miscued his chip shot to see the ball

landing in the safe hands of Saeed Ajmal at mid-off. That opened the gate for Pakistan to finish off Bangladesh's longish tail.

Nasir top-scored with 79 off 172 balls with eleven boundaries while Mushfiqur his seven fours in his 53 off 143 balls. Their efforts helped Bangladesh score 234 runs in their second innings, leaving Pakistan to achieve chase 103 runs in 40 overs.

Pakistan scored quickly in their chase, wary of the bad light factor and reached the target for the loss of Mohammad Hafeez (47), Taufeeq Umar (3) and Azhar Ali (34) in 20.5 overs.

If playing one session without the loss of a wicket

was the high point then the poor shot selection, which has been the main headache of the team for a while, from Mushfiqur was the low point of the final day's play.

The first session belonged entirely to the home team, raising hopes of an honourable draw. They were just another good session away from safety, but Mushfiqur's wicket at the worst possible time spoiled the party for the hosts, leaving a strong Pakistan to end their successful year in the best possible way.

But still, the Tigers can at least take some positives out of this match when they next play a Test, which will once again be after a long break.

MSC women booters win

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting's women's football team started their tour of the northern districts with a 3-0 win over Rangpur district women's team at the Rangpur District Stadium yesterday. Lina chakma scored twice while Elite scored one goal for Mohammedan.

Mohammedan team left Dhaka on Tuesday to play eight friendly matches against eight northern district women's teams. The next matches are against Panchagargh (Dec 23), Thakurgaon (Dec 24), Dinajpur (Dec 26), Nilfamari (Dec 27), Lalmonirhat (Dec 28), Kurigram (Dec 29) and Gaibandha (Dec 30).

Fed Cup b'ball semis today

SPORTS REPORTER

Europa Youth will take on Border Guard Bangladesh while BKSP will play against Bakshibazar in the two semi-finals of the Citycell Federation Cup Basketball Championship at the Dhanmondi Indoor Basketball Gymnasium today. Bakshibazar were the last team to book their berth in the semis after defeating Wraiths by 56-53 points in a keenly contested match yesterday. Bakshibazar led the first half by 34-28 points. Motasin scored highest 20 points for Bakshibazar while Ibrahim caged 15 for Wraiths.

In Tuesday's late match, BKSP beat Gregarious by 60-43 points, after leading the first half 22-18, to confirm their semifinal berth.

Mushfiq

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He credited the individual performers though regretted the dropped catches that made the bowling weaker. "I thought there were a couple of good individual performances. I think it's a great feat by Shakib Al Hasan, he bowled really well. He also batted well."

"It was good from Nazimuddin as a Test player, as well as Nasir Hossain and Shahriar Nafees. Our bowlers created a lot of chances. But we let ourselves down in one department, and that's fielding," he said.

Nasir, who made 79 on the fifth and final day, said that a drawn game would have made him happier than the century.

"I would have been happier had we played out a draw rather than the century. I wanted to bat till tea, not get the ton.

"But I feel good to score 79 against a team like Pakistan. It wasn't easy, but I was confident. I like batting at five as I can have the other batsmen around me," said Nasir.

Hughes, Khawaja dropped

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Batsmen Phillip Hughes and Usman Khawaja were dumped from Australia's squad named Wednesday for next week's opening Test against India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Selectors named a 13-man squad with Shaun Marsh, Ed Cowan and Ben Hilfenhaus included, but there was no place for injured allrounder Shane Watson and fast bowler Ryan Harris.

Chief selector John Inverarity said the size of the squad was due to the continuing uncertainty about the fitness of Marsh, who has been troubled by a back complaint.

"Phillip Hughes and Usman Khawaja have been omitted from the Australian team that played against New Zealand in Hobart and Marsh, Ed Cowan and Ben

Hilfenhaus have been added to the squad," Inverarity said.

"Shane Watson was not considered for selection as he has not recovered sufficiently from his (hamstring/calf) injury, while Ryan Harris has not yet achieved the volume of bowling required to be available for consideration for Test selection."

Cowan was included on the strength of his 109 against India playing for a Chairman's XI in Canberra on Tuesday along with two centuries in this season's domestic Sheffield Shield and one for Australia against the touring New Zealanders.

"Ed Cowan has been in excellent form in recent weeks," Inverarity said.

