



Shakib Al Hasan (L) and his Kolkata Knight Riders teammate Manoj Tiwary celebrate the fall of a Kings XI Punjab wicket during their IPL T20 match at the Eden Gardens yesterday. The hosts lost the match by 2 runs.

Australia reach 74 for two

SPORT DESK

Australia reached 74 for two at lunch on the first day of the second Test against the West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad yesterday. Australia skipper Michael Clarke won the toss and decided to bat, and the openers David Warner and Ed Cowan started well, putting on 53 for the first wicket at a fairly brisk pace.

But off-spinner Shane Shillingford, who is making a comeback to the West Indies side, drew first blood for the home side, getting Warner caught at slip for 29. Cowan followed his partner two overs before lunch for 28, trapped leg-before by fast bowler Kumar Roach. Shane Watson on 10 and Ricky Ponting on 5 were the unbeaten batsmen at lunch.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First innings
Warner c Sammy b Shillingford 29
Cowan lbw b Roach 28
Watson not out 10
Ponting not out 5
Extras: (lb-2) 2
Total: (For 2 wkts 27 overs) 74
To bat: Clarke, Hussey, Wade, Beer, Hilfenhaus, Lyon, Pattinson.
Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-65.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Edwards	6	2	21	0
Roach	7	2	35	1
Sammy	8	3	12	0
Shillingford	6	3	4	1

WEST INDIES: Barath, Brathwaite, Powell, Bravo, Chandepaul, Deonarine, Baugh, Sammy, Shillingford, Roach, F

Dar also for DRS

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CRICINFO, Lahore

Aleem Dar, the ICC Elite umpire, has joined the chorus for the mandatory use of the Hot Spot technology for all series to minimise umpiring errors. Dar said he was fully supportive of the Decision Review System (DRS), and wanted consistency in the use of various technology.

"In the recent Sri Lanka-England series the Hot Spot technology was not being used. To have the use of consistent elements of technology at each match would make it easier for players, spectators and umpires alike," Dar told PakPassion.net. "DRS ensures that most decisions can be corrected."

The two Tests in Sri Lanka had its share of controversies, most recently involving Tillakaratne Dilshan's dismissal on the fourth day at the P Sara Oval. Dilshan was adjudged caught at slip off Graeme Swann by Bruce Oxenford and immediately signalled for a review. The third umpire, Rod Tucker, took an age looking at the

images but without the infra-red cameras he ruled that there was no conclusive evidence to advise the on-field umpire if he had made an error.

On the first day, England thought they had Thilan Samaraweera caught at short leg and asked for review, but it remained a not out decision. Following that, Steven Finn, who was the bowler involved, said he would like to see Hot Spot available all the time.

Series involving India are usually free of DRS, given India's vocal stance against the system since its inception in 2008. But cash-strapped members like Sri Lanka find it difficult to afford it because the high cost of the cameras has to be shared by the host country and broadcaster.

Dar said on-field umpires should view the DRS as a tool to assist them, and not be ashamed to reverse a wrong decision.

Punjab steal a thriller

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but Narine's spell cost them dear as they were reduced to 21/2 in 4.2 overs.

Kallis did a fine job, rather quietly, at the other end, conceding 11 from his three overs to further unsettle the visitors' plan.

In between, Rajat Bhatia did an excellent job with his slow medium pace returning with two for 14 in the slog overs as the Kings XI boys struggled to find a partnership going.

Narine returned to haunt the visitors in the 18th over, picking two wickets as his difficult off-spin with an intelligent mix of the wrong ones

foxed the Kings XI batting.

Promoted to the opening slot in place of Valthaty, Mandeep Singh was their top scorer with 38 from 34 balls as he stitched a crucial 52-run third wicket partnership with David Hussey who scored 32 off 31 balls.

SCORES IN BRIEF
KINGS XI PUNJAB: 134 for 9 (Singh 38, Hussey 32; Narine 5-19, Bhatia 2-14, Shakib 1-26)
KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 132 for 7 (Das 35 not out, Bisla 27, Gambhir 22, Tiwary 20; Chawla 3-18, Bhatt 2-24)
Result: Kings XI Punjab won by 2 runs.

Pune ride on Ryder

INTERNET, Pune

Jesse Ryder batted through the innings while Steven Smith played a blistering knock to steer Pune Warriors to a seven-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League match on Saturday.

SCORES IN BRIEF
CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 155 for 5 (Jadeja 44, Du Plessis 43, Raina 20, Dhoni 26; Sharma 2-16)
PUNE WARRIORS: 156 for 3 (Ryder 73 not out, Smith 44 not out, Ganguly 16)
Result: Pune Warriors won by seven wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Jesse Ryder.

Honours even

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turned up to watch the high voltage match.

Muktijoddha Sangsad, on the other hand, gradually grew in confidence and took control of the midfield and enjoyed lion's share of possession. They even came close to taking the lead in the very fourth minute but unmarked hitman Zahid Hasan Emily incredibly headed wide from the edge of the six-yard box.

Abahani were awarded a penalty kick when Firoz Mahmud Titu brought down Touhidul Alam inside the box and Frank converted the kick to give Abahani a 13-minute lead.

