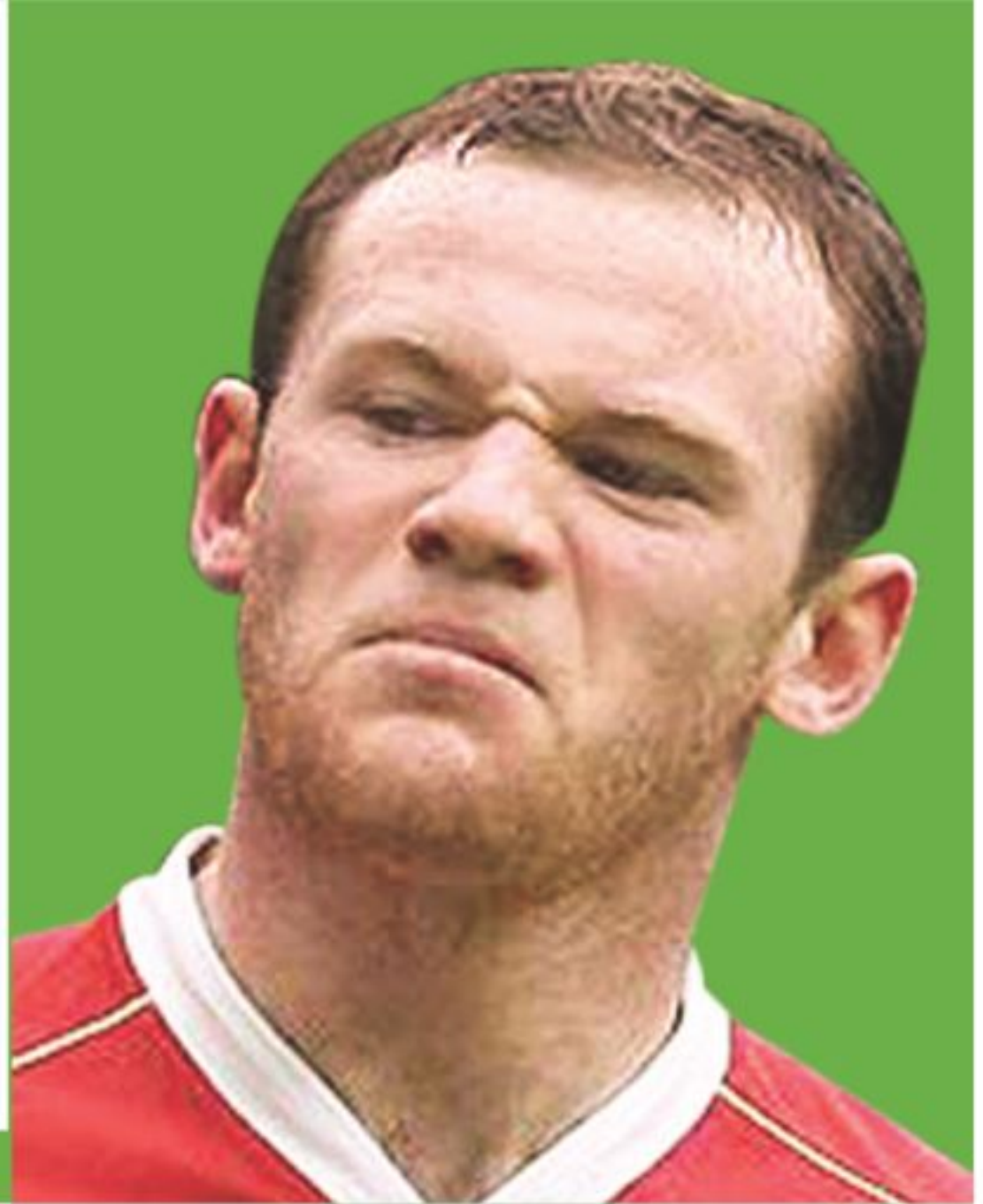


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Rooney set for return

England striker Wayne Rooney, who has not played for a month after suffering a severely gashed thigh against Fulham, is likely to return for Manchester United this week. Rooney's leg was badly cut in an accidental clash with Fulham forward Hugo Rodallega at Old Trafford on August 25 but he could play against Newcastle United in the League Cup on Wednesday or against Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League on Saturday. "He is not far away," manager Alex Ferguson told reporters. "He's doing a lot of great training and has been



Young Bangladesh paceman Abul Hasan makes a desperate dive to stop the ball as Pakistan opener Imran Nazir looks on during their World Twenty20 match at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium in Kandy yesterday. Nazir, who was dropped by Hasan while on one only, made the most of the gaffe with a blazing 72 off 36 balls as Pakistan coasted to an eight-wicket win.

PHOTO: AFP

'We failed to back up Shakib' Backfiring bouncers

BISHWAJIT ROY from Kandy

Praising Shakib Al Hasan's innings highly, Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim held the conditions responsible for their failure in the ICC World Twenty20 yesterday. The wicketkeeper-batsman in the post-match briefing said that his team lost the game, against Pakistan by eight wickets, despite putting up a challenging total on the board mainly because of their weakness in their bowling on this kind of pitch. "You know our main strength is our spin bowling department, but unfortunately the conditions hardly suited them and this was the main reason behind our failure in this tournament. I'm disappointed with the outcome but we had learnt something from this tournament," explained Mushfiqur

when asked about his team's failure in the big tournaments.

Asked whether it was a plan to bounce Pakistan out, Mushfiqur said: "It was not in the plan and the bowlers did not bowl accordingly. Three pacers bowled a lot of short deliveries and were duly hit out of the park, especially by Imran Nazir.

