# Martin burst puts NZ atop

Cricket

AFP, Dunedin

New Zealand seized control of the first Test against South Africa Wednesday thanks to a stunning spell of three wickets in four balls from paceman Chris Martin.

The Proteas ended the day at 191 for seven, with Jacques Rudolph (46) the only recognised batsman left after skipper Graeme Smith and Hashim Amla scored halfcenturies but the rest of the line-up failed to fire.

South Africa trounced New Zealand in the limited overs series and the Test looked to be heading the same way before Martin triggered a collapse that saw six wickets fall in the final session of a rain-shortened day in Dunedin.

With almost four hours of play lost to the weather, New Zealand captain Ross Taylor looked to have made the wrong call sending South Africa into bat after winning the toss, as the Black Caps' attack struggled in the first session.

South Africa were 86 for one at tea, with Smith notching his 31st Test 50 and Amla looking settled on a flat, lifeless pitch that yielded only one wicket, Alviro Petersen (11), for New Zealand's bowlers.

But Taylor's gamble paid off spectacularly when the clouds cleared and Martin dismissed Smith for 53 in the first over after the break, the batsman driving the ball to debutant Rob Nicol at cover as he attempted a boundary.

Martin struck again in his next over, dismissing Jacques Kallis for a duck when the batsman nicked the ball to

Jamal in AFC

Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi

Club, the defending champi-

ons of Bangladesh League,

have been drawn in Group A

in the AFC President's Cup

which will take place this year

but schedules and timing has

Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi

Club, who emerged champi-

ons in their first appearance

of the professional football

league and thus secured the

ticket of President's Cup, will

face hosts Pakistan's KRL

Football Club, Taiwan power

Company of Chinese Taipei

and Irachim FC of Mongolia,

said a BFF press release

Abahani had earlier taken

part in the AFC President's

Cup three times but never

crossed the group stage.

yesterday.

not been finalised yet.

President's

Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

New Zealand pacer Chris Martin celebrates after taking the prize wicket of South Africa batsman Jacques Kallis on the first day of the first Test at the University Oval in Dunedin yesterday.

the ball.

his 22nd Test 50.

looked sharper in the field

and more threatening with

Amla kept his cool to

steady South Africa, grafting

out a valuable 66-run part-

nership with Rudolph to post

he had the batsman caught

and bowled on 56 but a televi-

sion review showed the

chance fell just short of the

missed in the next over, mis-

hitting a Daniel Vettori deliv-

ery and sending the ball

Mark Boucher (4) faced

Dav ready for Asia Cup

against the hosts Sunday.

game," saidWhatmore.

taking the title.

Emirates last month.

whitewashed England 3-0.

together to do well."

make amends in the Asia Cup.

looping to Taylor in the slips.

However, Amla was dis-

diving bowler's fingers.

Doug Bracewell thought

Taylor at first slip.

AB de Villiers became scalp number three in the next ball, trapped lbw for a golden duck when the delivery nipped back sharply, skidding past the bat and crashing into the batsman's

De Villiers called for a television review, which backed the umpire's decision and sent the despondent South African trudging back to the pavilion with the Proteas reeling at four for 90.

Martin could not manage a hattrick when Rudolph came to the crease but his devastating spell lifted the Black Caps, who suddenly

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assignment in Dhaka.

arch-rivals India on March 18.

Pakistan's new coach Day Whatmore said

Wednesday he was ready for next week's

four-nation Asia Cup and is confident that

his team will overcome their recent one-day

man, who coached Sri Lanka to a World Cup

title in 1996, took charge of Pakistan last

week on a two-year contract with his first

Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh in the bien-

nial Asia Cup which runs over March 11-22.

Defending champions India join Sri

Whatmore said he is looking forward to

"I know the Asia Cup is an important

the Asia Cup, at which Pakistan will meet

event with top class teams, even Bangladesh

can be a tough opponent as they are playing

on their home grounds, so it is one of the

many tests that we have and we are looking

The Pakistan team fly to Dhaka late

Wednesday and play their opening match

forward to it," Whatmore told reporters.

The 57-year-old former Australian bats-

AFP, Karachi

slump.

strike, took off for a single, only for Bracewell to fire the ball back from the field to South African-born keeper Kruger van Wyk, who broke the stumps. Rudolph then survived a

only two balls before being

run out when Rudolph, on

huge lbw appeal from New Zealand on 32 when replays showed Bracewell overstepped the line before releasing the ball.

The bowler made amends in his next over, coaxing an edge from Dale Steyn to the slip cordon which richocheted off Martin Guptill's hand but stayed in the air long enough for Taylor to snatch the chance.