SQUAD

Michael Clarke (captain), Brad Haddin, Dan Christian, Ed Cowan, Ben Hilfenhaus, Michael Hussey, Nathan Lyon, Shaun Marsh, James Pattinson, Ricky Ponting, Peter Siddle, Mitchell Starc, David Warner.

Australia's new Test inclusion Ed Cowan poses for photographs on the last day of the match between Australian Chairman's XI and India at Manuka Oval in Canberra on Wednesday. The tour match finished in a draw.

PHOTO: AFP

Misbah credits

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experienced side as it is the same team that has been playing together for a year and a half and everyone is learning how to play every form of the game, which is the key. Their performance is getting mature match by match," said delighted Misbah after the match.

"If you look at the team's performance throughout the year, especially the Test analysis, you will find the top six batsmen scoring around the same runs and they average nearly the same. And the bowlers did splendidly, picking regular wickets, it not only one guy who is performing. Even Hafeez, who is the fifth bowler is also picking regular wickets," he added.

The Pakistan captain admitted that they were in a hurry when chasing the winning target of 103 in 40 overs in the last session because of bad weather conditions.

"Yeah, the situation was that the light could have dropped any time. For which we were pushing to get home quickly. We had this in mind for which we closed the match with 10 to 15 overs remaining," said Misbah.

Pakistan were definitely in a spot of bother when Mushfiqur Rahim and Nasir Hossain were batting and Misbah said that they were looking for the new ball to turn the table on Bangladesh.

"The plan was simple. At that moment nothing was happening, the ball wasn't turning. So we just planned to go out there and finish our plans quickly and get our hands on the new ball as soon as possible and stop the flow of runs. When you get two or three maiden overs, the pressure builds on the batsmen and a

good scope to pick wickets is created," he informed.

The experienced campaigner thought that the lack of consistency was the real issue in Bangladesh's performance throughout the series.

"There were certain situations when they did really well like in this match they gave us a tough time, especially in the first inning when they built that partnership [the 180-run fifth-wicket stand between Shakib Al Hasan and Shahriar Nafees]. And when we came in to bat, they made it difficult for us to score, specially Shakib Al Hasan and the pacers. They were restricting our batsmen. So you can say that they performed in patches. During the one-day series also, their performance was never consistent. They really have to be consistent with both their batting and bowling. That's where they lack," observed Misbah when asked to sum up the Tigers performance over the series.

He also said that Bangladesh should have discipline in their performance and be patient if they want to get success at the highest level of the game.

"The main thing in Test cricket is the discipline, doesn't matter if you are bowling or batting. Sometimes they play shots which you know sometimes is not acceptable. They need to know how to occupy the crease and build partnerships, which they did in the last Test. In the first innings there were two partnerships and they scored 338, in the second innings there was one partnership and they were able to put us in trouble. So that's how you build a good partnership and compete in Test cricket," he suggested.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- By way of, briefly
- Perch
- Some-where
- Many millennia
- Bill's partner
- Buffalo
- Support group?
- Genetic letters
- River to the Seine
- Holy locations
- Miffed
- It's opposite the hypotenuse
- "Ghosts" playwright
- "A mouse!"
- Play with robots
- Carey or Brees
- Pitch
- All — (attentive)

DOWN

- Surveillance
- Mrs. Zeus
- Reddish horse
- Remove a twist-off cap
- Raw-boned person
- Charged bit
- Small appliance
- Squirrel's tidbit
- Ritzky pâté
- Bill-boards
- "Catcher in the —"

19 Can

- metal
- Former 8-Down
- Moor
- Entice
- Formerly, formerly
- "American —"
- Soft cheese
- Altruistic
- Mardi, as in "Mardi Gras"
- Chess denouement
- Japanese sash
- Indivisible
- Choppers
- Gold mold
- Dumb-struck
- Oriental gang
- Other-wise
- Jerry's pursuer
- Shade
- Praise in verse

Solution time: 25 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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J U Z V G O I T G U I Q U A T V Q V Y I :

“R V B Y R G Z A B G H I Y U C G Z Q I.”

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY DOCTOR SAID HE MAY ABANDON THE MEDICAL FIELD BECAUSE HE'S RUN OUT OF PATIENCE FOR PATIENTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals V