

Aussies not far behind

 Cricket

STAR SPORT MONITOR

Australia fought back against the West Indies through some determined lower-order batting to reduce the first innings deficit to 83 as they reached 366 for nine at lunch on the fourth day of the first Test in Bridgetown yesterday.

Resuming the day on 248 for five, the Australians lost Michael Hussey in the fourth over of the day to fast bowler Kumar Roach, and Peter Siddle in the next over to Fidel Edwards. Wicketkeeper Mathew Wade then added 35 with Ryan Harris before falling to Edwards, and the resistance continued with Harris Ben Hilfenhaus taking the score to

day one, day two and certainly no excuses for being five down on that wicket today," he said.

However, he was still confident the Australians could win the match.

"I think we're going to have to bowl better than what we did in the first innings and we're going to have to try to make as many runs as we can in this first innings to see how close we are to them.

"I certainly think we can still win the Test match from here."

His West Indian counterpart Darren Sammy was by contrast delighted with his team.

"The team played well. The bowlers supported each other," he said.

"We're quite happy with the way the day went."

Sammy snapped up the first

SCOREBOARD				
WEST INDIES: First innings 449 for 9 ded (Chanderpaul 103 not out, Edwards 61; Warner 2-45, Harris 2-83)				
AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 248 for 5)				
Cowan c Baugh b Sammy	14			
Warner c Bravo b Sammy	42			
Watson c Baugh b Roach	39			
Ponting run out	4			
Clarke c Deonarine b Bishoo	73			
Hussey c Baugh b Roach	48			
Wade c Bravo b Edwards	28			
Siddle c K Edwards b F Edwards	0			
Harris not out	60			
Hilfenhaus b Roach	24			
Lyon not out	16			
Extras: (lb 13, nb 5)	18			
Total: (For 9 wickets in 132 overs)	366			
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-65, 3-84, 4-133, 5-215, 6-249, 7-250, 8-285, 9-329				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Edwards	28	3	84	2
Roach	29	8	72	3
Bishoo	39	10	111	1
Sammy	17	5	50	2
Deonarine	19	5	36	0

PCB banks on President's India visit

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan's cricket chief said Tuesday he was "positive" about reviving stalled cricket ties with India, following President Asif Ali Zardari's weekend trip to New Delhi.

The arch-rivals met in the Asia Cup one-day tournament last month and the World Cup semifinal in India last year, but regular tours have been frozen since the 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai, blamed on Pakistan-based militants.

India postponed a tour to Pakistan scheduled for January 2009 in the wake of the Mumbai carnage, which left 166 people dead, before suspending all sporting links.

Tamim wants more Tests

 Cricket

CRICINFO, New Delhi

Tamim Iqbal has said Bangladesh's performance in the Asia Cup was a turning point in their cricket history but his team could only carry such form into the five-day format if they played Test matches on a more regular basis.

According to the Future Tours Programme, Bangladesh only play 42 Test matches until the end of 2020, with no tours of India and England. Their next Test assignment is against Zimbabwe in August.

"That's the main problem for Bangladesh," Tamim, 23, told ESPNcricinfo. "The moment we start to do well in Test cricket, we get a year's break or a 14-month break. If we want to really improve in Tests, we need to play the format a lot more. You see us playing ODI cricket for quite some time and quite regularly, and the performance is changing. The world is seeing that Bangladesh is coming up. It's the same with Test cricket.

"We need to play a lot of Test matches to improve, to gain confidence, to learn how to deal with situations and play session by session."

Bangladesh have lost 63 of their 73 Tests, winning only three since their debut in 2000-01. They've had more success in ODIs and, most recently, almost won the Asia Cup, falling short by three runs in the final against Pakistan. They beat India and Sri Lanka en route to that final, and ran Pakistan close both times they played.

"We have been playing international cricket for quite some time now and we needed something like this," Tamim said. "Scoring hundreds is a habit. Winning matches is a habit. Against India, we chased down 290. Sometimes when the opposition teams batted first and got to around 300, if you are not habituated to chasing down those kind of runs you get confused. So, when you start doing it,



TAMIM IQBAL

you know what to do, how to go about it, make plans and how to bat.

"The more matches we'll start to win, the better we'll get. So, this was a great tournament for us because we chased in every single game and did very well. The boys will remember how we did it and take it forward."

The Asia Cup was preceded by the inaugural edition of the Bangladesh Premier League. Tamim missed much of that tournament due to injury, but said it had an impact on the national team's Asia Cup showing as the experience of playing with other international stars made its players more self-confident. "In Bangladesh domestic cricket, you're facing bowlers bowling at 125-130kmph, so sometimes it's hard to adjust when playing international cricket.

"But here you've seen Shakib [Al Hasan] playing some unbelievable shots, which was rare for him. Mushfiqur [Rahim] played an unbelievable innings against India, hitting sixes. So they're getting this kind of confidence from BPL."

The build-up to the Asia Cup was mired in controversy surrounding Tamim's exclusion from the squad, but

he was eventually drafted in and went on to get four half-centuries in a row in the competition. Tamim admitted he'd been in poor form in the home series against Pakistan but said he'd been able to recover through practice and showing more determination at the crease.

"These things happened to me in the last series against Pakistan, and to be very honest I panicked," he said, about a series in which he had scores of 0, 4 and 0 in the ODIs and averaged just 15 in the Tests. "I wasn't sure what to do, whether should relax etc. I practiced really hard, did everything possible to score runs and I went there, took my time and eventually it happened."

Tamim, who is the third-highest run-getter for Bangladesh in Tests and ODIs currently, was grateful for the support of his team-mates during his exclusion and after his return to the Asia Cup squad.

"Sometimes, when these kinds of things happen in different teams, they talk about it. They ask you, 'Why did this happen and why were you dropped?'. The best part of my team was they never talked about this, they always trusted my ability and knew what I'm capable of."

"If someone else goes through the same period, the boys should react the same way. It's not the first time a cricketer is facing this kind of thing. It'll happen again, it's a part of life you know."

Tamim had an excellent run in the Asia Cup but was disappointed not to have converted those fifties into bigger scores. "When you're going through a good patch, you should make it count as much as possible. Someone like Virat Kohli, he's doing tremendously well, scoring hundreds every second game. The way I got out in the final wasn't good, that is something to work on."

Tamim was signed up by Pune Warriors before the ongoing IPL season. "I'm lucky to be part of Pune Warriors because you've got Indian legends like Sourav Ganguly, someone like Michael Clarke is also a great player. I'm young and I have a lot to learn."



PHOTO: INTERNET

West Indies fast bowler Kumar Roach is overjoyed after getting the wicket of Australia batsman Michael Hussey during the fourth day of the first Test in Bridgetown yesterday.

329, at which point the latter was bowled by Roach.

Afp adds, West Indies held the upper hand at the end of the third day Monday as they reduced the tourists to 248 for 5, still trailing by 201 runs.

Only a solid 73 by captain Michael Clarke and a typically stubborn unbeaten 47 by veteran Mike Hussey all but ensured that the Aussies would avoid the follow-on.

Clarke was disappointed with his team's performance in the match so far.

"We have no excuses for not bowling and fielding as well as we would have liked

wicket to fall as having added only one run to his overnight score of 13, Ed Cowan was drawn into a shot to a ball just outside off stump and edged through to the keeper.

Shane Watson, batting for the first time in a Test at number three, was fortunate to survive twice when he had scored five.

Sammy's persevering line just outside off stump worked again when David Warner, having scored 42 off 55 balls, played at a ball without much foot movement and Darren Bravo took the catch at second slip.

LOCAL snippets

SPORTS REPORTER

Cox City FC jumped to the top of the Premier Bank Bangladesh Championship League points table with a 2-1 win over Wari Club at the Cox's Bazar Stadium yesterday.

It was Wari though who took the lead in the 20th minute through Mohammad Raju and held on to the lead in the first half. But Cox City came back strongly in the second half as Syed Karim equalised in the 54th minute before Mohammad Hanif scored the winner in the 71st minute.

Table toppers Cox City have 15 points from their 10 matches while Wari Club have 13 from the same number of matches.

Plan school football

Scholastica School will take on Aga Khan School while Viqarunnisa Noon School & College will play against Rahmatullah Model School in the two semifinals of the Plan Metropolitan Women's School Football Tournament at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi today.

Aga Khan beat Dhanmondi Kamrunnessa Govt. High School 2-0 in tiebreakers while Rahmatullah defeated BRAC School 1-0 in the last two quarterfinals yesterday.

Div-II football

Shadhinata Krira Sangha thrashed Bangladesh Boys Club 3-0 in their match of the Destiny Group Dhaka Metropolis 2nd Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Himel and Jamil scored one goal each while the other was an own goal. Bangladesh Boys' Kay Kay Sia saw red card in the 54th minute.

Ad-hoc committee again in tennis

The 27-member ad-hoc committee of Bangladesh tennis Federation has been reinstated, bringing in two new members and leaving out two from the previous committee including the general secretary. A circular by National Sports Council on Tuesday said the 27-member committee includes president, four vice-presidents, two joint secretaries and a treasurer apart from the members.

Shahriar Alam MP has been retained as the president while NSC director Engineer Abdur Razzak has been appointed as the new general secretary in place of Ishtiaque Ahmed Karen.

Balaji blows

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not disappoint with the ball, taking 2 for 21.

Bangalore were 33-5 in the 10th over. A brief resistance by Vettori (20) was brought to an end by Balaji in his final over. Vinay Kumar threw his bat around for 25 off 26 balls but the contribution was too little too late.

SCORES IN BRIEF

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 165-8 (Gambhir 64, Bisla 46; Kumar 2-18, Zaheer 2-31, Muralidaran 2-31)

ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE: 123-9 (Vinay 25; Balaji 4-18, Kallis 2-7, Shakib 2-21)

Result: Kolkata Knight Riders won by 42 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Lakshmipathy Balaji.

BFF reveals

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(MSC Ltd), former footballer Arif Khan Joy (BJMC), industrialist Abdul Awal Mintu's son Tabith M Awal (Feni Soccer Club), Mahfuza Akther Kiron (Baridhara Club) are some of the well-known faces in the draft voters' list.

Could it start

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meeting. The standoff concerns the registration of Pakistan and Victoria batsman Mohammad Yousuf, who was formerly a Mohammedan player. The uncertainty has gripped cricket in the country for the last few days with the league remaining suspended from March 28 following Abahani's refusal to play against Victoria citing that Yousuf's clearance letter was fake. Mohammedan also claim that they didn't give the clearance letter to Yousuf.

Their latest demand has again showed the indecisiveness of the board directors and officials who have been powerless when the clubs have taken a tough stance.

The delay of the Premier League, meanwhile, has also kept the National Cricket League shelved.

Hafiz Joarder, the member-secretary of the board's tournament committee, would not give a precise date until the league is over but said that the NCL will possibly begin three days after the Premier League.

"They have all the players now so we need three days at least to resume the first-class competition," he said.

Sk Russel

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"We lost the match for the goalkeeper, who failed to understand the flight of Anwar's corner and then he fumbled to concede the second goal," said Farashganj SC coach Kamal Babu.

"Finding the early goal was the turning point," said Sheikh Russel coach Maruful Haque. "If the league keeps going the way it is, I will say Sheikh Russel still have chance of coming back in the title race."

Delhi crush Chennai

PTI, New Delhi



Delhi Daredevils put up a thorough professional performance as they thrashed defending champions Chennai Super Kings by eight wickets in a lopsided contest in the Indian Premier League on Tuesday.

After the Delhi bowlers kept Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Co under wraps restricting them to a modest 110 for eight, the home batsmen made short work of the target knocking off the runs in only 13.2 overs to register their second win of the tournament.

Virender Sehwag was in blazing form as he set the tone with a typically aggressive 21-ball 33 that was laced with six and four boundaries.

Kevin Pietersen took over from where Sehwag left as he smashed an unbeaten 43 off 26 balls (3x4, 2x6) adding 61 runs with Mahela Jayawardene (20 not out) to finish off the proceedings with 40 balls remaining.

Earlier, a disciplined bowling effort backed by some woeful running between wickets by opposition batsmen helped the Daredevils restrict defending champions to a modest total.

While Morne Morkel returned with best figures of 2/19 from four overs, it was spin twins Roloef van der Merwe (4-0-15-0) and young Shahbaz Nadeem (3-0-9-0) who gave away only 24 runs in their seven overs to set the match up for home team.

SCORES IN BRIEF

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 110 for 8 (Raina 17, Bravo 22, Badrinath 15; M Morkel 2-19)

DELHI DAREDEVILS: 111-2 (Ojha 14, Sehwag 33, Pietersen 43 not out, Jayawardene 20 not out; Ashwin 1-21)

Result: Delhi Daredevils won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Morne Morkel.

Zaka warns

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Bangladesh sent a delegation to Pakistan last month to assess the security situation after the Pakistani government gave safety assurances.

Reacting to what Ashraf has said, a BCB spokesman said that a decision on the tour is yet to be reached.

"At this stage, no one can bargain with the issue. We are yet to reach any concrete decision regarding the tour," said Jalal Yunus, the chairman of the media committee.

"If he has threatened, it is unfortunate for us. We have a good cricket relationship with Pakistan.

"But everybody should understand that there are a number of stakeholders involved in this decision. Security is one of the main components and no one can avoid it," added Yunus.

Bangladesh Cricket Board president Mustafa Kamal, who headed the delegation to Pakistan, had promised to raise the matter in the ICC board meeting in Dubai which is scheduled from April 14-16.

International cricket has been suspended in Pakistan since a deadly terror attack on the Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore in March 2009.



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