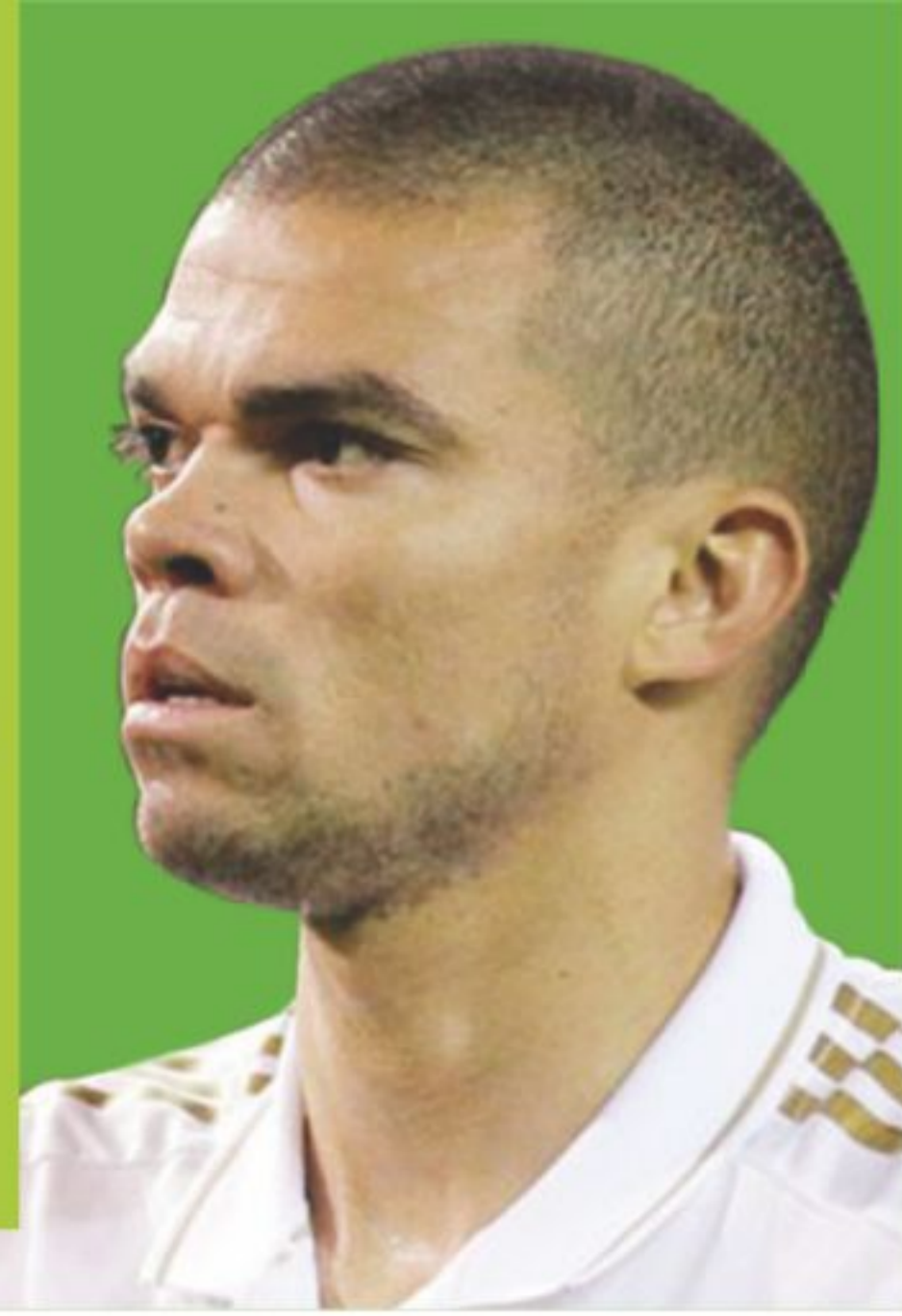


Pepe not a killer

Real Madrid's bruising centre-back Pepe said on Tuesday that his reputation for on-pitch thuggery is undeserved and that he gets a "raw deal" from referees. The Brazil-born Portugal international has found himself in hot water with the Spanish football authorities several times during his five-year career with Madrid. "I get a raw deal in 60 per cent of games -- if I foul someone, it's like I've killed them," he said at a press



# Hasan ton tops day of drama

BISHWAJIT ROY from Khulna

A century old record was crushed underfoot by an unheralded 20-year old boy from Moulvibazar as the last session of the first day of the second Test between Bangladesh and West Indies exploded into high drama. It was the kind of return only Test cricket is capable of producing as obscure debutant Abul Hasan became the first batsman in 110 years to score a hundred on debut while batting at number ten. Hasan who has been drafted into the side as a specialist fast bowler in place of Shahadat Hossain, defied the odds and a fiery Fidel Edwards to rescue Bangladesh from a precarious 193 for eight to a respectable 365 for 8 at stumps and provide the partisan crowd at Bangladesh's newest venue with plenty to cheer. It was also Bangladesh's highest total in a single day of Test cricket.

Hasan scored a whirlwind 100 off just 108 balls, as he associated in a 172-run unbeaten stand with the defiant Mahmudullah Riyad who ended the day unbeaten on a class 72. It had all looked unlikely after the deadly Fidel Edwards (5-81) had made mockery of both the slow, low and flat pitch at the Sheikh Abu Naser stadium and Mushfiqur Rahim's

decision to bat first by skittling most of the Bangladeshi top-order. Bangladesh were five down for 98 runs and only a 87-run sixth wicket partnership between Mushfiqur Rahim (38) and Nasir Hossain (52) restored some pride. But even at 193 for 8, the West Indians could have considered themselves happy with their day's work. But in stepped Hasan to change the whole complexion of the game. The left-hander was dropped by Darren Bravo at short-leg on 42, but mixed his innings with aggression and calm. He played his share of slogs but when required he applied himself like a true specialist. Hasan completed his half-century in style whopping a six against Darren Sammy over long-off and the only time he obviously struggled was in the nervous nineties. But a flicked

double off Sunil Narine got him to the magical landmark. Hasan became only the second Test debutant to make a hundred at number 10 after Australian Reggie Duff made it over a century ago against England in 1902 and overall he is the fourth batsman to make a century as a number ten. He is just 18 shy of the world record of the highest score by a number 10, which was made by Walter Read of England when he stroked 117 against Australia in 1884. Hasan now finds himself in exalted company as far as Bangladeshi centurions are concerned as he joins Aminul Islam and Mohammad Ashraful as the only other Bangladeshis to have achieved that feat. But while the former two were renowned as batsmen of

Highest 9th wicket partnerships in Test cricket					
BATSMEN	PARTNERSHIP	TEAM	AGAINST	VENUE	DATE
Mark Boucher, Pat Symcox	195	South Africa	Pakistan	Johannesburg	14 Feb 1999
Asif Iqbal, Intikhab Alam	190	Pakistan	England	The Oval	24 Aug 1967
JP Duminy, Dale Steyn	180	South Africa	Australia	Melbourne	26 Dec 2008
Abul Hasan, Mahmudullah	172*	Bangladesh	West Indies	Khulna	21 Nov 2012

Highest scores on debut by a number 10 batsman				
Batsman/Team	Score	Against	Venue	Date
RA Dugg (Aus)	104	England	Melbourne	1 Jan 1902
Abul Hasan (Ban)	100*	West Indies	Khulna	21 Nov 2012
TG Southee	77*	England	Napier	22 Mar 2008

Bangladesh's highest partnerships in Test cricket					
BATSMEN	PARTNERSHIP	WICKET	AGAINST	VENUE	DATE
Junaed Siddiqui, Tamim Iqbal	200	2	India	Dhaka	24 Jan 2010
Mohammad Ashraful, Mushfiqur Rahim	191	6	Sri Lanka	Colombo	3 Jul 2007
Habibul Bashar, Shahriar Nafees	187	2	Australia	Fatullah	9 Apr 2006
Imrul Kayes, Tamim Iqbal	185	1	England	Lord's	27 May 2010

CLEAR MEN

Today's Score Card

**BANGLADESH:** First innings  
 Tamim b Sammy 32  
 Nazimuddin c Powell b Edwards 4  
 Shahriar c Ramdin b Sammy 26  
 Naeem b Edwards 16  
 Shakib c Ramdin b Edwards 17  
 Mushfiqur c Ramdin b Edwards 38  
 Nasir c Edwards b Permaul 72  
 Mahmudullah not out 52  
 Shohag lbw b Edwards 0  
 Hasan not out 100  
 Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-1) 8  
 Total: (For 8 wks in 86 overs) 365  
 To bat: Rubel  
 Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-64, 3-77, 4-93, 5-98, 6-185, 7-193, 8-193

**Bowler** O M R W  
 Edwards 16 2 81 5  
 Best 10 3 31 0  
 Sammy 20 4 61 2  
 Narine 19 0 91 0  
 Permaul 19 2 79 1  
 Samuels 2 0 15 0

**WEST INDIES:** Gayle, Powell, Bravo, Chanderpaul, Samuels, Ramdin, Sammy, Permaul, Narine, Best, Edwards.  
 Toss: Bangladesh.

