

## Vukcevic regains consciousness

Hoffenheim star Boris Vukcevic, who was seriously injured when his car was in collision with a lorry in September, woke up on Friday morning after seven weeks in an artificial coma, his club announced. "We're delighted that Boris's condition is getting better. He's on our mind every day," said manager Andreas Mueller in a statement.

The 22-year-old Vukcevic suffered severe head injuries in the collision on September 28 and was airlifted to hospital in Heidelberg, where he was operated on and put in an



## THE MOMENTS

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## Narine's entry

West Indies' ace spinner Sunil Narine had a quiet first three days in the Test. He, however, announced his arrival with a 'bang' by taking two wickets in the 137th over. He first got rid of a set Mahmudullah who bat-padded a turning delivery to silly point, before getting debutant Shohag Gazi caught behind off the last ball of the over, turning the game on its head.

## Nasir's anguish and a new record

Nasir Hossain played a stroke-filled 96 before being deceived by a slower delivery from Tino Best. He may have missed his maiden Test century, but his fifty-plus score along with Mahmudullah's half-century meant that this was the first time that five individual players scored half-centuries in an innings for Bangladesh.

## Gazi'marathon spell

Bangladesh's dependency on Shohag Gazi in this match was

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Bangladesh batsman Nasir Hossain anxiously looks back to find himself caught at wide slip off Tino Best (not in picture) during the fourth day of the first Test against West Indies at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. Nasir missed his maiden Test ton by four runs.

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## Set for an exciting finish

BISHWAJIT ROY

**SAHARA CUP 2012** Bangladesh may rue some missed chances, but what they have so far achieved in the first Test against the West Indies many could not have envisioned in their dreams. First, Tamim Iqbal and Shakib Al Hasan missed their hundreds and then Nasir Hossain fell only four runs short of the magical three-digit figure on the fourth day. Then there were the two dropped catches by Junaed Siddiqui, but in the end it was another successful day for the Tigers after they finished their first innings with a record 556 runs and inflicted some telling damage to the West Indies second innings in the last hour of the fourth day at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The match is set-up nicely after the fourth day with West Indies batting on a 215-run lead but with the loss of six wickets. There is hardly any batting left for the Caribbean side, especially as it is uncertain whether the ill

Shivnarine Chanderpaul will bat today, so a great finish on the final day is on the cards, with all four results possible.

Outstanding batting from the Tigers brought the fans to the ground in numbers on Friday, a public holiday and the way the game is poised, many may not miss the opportunity to watch a tense finish on the final day from the stands. Undoubtedly Mushfiqur Rahim's men have the edge over their opponents after end of the day's play following a late surge by left-arm spinner Shakib Al Hasan and off-spinner Shohag Gazi. Still they have a huge task left to make it a memorable Test match, especially as there were signs of the pitch starting to crumble in the last hour, which means talented West Indies spinner Sunil Narine may be a threat for the Tigers batsmen in the second innings.

The day had an exciting finish when West Indies slipped to 244 for six from the safety of 209 for one. A 189-run partnership between Kieran Powell (110), only the ninth Caribbean

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## CLEAR MEN

## Today's Score Card

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 527-4 dec (Chanderpaul 203 not out, Ramdin 126 not out, Powell 117; Shohag 3-145)

**BANGLADESH:** First innings (overnight 455-6)

Tamim c Narine b Sammy 72

Junaed c Bravo b Rampaul 7

Shahriar c Ramdin b Rampaul 31

Naeem c Ramdin b Sammy 108

Shakib c (Fudadin) b Rampaul 89

Mushfiqur c b Permaul 43

Nasir c Gayle b Best 96

Mahmudullah c Powell b Narine 62

Shohag b Narine 4

Shahadat b Narine 13

Rubel not out 0

Extras: (b-8, lb-12, nb-8, w-3) 31

Total: (All out in 148.3 overs) 556

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-88, 3-119, 4-

286, 5-362, 6-368, 7-489, 8-493, 9-554.

**Bowler** O M R W

Rampaul 32 3 118 3

Best 23 3 77 1

Sammy 23 3 83 2

Narine 32.3 5 148 3

Permaul 29 7 75 1

Gayle 3 0 14 0

Samuels 6 0 21 0

**WEST INDIES:** Second innings

Gayle c Mushfiqur b Rubel 19

Powell c Mushfiqur b Shakib 110

Bravo c Mushfiqur b Rubel 76

Samuels c Shahriar b Shohag 1

Ramdin lbw b Shakib 5

Sammy not out 15

Permaul c Shohag 10

Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-4) 8

Total: (For 6 wkt in 64.5 overs) 244

To bat: Chanderpaul, Narine, Best, Rampaul.

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-209, 3-212, 4-

218, 5-225, 6-244.

**Bowler** O M R W

Shohag 18.5 2 63 2

Rubel 14 4 35 2

Mahmudullah 3 0 12 0

Shahadat 7 1 34 0

SAKEB SUBHAN

It was a day that illustrates why Test cricket is the premium form of entertainment in the sport; a day of ebb and flow seemingly leading the contest towards a stalemate, then all of a sudden changing directions through a passage of play that breathed such life into the match that a positive result for either West Indies or Bangladesh now seems the likeliest outcome.

In the last hour of the fourth day of the first Test at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday, it was Bangladesh who grabbed the bull by the horns, taking five wickets for 35 runs to leave the West Indies in a position of uncertainty. The visitors now lead by 215 with four wickets left -- one of them the crucial one of Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who was sidelined by illness and may or may not bat today.

For the home team's perspective, fans can be forgiven for waiting for the penny to drop. They are playing Tests after almost a year, and yet ran up their highest total ever, 556. They have rarely played two consecutive days of good Test cricket, yet finished the third and fourth days on top. Individual brilliance rather than collective competence has been the hallmark of their moderate Test successes, yet at the end of the fourth day the identity of the player sent to answer the media at the post-day conference was a cause for speculation.

Rubel Hossain had performed admirably, taking the wickets of Chris Gayle and Darren Bravo on what looks like a pacer's graveyard while Shohag Gazi and Shakib Al Hasan engineered West Indies' evening session collapse. In the end Nasir Hossain, whose swashbuckling 96 gave

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## Highest scores by Bangladesh in Tests

Score	Innings	Result	Opponents	Venue	Date
556	2	---	West Indies	Dhaka	13 Nov '12
488	1	won	Zimbabwe	Chittagong	6 Jan '05
427	1	lost	Australia	Fatullah	9 Apr '06
419	1	lost	England	Dhaka	20 Mar '10
416	1	draw	West Indies	Gros Islet	28 May '04
413	4	lost	Sri Lanka	Dhaka	26 Dec '08
408	2	lost	New Zealand	Hamilton	15 Feb '10

## 'We still can win'

NAIMUL KARIM

West Indian opener Kieron Powell had earlier stated that it was his aim to score a century against Bangladesh in this series, a task he achieved on the very first day of the Test match. The left-handed batsman's list of triumphs though wasn't going to stop there.

The batsman once again anchored the West Indian batting order and in the process scored his second century of the match.

"I was thinking about it last night and people I talked to told me that this was the perfect opportunity to do something like this. I am not too sure how often it happened but I am happy that it happened to me," said Powell after the fourth day's play of the first Test against Bangladesh at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. Powell's 'century double' makes him a part of an elite group of West Indian batsmen, including the likes of Gordon Greenidge, to have scored two centuries in a match.

However, Powell's departure late in the day triggered a

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Winners of the 17th Transcom Cup Golf Tournament pose for photographs along with National Defence College Commandant Lt General Molla Fazle Akbar, chief guest on the concluding day of the two-day meet, at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Friday. Also seen in the picture is Transcom Limited's Chairman and CEO Latifur Rahman.

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## Transcom Cup golf held

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Omar Wasiuddin clinched the men's title while Mrs Tahmina Rahman won the ladies' crown in the 17th Transcom Cup Golf Tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

National Defence College Commandant Lt General Molla Fazle Akbar distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest. A large number of participants, members of Transcom Limited attended the function.

## Jahurul, Mithun hit tons

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League leaders Khulna raced to a formidable total at the Sylhet Divisional Stadium against Dhaka Metro on the first day of the fourth round of the National Cricket League (NCL). Mohammad Mithun's 120 was the highlight of the day as he anchored Khulna's innings. The game at the BKSP between Rajshahi and Chittagong also witnessed a century as Rajshahi batsman Jahurul Islam scored half the runs of his team, 118.

Rangpur rode on half-centuries from Sohrawardi Shuvo and Tarik Ahmed as they ended the day on 289 for 9 after electing to bat against Dhaka at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra. Away at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium in Barisal, Sylhet struggled to 193 for eight against the hosts. Visiting opener Sayem Alam

## SCORES IN BRIEF

**KHULNA:** First innings 355 for 9 in 90 overs ( Mithun 120, Anamul 72; Ashraful 3-71, Taskin 2-50)

**SYLHET:** First innings 193 for 8 in 90 overs ( Sayem 82; Syed Rasel 2-10, Kamrul 2-30)

**RAJSHAHI:** First innings 239 all out in 88.2 overs (Jahurul 118, Sanjamul 30; Yasir 4-64)

**RANGPUR:** First innings 282 for 9 in 85 overs ( Tarik

scored 82, his highest of the league so far, to guide his team).

## KHULNA v DHAKA METRO

A century from Mithun and half centuries from Anamul Haque and Mashrafe Bin Mortaza helped Khulna cross the 300 mark before the end of play. They finished the day on 355 for 9. Mashrafe smacked ten fours and a six on his return to the longer version of the game. Meanwhile, Anamul

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