The Proteas will hope Rudolph can combine with the tail enders to post a competitive total to keep alive their dream of a clean sweep in the three match series, which would see them take top spot in the ICC world Test

rankings. **SCOREBOARD** SOUTH AFRICA: First innings Smith c Nicol b Martin Petersen Ibw b Boult Amla cTaylor b Vettori Kallis c Taylor b Martin De Villiers Ibw b Martin Rudolph not out Boucher run out Steyn c Taylor b Bracewell Philander not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-1) Total: (For 7 wkts in 59 overs) To bat: Tahir, Morkel Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-86, 3-90, 4-90, 5-156, 1-161,7-179

NEW ZEALAND: Nicol, Guptill, McCullum,

Taylor, Williamson, Vettori, Van Wyk, Bracewell, Southee, Boult, Martin.

"We know there is an extra interest

attached to the India game and it's good for

the teams, for cricket and for the players but

we are going to treat that match as any other

first between the two countries since the

high-voltage World Cup 2011 semifinal clash

in March at Mohali, which India won before

from their mistakes after their 4-0 and 2-1

defeats in the one-day and Twenty20

matches against England in the United Arab

this team wants to make amends to what

happened in the one-day after their brilliant

performance in the Test series," said

Whatmore of the Tests in which Pakistan

"Every player wants to look forward and

"These Pakistan players are wonderful

and talented and welcomed me and its plea-

sure to be with them and we will work

"That was little bit not in the script but

Whatmore hoped Pakistan have learnt

The March 18 match in Dhaka will be the

T20 AGAINST SA

## **Robin takes** up Sachin's place

PTI, New Delhi

Robin Uthappa was on Wednesday named in place of Sachin Tendulkar in India's squad for the one-off Twenty20 International in Johannesburg on March 30 to commemorate the 150 years of settlement of Indians in that country.

Tendulkar, who no longer plays in T20 Internationals, was expectedly left out of the 15member Indian squad which has all the other players in the team for the Asia Cup starting in Bangladesh on Sunday.

Karnataka batsman Uthappa had done well in the Vizay Hazare Trophy with two centuries in his name.

Young Delhi batsman Virat Kohli, who was made vicecaptain of the ODI team for the Asia Cup, will also be the deputy to Mahendra Singh Dhoni in the one-off T20 Internationals, a BCCI release issued by its Secretary Sanjay Jagdale said.

The one-off T20 International in South Africa at the Wanderers ground will be held after the March 11-22 Asia Cup and precede the Indian Premier League T20 competition commencing on April 4.

### **SQUAD**

Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Virat Kohli (vicecaptain), Robin Uthappa, Gautam Gambhir, Rohit Sharma, Suresh Raina, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Praveen Kumar, Vinay Kumar, Rahul Sharma, Yusuf Pathan, Manoj Tiwary, Irfan Pathan, Ashok Dinda.

## Nat'l school football

SPORTS REPORTER

Bolra Munnu Model High School emerged Harirampur upazila champions in the National School Football Islami Bank Tournament beating Ramkrishnapur MA Jalil High School 1-0 in Manikganj yesterday. Tarikul struck the decisive goal for the winners.

Earlier, the eventual champions beat Chandpur High School 5-3 in shootout to set their final clash against Ramkrishnapur School, who defeated Patgram Anathband High School 3-2 in semifinal.

### **BFF** fines

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committee fined Feni Soccer Club Tk 20,000 as their official Nizamuddin hurled water bottle towards the referee during their home match against Farashganj. Nizamuddin was also slapped with a month's ban. The committee also

imposed ban on Bangladesh Championship League side Beanibazar SC's media officer Abul Bashar Sumon and goalkeeping coach Mizanur Rahman Minar.

## Twin blows to Aussies

Series decider against Lanka today

Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

Australia captain Michael Clarke and young paceman James Pattinson were Wednesday ruled out of the Commonwealth Bank triseries decider against Sri Lanka, as coach Mickey Arthur demanded a new strategy.

Clarke scored a century in Australia's crushing loss to Sri Lanka as the visitors levelled the series 1-1 in Adelaide on Tuesday, but it came at a price.

He strained a hamstring which not only ruled him out of the final tri-series game on Thursday, but could also see him miss the start of this month's tour of the West Indies where Australia will play five one-dayers and three Tests.

"It doesn't look great for certainly the early part of the one-day series in the West Indies," Arthur told reporters of Clarke, who was due to have scans later Wednesday.

Clarke only returned to action last week-

end from a strain to his right hamstring, which sidelined him for three games.

Pattinson will also miss the match with a buttock strain.

Sri Lanka blazed to an emphatic eightwicket victory Tuesday with the World Cup finalists easily running down Australia's 271 for six to post 274-2 with 34 balls to spare.

Arthur was not happy with the scale of the defeat and said Australia needed to go back to the drawing board.