Muktijoddha Sangad came close to levelling the margin on 27 minutes, but a powerful shot from Mamunul Islam was brilliantly tipped over by goalkeeper Shohidul Alam Sohel.

Muktijoddha strengthened their attack after the break by bringing on a midfielder in place of an extra defender and the move paid off as they launching numerous attacks, and one of those brought the equaliser when Rafael headed a Ariful Islam cross home in the 63rd minute.

Despite being on the back-foot for most part of the game, Abahani might have had the last laugh had Frank found the back of the net with a powerful shot off a Paul Lucky cut-back but goalkeeper Mustak saved it for corner with just two minutes left to the game.

Reforms high on agenda

ICC board starts meeting in Dubai

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CRICINFO, Dubai

When the International Cricket Council's (ICC's) executive board meets in Dubai over Sunday and Monday, the main item on their agenda will be the 65 recommendations made public in February following the independent governance review, headed by Lord Woolf.

The Woolf review called for sweeping changes in the global administration of cricket and the administration of the ICC, which begins with the executive board itself. It would be unrealistic to expect the board, made up of the heads of the ten Full Members plus three Associate representatives, to give a green light to its own fairly substantial demolition as suggested by Woolf.

Were the ICC's decisions not largely dependent on power equations and political bargaining, the list of items on the board's April agenda would even appear ho-hum. For now, each item contains both minefield and bargaining chip.

Woolf report recommendations apart, the agenda includes the vice-presidential nomination, suggestions regarding how the Twenty20 format should be handled, and the next round of ICC events between 2015 and 2023, including the World Test Championship.

Perhaps Woolf's most contentious recommendation, pertaining to the restructuring of the board, suggests the creation of new posts of independent directors in order to ensure that the board is less dominated by the "bigger" nations. A handful of the Full Members have

already commented publicly on the report and made their stands clear. Cricket Australia and the PCB were measured in their comments, saying that it would be wrong to reject the report out of hand and that the ICC executive board should seek a consensus among cricket boards before deciding whether to implement it or not. The BCCI's working committee had rejected the key recommendations concerning the restructuring. The BCCI response to the report noted that their working committee was, "in particular not agreeable to the changes in the structure of the management of the ICC that had been proposed."

In all debates surrounding the ICC and its functioning, the BCCI's bargaining chip, often with smaller Full Member nations, usually rests with the individual country's engagements with the Indian cricket team. The more India tours there, the higher the earnings for the members boards from television rights. The more the tours, the more the revenue; a cold shoulder from India can translate into red on that national cricket board's balance sheet.

At this time, it is the Bangladesh Cricket Board that could do with some friends at the ICC executive board level. Together with Pakistan, it has nominated its president, Mustafa Kamal, for the role of vice-president -- this means, if sanctioned, he will succeed Alan Isaac as president in 2014. It is believed that Pakistan's support for Kamal's nomination, however, was dependent on Bangladesh agreeing to tour Pakistan and breaking a three-year freeze on international cricket in the country. The ICC had

refused to send its officials on that tour, which led to a growing reluctance by the BCB to commit to the tour.

Kamal's role as vice-president could also be affected by a Woolf recommendation stating that under its proposed new board structure, the ICC "consider the position and role, if any, of the ICC vice-president between 2012 and 2014. At the same time the BCB will also be looking for a new television rights partner, its contract with Indian broadcaster Nimbus TV having come to an end. In this scenario, there could be a surprise ally for the BCB. Only recently it announced it had received reassurances from the BCCI that Bangladesh could be invited for their first full Test series in India since being granted Test status in 2000. This alliance between the BCCI and the BCB may only be fully explained after the board's decisions are announced on Monday.

The sole common ground shared by the ICC and the Woolf review is to be found in the ICC president's office. At its last executive board meeting in March, a month after the release of the Woolf Report, the board suggested re-defining the role of the president, scrapping its rotational appointment, making it a largely "ceremonial" position and creating a new one of chairman. This also happened to constitute two of the 65 recommendations of the Woolf report. Neither side though, clearly outlined the procedure for the election of the new, powerful chairman. In its only public comment on the Woolf report, the ECB had said it "welcomed" the creation of a new post of chairman and the reduction of the role of the president to a ceremonial one.

Monte Carlo Masters on

Tennis

AFP, Monte Carlo

Rafael Nadal begins his bid for an unprecedented eighth straight Monte Carlo Masters title plagued by new fears over his physical condition.

The Spaniard takes to the European clay for the first time this year having spent the past fortnight trying to heal his latest knee problems after failing to front up for his Miami hardcourt semifinal against Andy Murray.

Nadal will be seeded second in the field at the picturesque Monte Carlo Country Club, with number one Novak Djokovic keen to make his return to the Mediterranean venue after skipping last year to rest.

The Serb number one starts after a bye against a qualifier or Italian Andreas Seppi.

Six-time French Open champion Nadal truly owns this tournament, which starts on Sunday, having lost a mere six sets in total since starting his unbroken title run in 2005.

