



England batsman Kevin Pietersen acknowledges the crowd after scoring his second consecutive hundred against Pakistan in their fourth ODI at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.

KP secures whitewash

Cricket
AFP, Dubai

Kevin Pietersen hit his second successive century to help a resurgent England beat Pakistan by four wickets in the fourth and final day-night international here on Tuesday for a 4-0 whitewash.

The 31-year-old right-hander held the innings together during his 153-ball career-best 130 -- his ninth one-day hundred -- to help England chase down a 238-run target in 49.2 overs at Dubai Stadium.

Pietersen helped England recover from 68-4 with a 109-run stand for the fifth wicket with Craig Kieswetter (43) to maintain his team's domination in the series in which they won the first match by 130 runs, second by 20 and the third by nine wickets.

By virtue of this win England overtook Pakistan at number five and pushed their rivals to sixth in the ICC (International Cricket Council) one-day rankings and partially made up for their 3-0 loss in the preceding three-Test series.

Pietersen hit Junaid Khan for a six and took a single in

the next over to reach his hundred off 136 balls and finished with 12 fours and two sixes. His previous best of 116 came against South Africa at Centurion in 2005.

Pietersen had lost his opening partner Alastair Cook -- who hit back-to-back hundreds and 80 in the first three matches -- off the second ball of the innings to paceman Khan for four.

Jonathan Trott (15), Eoin Morgan (15) and debutant Jos Butler fell in the space of 18 runs before the Pietersen-Kieswetter stand lifted them from 68-4 to 177-5.

When Kieswetter was run out, England still needed 61 but Samit Patel (17 not out) in the company of Pietersen brought England within two runs of the win when Pietersen fell to Saeed Ajmal.

Tim Bresnan hit the winning boundary.

Cook praised the team effort.

Pakistan promised more than what they made after half-centuries by Asad Shafiq and Azhar Ali but were pegged back in the final overs with paceman Jade Dernbach taking a career-

best 4-45.

Shafiq made a 78-ball 65 for his sixth one-day fifty while Ali notched a 89-ball 58 for his first to help lift Pakistan from the early loss of opener Mohammad Hafeez (one) after they elected to bat.

Misbah chipped in with a 52-ball 46 which included one four and a six.

Shafiq, who hit six boundaries, repaired the early loss during his second wicket stand of 111 with Ali but England pegged back Pakistan when Bresnan dismissed Shafiq off an inside edge and debutant left-arm spinner Danny Briggs accounted for Umar Akmal, who made 12.

Dernbach had Ali caught off a miscued drive by Morgan to leave Pakistan at 144-4 in the 34th over.

Misbah and Shoaib Malik (23) added 58 for the fifth wicket.

Pakistan made three changes as experienced batsman Younis Khan was missing for the second match in a row after he failed to recover from a fever, while opener Imran Farhat was left

out due to a groin injury.

England also gave debuts to Briggs and Butler in four changes from the last game.

Both teams now play three Twenty20 internationals in Dubai (February 23 and 25) and Abu Dhabi (February 27).

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: 237 all out in 50 overs (Shafiq 65, Azhar 58, Misbah 46, Malik 23; Dernbach 4-45, Briggs 2-39, Finn 2-42)

ENGLAND

Cook lbw b Junaid	4
Pietersen c Rehman b Ajmal	130
Trott c Hafeez b Rehman	15
Morgan lbw b Ajmal	15
Butler c Azhar b Ajmal	0
Kieswetter run out	43
Patel not out	17
Bresnan not out	4
Extras: (lb-3, w-10)	13
Total: (For six wkts in 49.2 overs)	241
Did not bat: Briggs, Finn, Dernbach	
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-50, 3-68, 4-68, 5-177, 6-236	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Junaid	9.2	0	53	1
Rehman	10	0	31	1
Ajmal	10	0	62	3
Afridi	10	0	54	0
Hafeez	10	0	38	0

Result: England won by four wickets to take series 4-0.

Azarenka withdraws from Dubai

AFP, Dubai

World number one Victoria Azarenka has paid the price for her 17-match winning start to the year after being forced to withdraw from the 2,000,000-dollar Dubai Open with a damaged ankle.

Azarenka has been suffering from the ailment ever since winning her first Grand Slam title, the Australian Open, in Melbourne three weeks ago.

She managed to struggle through in Doha last week and win the Qatar Open as well, but only by taking painkillers and risking compensatory injuries.

"I'm concerned not to do more damage," said Azarenka. "I've been told to rest ever since Australia.

"I left it a couple of days (after arriving in Dubai) to see how it is, but it is difficult in that time to do a miracle."

Reds ride on

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snatched it and placed the ball past the advancing goalkeeper Maksudur Rahman Mostak. This was the first time in the league Muktiyoddha conceded a goal.

However, the freedom fighters' side did not waste much time to hit back as defender Ariful Islam headed in a back-header from Sunday Chizoba four minutes later. The rest of the match saw Muktiyoddha's complete dominance and they breached the last line of Arambagh defence three more times.

Arambagh can consider themselves unlucky with the first of the next three goals as referee Hannan Miron awarded a contentious penalty kick against them on the half hour mark when Sunday went down inside the box to a minimal of contact from Amadi Moses. Sunday himself stepped up and converted the kick.

After the resumption, Arambagh changed their tactic to an attacking one and almost snatched an equaliser but defender Arif made a goalline save to foil a goal-bound shot from Amadi Moses on the 61st minute.

Muktiyoddha Sangad, too, stepped up the attack as coach Shafiqul Islam Manik brought on Alamgir Kabir and Maruf Ahmed in place of defender Firoz Mahmud Titu and winger Mithun Chowdhury which paid immediate dividends as they scored four minutes after the changes.

On the 67th minute, Midfielder Mamunul Islam, who had switched from his defensive midfield position to and attacking one, put a through-pass to Sunday and the former Mohammedan striker advanced into the box before driving a left-footer past goalkeeper Shawon to score his second, Four minutes later, Sunday completed his hat-trick by side-volleying a low cross from Shakil Ahmed which sealed the victory.

Decider for Pakistan First T20 against England today

Cricket

AFP, Dubai

Pakistan captain Misbahul Haq said his side are desperate to redress the balance in a Twenty20 international against England Thursday after a one-day series whitewash by the tourists.

Pakistan were Tuesday routed 4-0 by England, who showed a big improvement from their 3-0 defeat in the preceding three-Test series.

Misbah wants his side to regain the upper hand, but also wants to use the match as a stepping stone towards the World Twenty20 series later this year.

"This is a very important series for us, more so because we won the Tests, they won the ODIs and now it's almost the decider," said Misbah.

"And if you consider that this is World Twenty20 year, it's very important for us to come back."

England will defend the title they won in the West Indies in 2010 when Sri Lanka host the fourth edition of the World Twenty20.

Pakistan will ring some changes, with experienced batsman Younis Khan and Azhar Ali returning home while dashing uncapped left-handed opener Awaiz Zia joins the Twenty20 squad.

England have retained Alastair Cook, originally not named in the Twenty20 squad, after he showed great form in scoring back-to-back hundreds in the first two one-day matches.

SA seal T20 series

Cricket

AFP, Auckland

South Africa battled to a thrilling three-run win over New Zealand to claim the Twenty20 series 2-1 after the Black Caps suffered a dramatic late batting collapse in Auckland on Wednesday.

New Zealand restricted South Africa to seven for 165 and went into the last two overs needing just 10 runs for victory, only to fall short after losing three wickets, including ducks for Nathan McCullum and Doug Bracewell.

Adding to the tension, James Franklin and Tim Southee both had chances to snatch victory at the death off the bowling of Marchant de Lange but could not connect bat with ball.

Franklin needed a six off de Lange's last ball but missed, scampering down the wicket for a run as the Proteas celebrated, then realised to their horror that the delivery had been ruled a no ball.

That gave Southee the opportunity to be the hero with a boundary but his air swing went nowhere near the ball, stranding New Zealand on seven for 162.

It was a disappointing end for New Zealand after Jesse Ryder marked his return from injury with 52 and openers Rob Nicol (33) and Martin Gupitll (26) started their run chase brightly.

But the result was also testament to South Africa's never-say-die attitude after man-of-the match Johan Botha picked up the crucial wickets of Gupitll and Ryder to swing the match their way.

De Villiers admitted South Africa lost momentum when batting first and he was unsure if 165 runs would be enough on the short boundaries at Eden Park.

JP Duminy top scored for the tourists on 38 and there were decent contributions from Hashim Amla (33) and AB de Villiers (29).

But the Proteas never fired and needed a 22-run cameo from tail-ender Wayne Parnell to edge them towards a competitive total.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SOUTH AFRICA: 165 for 7 (Amla 33, De Villiers 29, Duminy 38 run out, Parnell 22 not out; Southee 2-22, Nicol 2-20)

NEW ZEALAND: 162 for 7 (Nicol 33, Gupitll 26, Ryder 52, B McCullum 18; De Lange 2-36, Morkel 2-31, Botha 2-20)

Result: South Africa won by three runs and clinched the series 2-1.

Man-of-the-match: Johan Botha.

England paceman Stuart Broad meanwhile said his side would be using every opportunity possible to help prepare them for the defence of their World Twenty20 title.

SQUADS

ENGLAND: Stuart Broad (captain), Alastair Cook, James Anderson, Jonny Bairstow, Ravi Bopara, Tim Bresnan, Danny Briggs, Jos Buttler, Jade Dernbach, Steven Finn, Alex Hales, Craig Kieswetter, Eoin Morgan, Sami Patel, Kevin Pietersen, Graeme Swann.

PAKISTAN: Misbahul Haq (captain), Shahid Afridi, Mohammad Hafeez, Imran Farhat, Umar Akmal, Asad Shafiq, Adnan Akmal, Awaiz Zia, Umar Gul, Saeed Ajmal, Abdul Rehman, Wahab Riaz, Aizaz Cheema, Junaid Khan, Hammad Azam, Shoaib Malik.

Mominul takes

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a 28-ball 33 that featured three boundaries while last match hero Nasir Hossain contributed 31 off 19 balls with four boundaries and a six.

SCORES IN BRIEF

KHULNA: 161-7 in 20 overs (Chanderpaul 33, Gibbs 18, Nasir 31, O'Brien 19, Nazmul Milon 42 not out; Kabir 1-42, Alamin 1-32, Shuvo 1-21, Hodge 1-20, Nazmul Apu 1-16, Shehzad 1-26)

BARISAL: 162-6 in 19.3 overs (Shehzad 10, Hodge 11, Mustard 10, Mithun 14, Mominul 53 not out, Rameez 22, Kabir 12 not out; Shakib 2-34, Razzak 2-22)

Result: Barisal Burners won by four wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Mominul Haque.

Nat'l athletics

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Some 600 athletes from 81 organisations are expected to compete for 41 gold medals though only 250 athletes from 21 organisations enrolled their names till Tuesday.

"For the first time in national athletics, we are giving cash rewards apart from the medals to the winners. The gold, silver and bronze medallists will receive Tk 2000, Tk 1000 and Tk 500 respectively," said Manzor.

There will be cash reward for new record setters as BAF member Ibrahim Chengis has promised to give Tk 5000 to each of new record holders.

Of and estimated budget of 10 lakh, sponsors Walton Group will provide Tk 3 lakh while co-sponsors National Credit and Commerce Bank and Reflection Holdings Ltd will give Tk 1.5 and Tk 1 lakh respectively.

Sylhet still

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players are not getting enough opportunities to show their abilities in the tournament," observed Naeem while talking to the media in a post-match briefing.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SYLHET: 128-7 in 20 overs (Imrul 14, Trego 35, Naeem 28, Nur 13 not out; Mahmood 2-22, Naved-ul Hasan 3-18)

DHAKA: 132-2 in 12.5 overs (Imran 31, Ashraful 40, Mahmood 29, Pollard 22 not out; Nabil 1-39, Nur 1-21)

Result: Dhaka Gladiators won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Azhar Mahmood.

What's in agreements!

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The legal or documentary issues are not a source of concern because we are confident that it will be resolved.

"There was another target that this venture would be financially profitable, and we are confident that that will be the case," said Gazi Ashraf.

However, despite the BPL's commercial objectives, the players haven't seen much of the big bucks coming their way even though most of the tourna-

ment has already been paid. In fact, the cut-off time to pay 75 per cent of local players' payment was today but upon several enquiries within many of the franchises, none of the cricketers picked up that big cheque.

It was learned from different sources that Sylhet Royals have paid 20 per cent of the players' pay so far while Chittagong have only given them daily allowances. Barisal have paid some of the local players 15-20 per cent while their icon cricketer, Shahriar Nafees,

hasn't received any payment so far.

Dhaka Gladiators have paid 25 per cent of all local player payments while also paying up the foreign players. It is a known fact that marquee cricketers often get paid first, through agents, before joining Twenty20 leagues and it is most likely to be the case with BPL as well.

Transparency must be the BPL's top priority at the moment, but it seems they are less than bothered about paperwork.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

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Udayan Sangsad in the Destiny Group 2nd Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Mamun Rahman struck twice while Biplob Hossain netted one goal for the winners. Mohammad Ali pulled one goal back for the losing side.

Pallima Badminton

Pesta and Moktar advanced to the next round of men's singles in the Prime Bank Pallima Sangsad Badminton Tournament beating their respective rivals at the sangsad premises yesterday.

Pesta defeated Tushar 21-20, 21-18 while Moktar beat Linkon 21-12 and 21-5.

School Football

Two more schools moved to the next round of the National School Football Islami Bank Tournament after emerging Upazila champions at different venues yesterday.

Riazuddin Talukdar High School beat Madarganj FM High School 4-3 to emerge Sharisabari Upazila champions while Nawbeki High School beat Ramjannagar Dakhil Madrasa 1-0 in the final to clinch the Shamnagar Upazila title.

Security team

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There is a long list of venues both from Punjab and Sindh are on cards with Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, National Stadium in Karachi, Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad are on the top of the list to host the respective series.

বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন করপোরেশন

প্রশাসন বিভাগ

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