"It simply wasn't good enough. There was no excuse for it," he said.

"We need to play in a different way in these conditions which are totally different.

"We have had a couple of serious chats... we are looking at ways we can beat Sri Lanka in these conditions.

"We will have a couple of tricks up our sleeve tomorrow and hopefully they work for us. We have given a lot of thought to them."

Spinner Nathan Lyon is likely to replace Pattinson, with Peter Forrest tipped to take Clarke's place.



Australia paceman Ben Hilfenhaus sends down a delivery during net practice in Adelaide yesterday, ahead of today's third final of the CB series against Sri Lanka.

# Blake eyes faster start

Athletics

AFP, New York

Reigning world 100-metres champion Yohan Blake of Jamaica said Tuesday he was focussing on getting a faster start in his bid to relieve compatriot and training partner Usain Bolt of his Olympic 100 metres title later this year.

The 22-year-old was speaking from his Jamaica base as he prepares for a hectic season.

One thing I'm trying to work on is my start and the technical details. Basically I've been working on that and trying to get off to a better start for the first 30 metres. "I want to work on the first 30 metres and get

my start right. I can improve on my first 30 metres. The rest of my race is wonderful but that I need to work on for the Olympics. All of that is going to come into play for the Olympics.

Blake became the youngest 100m world champion last year at Daegu, South Korea, but his victory in the final lost some of its lustre after Bolt false started out of the race.

"His false start was a big shocker," Blake said. "It did not change anything really. I was really ready. (Winning the world title) has meant a lot to me. It has opened a lot of doors."

That included a Tuesday morning meeting with England's Prince Harry. "He's a funny guy," Blake said. "He was a good

person to talk too. It meant a lot to meet him." Blake figures the Jamaican Olympic trials 100m final in June will be a strong preparation

for the Olympic sprint showdown. "A lot of the guys are running really fast. A lot of them are going to be in the Olympics 100m final," Blake said. "Asafa Powell, me, Usain Bolt,

I think it's going to be a tough one in June. "Last year I was the one doing the chasing. "Nothing really different we do in training. You win and all these guys want a piece of you

the next time. Basically it's everybody." Training with Jamaican's finest runners has removed some of the nervousness and awe from

sharing a starting line with them, Blake said. "I run with these guys all the time," Blake said. "At the starting line, I know these guys are

human so I don't really feel so nervous. "Daegu gave me a lot of belief. But even

before Daegu my training gave me a lot of belief to be where I am right now. I ran with these guys. I know what they can do."

That includes Bolt, who looks to defend his

100 and 200 Olympic gold medals from Beijing. "Usain Bolt pushed me a lot in training,

Blake said. "That has helped me run even faster to keep up with his speed. That helped me a lot to train for the Olympics."

### বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক লিমিটেড হেড অফিস ৮, রাজউক এভিনিউ, ঢাকা Website: www.bdbl.com.bd

## এষ্টাবলিশমেন্ট এন্ড কমন সার্ভিস ডিপার্টমেন্ট

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## CEC backs

FROM PAGE 16 tour should proceed and the

ICC determining that it was unsafe to appoint match officials for the tour, a special dispensation to depart from the Standard Playing Conditions to allow nonneutral match officials to officiate would be required from the ICC Board.

"Bearing in mind that safety and security is the sole responsibility of individual Member Board's for bilateral matches, the CEC regarded this as an exceptional circumstance in which the appointment to matches of nonneutral match officials could be justified but stated clearly that it should not be regarded as a preferred option or precedent if the dispensation were to be granted," said Haroon Lorgat, the ICC chief executive.

Recently a nine-member security team visited Pakistan to evaluate the security arrangements ahead of Bangladesh's proposed tour in April.

Pakistani cricket has suffered a dearth of international tours to the country since the 2009 attack on the Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore.

### Akram's heroic

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that time and we wanted him to play two Tests but he didn't play. We weren't able to take that decision independently," he said.

Akram has also hinted that the cricket board is hampering the team's stability. "A team can only do well if they have established players. Take a look around the world; a player who is established in a certain position will do better. My target was to make an established team, but we had to tinker with it," explained Akram.

Bashar said that the decision has come as a shock to him. "We have worked together for seven months, and I believe that we have workedhard and honestly. For usit isalittleshocking,"hesaid.

In the face of utmost pressure, a man most unlikely to walk out has boldly done so. This is a decision that will give Bangladesh cricket a lot of strength at a time of tremendous need.

### Club shooting **FROM PAGE 16**

directors Kazi Baharul Islam will declare the three-day meet open as chief guest.

Sonali Bank general manager Nawsher Ali Khandokar, DGM of International business (finance) Altaf Hossain and NSF vice president Kutubuddin Aksir were among others present.

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