"For a long time we had not played cricket on this kind of true wickets and that's why our bowlers struggled here and it also put pressure on us as I said our main strength is our spin bowling. We don't have quality pace

bowler like Umar Gul, so we failed in this kind of condition. But still I think there has some positives after today's match," he added.

Mushfiqur believed that Pakistan is the best team for this kind of wicket because they have variety in their bowling and they also have a very good batting line-up. Mushfiqur

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ICC WORLD TWENTY20 SRI LANKA 2012

SUPER EIGHTS FIXTURES

DATE	TIME	MATCH	VENUE
Sept 27	4:00pm 8:00pm	Sri Lanka v New Zealand England v West Indies	Pallekele Pallekele
Sept 28	4:00pm 8:00pm	Pakistan v South Africa Australia v India	Colombo Colombo
Sept 29	4:00pm 8:00pm	England v New Zealand Sri Lanka v West Indies	Pallekele Pallekele
Sept 30	4:00pm 8:00pm	Australia v South Africa Pakistan v India	Colombo Colombo
Oct 1	4:00pm 8:00pm	West Indies v New Zealand England v Sri Lanka	Pallekele Pallekele
Oct 2	4:00pm 8:00pm	Australia v Pakistan India v South Africa	Colombo Colombo

(All times are Bangladesh Standard Time. Teams carried their first round seeding into the Super Eights, regardless of what their performance was in the round)

SAKEB SUBHAN



There has been much talk of executing plans in the lead-up to Bangladesh's ICC World Twenty20 encounter with Pakistan and if those plans were being executed when the Tigers took the field to defend an admirable total of 175 after a Shakib Al Hasan special, then there is cause for concern.

The first three overs went well with 23 runs coming off them and might have even netted the key wicket of Imran Nazir had Abul Hasan held on to a simple chance at mid-on. What happened thereafter can only be termed a vacation for common sense. Shafiqul Islam had bowled four balls in the fourth over for only five runs. He then tried a bouncer that went down the leg side for five byes. The next was another short ball that Nazir, one of the better punishers of short bowling in the subcontinent, pulled for four. The last ball was a repeat, the result this time a six over midwicket. Whether it was a pre-set plan for the pacers to start bowling short from then on is anyone's guess, but the next over from Mashrafe Bin Mortaza produced fifteen, the last ball another bouncer that was hammered by Nazir for six.

A T20 match hinges on certain key moments, and after having restricted the Pakistani openers in the first three

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BD-PAKS SCOREBOARD

Team	R	B	4	6
PAKISTAN				
Tamim run out	24	12	5	0
Ashraf b Sohail Tanvir	14	13	3	0
Shakib c U Akmal b Arafat	84	54	11	2
Mushfiqur c Nazir b Arafat	25	26	1	1
Mahmudullah c U Akmal b Afridi	0	2	0	0
Nasir b Arafat	16	13	2	0
Ziaur not out	1	1	0	0
Extras: (lb-1, w-8, nb-1)	11			
Total: (For 2 wickets in 20 overs)	175			
Did not bat: Abul, Mashrafe, Razzak, Shafiqul.				
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-61, 3-129, 4-133, 5-170, 6-175.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hafeez	3	0	28	0
Tanvir	3	0	25	1
Gul	3	0	43	0
Afridi	4	0	20	1
Ajmal	4	0	32	0
Arafat	3	0	25	3
PAKISTAN				
Hafeez c Mushfiqur b Abul	45	47	6	0
Nazir c sub (Reza) b Abul	72	36	9	3
Jamshed not out	29	14	2	2
K Akmal not out	22	15	4	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-7)	10			
Total: (For 2 wickets in 18.4 overs)	178			
Did not bat: Malik, U Akmal, Afridi, Arafat, Tanvir, Gul, Ajmal.				
Fall of wickets: 1-124, 2-126.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mashrafe	3	0	30	0
Shafiqul	2.4	0	35	0
Razzak	4	0	30	0
Shakib	4	0	23	0
Abul	3	0	33	2

Disappointed, but hopeful

BISHWAJIT ROY from Kandy

Over the past few weeks in Bangladesh, a lot of hype has surrounded the Tigers' participation in the ongoing ICC World Twenty20. Expectations were really high this time as the team management and players had talked up their chances of reaching the Super Eights stage as well as putting in a good show in the T20 mega event well before other participating teams. Bangladesh had devoted themselves to the newest version of the game

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Bangladesh A team's left-arm spinner Saqlain Sajib rejoices one of his four dismissals against West Indies High Performance Team on the third day of their 4-day match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Spinners give BD A the edge



SPORTS REPORTER

A late batting collapse by the West Indies High Performance Team, courtesy of some good spin bowling, gave Bangladesh A an upper hand on the third day of the four-day game at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. The visitors, who were set a target of 239 after they bowled out the hosts for 186, stumbled to 120 for 6 at the end of the day's play, losing their last 4 wickets in 13 overs. The visitors now face a stiff task of scoring 119 more runs on the final day with only four wickets in hand.

The West Indian batsmen's inexperience in the spin department was heavily utilised by skipper Rokibul Hasan, as the visitors lost five of their six wickets to spin-bowling. Saqlain Sajib took over Enamul Haque Junior's role and looked menacing with his accurate slow-left armers. His figures, 4 for 27 off just 14 overs, were telling of the way he troubled the batsmen.

Sajib struck a double blow in the 34th over when he took the crucial wickets of Kyle Hope and Carlos Brathwaite, two batsmen who were expected to dominate proceedings in the match. The visitors were in trouble right from the beginning of the innings when they lost their openers with just 36 runs on the board. Trevon Griffith was the first one to leave as he

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