Over the past five years, he has dropped just two sets at the elite club.

The Spaniard will start in the second round after a bye against the winner from Finn Jarkko Nieminen and Czech Radek Stepanek.

Spanish media reported that Nadal has undergone more therapy at a Spanish clinic, treatment comprising injections of plasma enriched with growth factors to accelerate recovery, healing and tissue regeneration.

Nadal also underwent the same treatment in 2009.

In the absence of Roger Federer, Britain's Andy Murray will be seeded third as he tries to lift his spirits after going down to Djokovic in the Miami Masters final.

Murray is defending one of his career-best performances on clay after reaching the semi-

finals in two of the last three Monte Carlo editions.

He lost to Nadal a year ago in the final four and starts his 2012 campaign against either Serbia's Viktor Troicki or local player Jean-Rene Lisnard.

Now coached by Ivan Lendl, the 24-year-old remains in fourth place in the ATP rankings and is still without a Grand Slam title.

Missing from the field will be the third-ranked Federer, who will make his clay start next month at the Madrid Masters.

The Swiss, with three ATP titles this season, plus trophies from his last three events of 2011, is taking a training break and has called in American sparring partner Jesse Levine for a hit.

The Monte Carlo field has been hit by withdrawals.

France's Richard Gasquet, who injured his ankle playing football, and compatriot Gael Monfils, with an abdominal muscle injury, are out.

American John Isner withdrew after helping the US to a Davis Cup quarterfinal win over France at Monte Carlo last weekend.

Nomination

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Rangamati DFA, Elias Hossain, former footballer and councillor of Gopalganj DFA and Abdul Gaffar, former national footballer.

The sale of nomination will continue till April 18 and the nomination papers will also be submitted on the same day. Objections can be lodged on April 19 while the nominations will be scrutinised on April 20 and the withdrawal date has been fixed for April 22. The final candidature will be revealed on April 23.

A total of 122 voters will elect one president, one senior vice president, four vice presidents and 15 members.

Title almost

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the pitch by an otherwise subdued 69,000 crowd at the Allianz Arena.

Dortmund, who last tasted league defeat against Hanover in September, have 72 points from 31 games.

Bayern are on 64 points while Schalke, still on course for a place in next season's Champions League, have 57.

The 140th Ruhr derby began in dramatic style as Peru forward Farfan picked up a loose ball and blasted his shot through a crowd of players to give Schalke a ninth-minute lead.

Piszczek replied eight minutes later, the Pole smashing in a left-foot shot from a difficult angle.

After that the match turned into an ugly, confrontational battle with plenty of bad challenges.

Schalke had the most pressure but Dortmund snatched the winner following a corner when the ball hit home defender Christoph Metzelder on the chest and landed at the feet of Kehl who fired in from close range.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

Div-II football

Social Welfare Association thrashed East End Club 4-0 in their Destiny Group Dhaka Metropolitan 2nd Division Football League match at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Sohel scored a hatrick while Shahin scored the other

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: UPON SPOTTING A BIG REPTILE THROUGH ON THE HORIZON, THE WEATHER BUREAU ISSUED A LIZARD WARNING. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals F

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Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)
Consulting services for the management and supervision of the implementation of the National Power Transmission Network Development Project

The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter called "GOB") is going to receive financing (hereinafter called "the Loan") from Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter called "JICA") toward the project cost of National Power Transmission Network Development Project (hereinafter called "the Project"), and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of the Loan for the payments for the Engineering Consulting Services of the Project. Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (hereinafter called "the Employer" or "PGCB"), the executing agency of the Project, intends to employ a firm of consultants (hereinafter called "the Consultant") for the Engineering Consulting Services contract to manage and supervise the implementation of the Project.

The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB) under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interests in providing services to act as the Owner's Engineer to assist PGCB with the supervision of procurement and construction of the National Power Transmission Network Development Project, which include 230kV & 132kV AIS and GIS Substation Projects, 230kV & 132kV Underground and Overhead Transmission line Projects. The consultant will carry out preparation of the bidding documents prior to their issue, help evaluate the bids, assist PGCB in contract negotiation, approval of the designs and drawings, and will supervise works during the implementation stage including installation, testing and commissioning up to handing over.

Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following:

- Registration of firm,
- Age of firm,
- Background with brochures showing their experience, facilities and areas of expertise,
- History of Litigation,
- Description of similar or higher assignments (as many as possible),
- Experience in similar or higher operating conditions (as many as possible),
- Availability of appropriate professional qualifications and experiences among staff and resources to carry out the assignment in PGCB,
- Experience of the Team Leader.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a "joint venture" or "subconsultancy". In the case of an association, all members of such "association" should have real and well defined inputs to the assignment and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including their associates to maximum of four.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the JICA's guideline.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the following address by May 21, 2012 before 4 pm Bangladesh Standard Time and be clearly marked "Request for Expressions of Interest for Consulting Services of National Power Transmission Network Development Project". E-mail and fax submission shall not be accepted.

Interested Consulting firms shall collect detailed EOI document at the address below during normal office hours or download the pdf version of the document from **PGCB website www.pgcb.org.bd**.

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