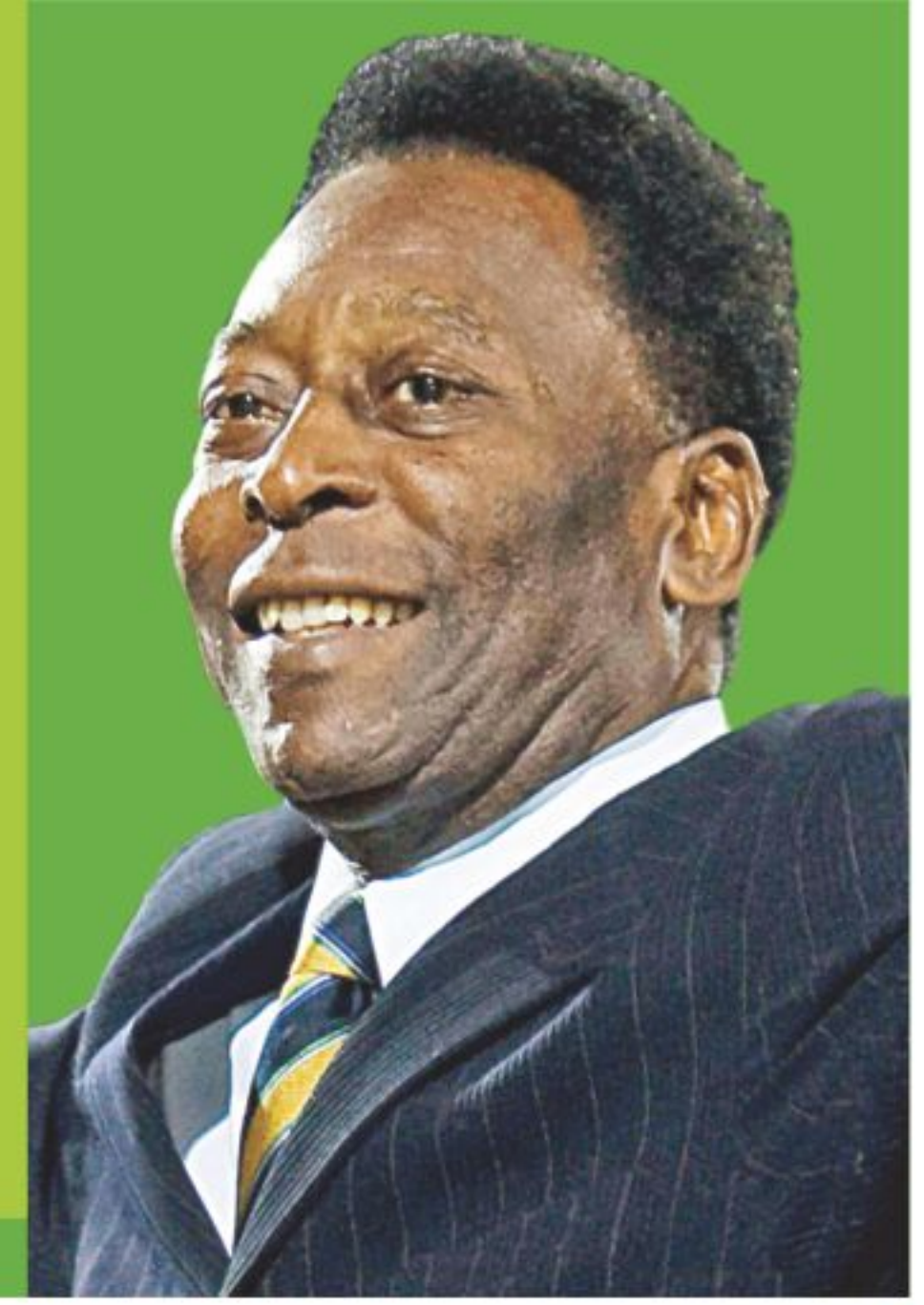


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Pele undergoes hip operation

Legendary Brazilian footballer Pele underwent a successful hip operation in Sao Paulo on Tuesday, a spokesperson for the three-time World Cup winner told the Globo Esporte website. "Everything went well, it was a very simple operation. He will probably leave tomorrow (Wednesday)," said Pele's spokesman, Jose Fornos. The 72-year-old, an honorary ambassador for the 2014 World Cup being hosted by Brazil, had been admitted to the Albert Einstein hospital, which did not publish any more information at the request of Pele's



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Minor Chances

The flat wicket at the Sher-e-Bangla contains a bit of moisture in the morning session, making it the most probable time for the bowling side to pick up wickets. While the Bangladeshi bowlers couldn't make the most of it, they did however, squander a couple. The first one in fact came at the second ball of the day when a flighted delivery by debutant Shohag Gazi beat both Denesh Ramdin and keeper Mushfiqur Rahim as it went through the gap between the bat and the pad. The second opportunity came through an edge of Shivnarine Chanderpaul off Gazi, which fell inches short of the slip fielder.

UDRS frustration

The home side's frustration at the West Indian batting was perhaps best described by allrounder Shakib Al Hasan who signaled the umpire to 'Review' an appeal made against Chanderpaul in the 110th over, but was obviously denied since the 'Umpire Decision Review System' is not being used for the series.

Tamim's bowling and Gazi's 47 overs

The crowd never really had a chance to get going in the morning and afternoon session, mostly due to some sublime batting by the visitors. The only time they cheered however, was when Tamim Iqbal came to ball what was only his fifth over in Test cricket. It was the opposite for young Shohag Gazi who bowled 47 overs on his debut, only four less than Mohammad Rafique's effort in Bangladesh's first Test match against India in 2000.

Tino v Tamim

West Indian fast bowler Tino Best is known for his enthusiasm on

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Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal is airborne and off-balance while trying to clobber a short and wide ball from West Indies captain Darren Sammy, only managing to hit it to mid-on to bring an end to his 71-ball 72 on the second day of the first Test at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Tigers' flair overdose

BISHWAJIT ROY

Two very different styles of batting were on display on the second day of the first Test at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. At one end patient and risk-free batting from Shivnarine Chanderpaul not only took him to a second double hundred but also helped the West Indies to tighten their grip on the home team, while at the other extreme flamboyant batting from Tamim Iqbal only put the Tigers in danger.

It is a surface where only mistakes by the batsmen can make bowlers happy and the two overnight batsmen Chanderpaul and Denesh Ramdin, who hit his third hundred, applied themselves so brilliantly that the West Indies did not lose a single wicket yesterday as captain Darren Sammy declared their

innings on 527 for 4, just twenty minutes before the tea break.

The Bangladesh top order's response however was a study in contrast. It appeared that they did not learn anything from the Test batting clinic put on by the two West Indian batsmen -- who kept their cool throughout an unbeaten 296-run fifth wicket stand -- about the desired approach on this surface, especially when they were under the burden of a pile of runs.

Tamim's swashbuckling innings may have been easy on the eyes -- some beautiful cover drives, an eye-catching straight drive and his trade-mark dancing down the wicket shots -- during his 72-run knock but in the end his stroke-filled innings hardly meant anything for his team, who finished the day on 164 for three, only halfway to the follow-on mark.

Tamim's batting approach as well as

Shahriar Nafees's might have entertained the small crowd for a while but it once again brought to the fore the old problem of a lack of application in Bangladesh's batting. Both unnecessarily manufactured outrageous strokes and paid the price in the end by playing poor shots, but thankfully for the home side Naeem Islam and Shakib Al Hasan restored some sanity to prevent further damage.

Bangladesh lost their first wicket when Junaed Siddiqui had no answer to a nasty short ball from Ravi Rampaul, unlike Tamim and Nafees who both gifted away their wickets. Nafees went for a shot against a Rampaul delivery which he should have left alone; the ball got some extra bounce and took the outside edge through to the keeper to put an end to Nafees's 27-ball 31, while Tamim tried to thwack a short ball outside off from Sammy into oblivion but it

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'It was bad shot selection'

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A lifter from pacer Ravi Rampaul took the edge and flew over the slip cordon and thus Tamim Iqbal got his first boundary; a fortuitous one. But that bit of good fortune did not stop the left-hander to think otherwise with his innings, instead he was outrageous with his stroke-play which even forced the experienced West Indies batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul to ask him whether he was playing a T20 game.

But the batsman, who started the Test match on the back of three consecutive hundreds under his belt in the National Cricket League (NCL), defended his style of batting when he was faced with a volley of questions in the post-day briefing regarding his dismissal which made Bangladesh's already stiff target of avoiding the follow-on that much tougher. Tamim however admitted that it was poor shot selection which denied him not only of finishing the day unbeaten but also of the magical three-digit mark.

"He asked, 'Are you playing a T20 game?' I replied that your bowlers are bowling and I'm hitting the ball. So I told him, I can't bat like you and he then said neither can I," informed Tamim when asked about what Chanderpaul told him during his flashy innings.

Tamim however said that his approach was right: "I am disappointed. I don't think any batsman would want to get out in the 70s. But I am not feeling too bad, because my approach was right."

"I started well and I was playing as I normally do but I didn't want to get bogged down. I was leaving the good balls when Sammy (Darren) was bowling outside. It was bad shot selection. The open leg-side field played a part also. It was a

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Sk Jamal, MSC win

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Title contenders Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club and Mohammedan SC got off to winning starts in the Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Sheikh Jamal recorded a 3-2 win over Team BJMC, thanks to a brace from Sunday Chizoba and a strike from Mike Otojareri while Mohammedan handed a 3-0 defeat to Brothers Union riding on league's first hat-trick from Osei Morison.

Mohammedan, who are still searching an elusive professional football league title, found going hard against another fallen giants Brothers Union in the first half.

After the first-half, Mohammedan coach Saiful Bari Titu switched to a 3-5-2 formation from 4-4-2, bringing in midfielder Maruf Ahmed and winger Shariful Islam in place of Motiur Rahman and defender Mintu Sheikh

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Sheikh Jamal's Nigerian striker Sunday Chizoba rides on compatriot Mike Otojareri's shoulders to celebrate their second goal against Team BJMC at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

CLEAR MEN

Today's Score Card

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 361-4)

Gayle c Mahmudullah b Shohag	24
Powell b Shohag	117
Bravo c Rubel b Shohag	14
Samuels c Shohag b Shahadat	16
Chanderpaul not out	203
Ramdin not out	126
Extras: (b-4, lb-13, nb-8, w-2)	27
Total: (For 4 wickets declared in 144 overs)	527
Did not bat: Sammy, Permaul, Narine, Best, Rampaul.	
Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-74, 3-106, 4-231.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shohag	47	7	145	3
Shahadat	21	3	85	1
Rubel	18	0	89	0
Mahmudullah	14	0	45	0
Shakib	34	4	104	0
Naeem	8	1	24	0
Nasir	1	0	8	0
Tamim	1	0	10	0

BANGLADESH: First innings

Tamim c Narine b Sammy	72
Junaed c Bravo b Rampaul	7
Shahriar c Ramdin b Rampaul	31
Naeem not out	27
Shakib not out	16
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-2, w-1)	11
Total: (For 3 wickets in 36 overs)	164
To bat: Mushfiqur, Mahmudullah, Shohag, Shahadat, Nasir, Rubel.	
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-88, 3-119.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Rampaul	8	0	49	2
Best	7	1	31	0
Sammy	5	0	21	1
Narine	10	3	40	0



West Indies batting great Shivnarine Chanderpaul has Bangladesh's silly point fielder on the hop as he laces a cover drive for four during his unbeaten 203 on the second day of the first Test at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Classic Chanderpaul

NAIMUL KARIM

For those who wanted to witness the essence of a typical Test innings, the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Mirpur was the place to be yesterday.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul's double hundred (203 not out), the second in his 18-year long career, wasn't necessarily eye-catching. It didn't contain any sixes and neither was it filled with a string of flamboyant strokes.

However, out of the seven hours and 37 minutes that the left-hander

spent at the crease the veteran almost never looked in trouble. There was only a single moment early in the day when an edge of his bat fell agonisingly short off the slip-cordon.

But from then on, Rubel Hossain's neck-length bouncers were patiently left alone and Shohag Gazi's turners were precisely put into the gap almost every time. The good deliveries were respected, the over-pitched were elegantly driven, whereas the short and wide were chopped towards the fence. It was eventually a calculated double off Gazi at point that

took Chanderpaul to his double hundred.

"If you notice, in my career, I haven't scored too many double centuries. So it's always pleasing to score one. When you are in good form, things just go your way," said Chanderpaul at a post-day press conference at the SBNCs.

Had Darren Sammy not decided to have declared the innings, Chanderpaul would have surpassed his highest score of 203 not out, an innings that he had played against South Africa in 2005. The middle-order batsman, however,

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Booters leave for Thailand today

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The Bangladesh national football team leave here for Thailand today to play two FIFA friendly matches against Thailand and Malaysia with a hope of verifying the standard they belong to.

Bangladesh are scheduled to face Thailand on Saturday before playing the second match against

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