## Khulna's warm welcome

ZAHID HOSSAIN, Khulna

The first day of the second Test between Bangladesh and West Indies will remain as part of history not only in the record books, but also in the memory of the Khulna dwellers who witnessed their first day of Test cricket. With this, the Sheikh Abu Naser Cricket Stadium has become the seventh Test venue of the country.

Local fans, eager to be a part of history gathered in front of the stadium from the early hours yesterday with posters of Shakib al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim and Sohag Gazi. School, college and university students wearing uniforms were also the part of the crowd. Some were even smaller. Five-year old Nehal came to the field with his uncle and said that Shakib and Mushfiq were his heroes. He was thrilled to be watching them in action right from the gallery. Mimi, a student of Khulna University was overjoyed at having been in the stadium for the historic occasion. But she expressed her concern at

A GOOD DAY'S WORK: Centurion Abul Hasan (R) and Mahmudullah Riyad leave the field smiling after pulling Bangladesh out of a disastrous situation at the end of the first day's play in the second Test against the West Indies in Khulna yesterday.

## 'Never even in a dream'

BISHWAJIT ROY from Khulna

Abul Hasan's demeanour could not be more at odds with the innings the debutant played. He cut a coy figure at the post-day conference after playing an innings full of bravado and defiance. It was not easy to gauge his exact reaction as the way the young man responded to every question with a shy smile. He was outstanding in his debut hundred which was laced equally with aggression and calmness, but he was not like that when he made his first official press conference debut at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium in Khulna yesterday. It might be the most romantic hundred made by a Bangladesh batsman but it seemed that the 20-year-old cricketer from Moulvibazar either did not realise what he achieved on his debut Test or could not explain his emotions. His face however gave the impression that he was a little confused over what happened in the last session of the first day of the second and final Test against West Indies.

"I actually don't know. Still I'm not aware of any record," was the simple answer from the brave man -- he was talking with his index finger immersed in ice after being hit by Fidel Edwards in the last over of the day -- when asked whether he was aware of the records he made on way to an unbeaten hundred as the number ten batsman. But undoubtedly it came as a huge relief for the specialist paceman as only a few months ago he was cast in the role of villain after dropping a catch offered by Pakistan opener Imran Nazir at a crucial moment in a do-or-die World Twenty20 encounter at the Pallekele International Stadium in Sri Lanka.

"I felt really bad because I felt that Bangladesh lost that crucial game because of me, and it haunted me, but my teammates always told me that it's a part of the game," said Hasan, who came to the playing eleven in place of Shahadat Hossain. During the left-hander's masterful

knock, many saw the shadow of Tamim Iqbal in his batting, especially the way the debutant used his feet to charge the West Indies bowlers during his unbeaten 108-ball 100 that contained 13 fours and three sixes. "Tamim bhai bought the bat for me from England," disclosed Hasan when he was asked about his style of batting which almost matched the Bangladesh opener's. It was best knock Hasan, popularly known as Raju, has played at any level but the right-arm paceman who bats left-handed informed that he was mainly a batsman when he played at the Under-15 level.

"I was a batsman when I played for the Under-15 team, so I thought I will play like a batsman when I came to bat at number ten. Nannu bhai (Minhazul Abedin) actually advised me to make my career as a bowler. I had the belief in my batting



THE BEGINNING: West Indies fast bowler Fidel Edwards (R) celebrates the dismissal of Bangladesh opener Nazimuddin. This was Fidel's first of five wickets as he finished the day with 5 for 81.



Colourful Khulna fans enjoy Bangladesh's batting against the West Indies on the first day of the second Test at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium yesterday.

## WI reeling from Hasan blow

SPORTS REPORTER

West Indian coach Otis Gibson described the last session of the first day as a 'bit of a blow' for the visitors at a post-day press conference held at the Sheikh Abu Naser stadium in Khulna yesterday. Debutant, Abul Hasan, who became only the second cricketer batting at number 10, to score a century in Test cricket, turned the tables for the hosts. "He played well, we didn't know a lot about him. Normally we have videos of batsmen. The shots he played, you'd think he deserves the hundred," said Gibson, when asked if he was surprised with the player's batting ability. "I have never seen anything this dramatic. You actually don't want it to be on the receiving end, you'd like it for your teammate to do it. It's a horrible feeling. He played excellent cricket. He played some fantastic shots; he rode his luck at times. He was good in

## Don't wait for it again

SAKEB SUBHAN

The first day of the second Test against the West Indies at Khulna's Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium, the country's newest Test venue, saw a once-in-a-lifetime performance from the country's newest Test cricketer Abul Hasan. Picked as a replacement for struggling fast bowler Shahadat Hossain, Hasan sprung a wonderful surprise by rescuing the team from the perils of 193 for eight by scoring only the second century by a debutant number 10 in Test history, and the first in 110 years. On the surface, these are happy stats but upon closer inspection, they mask a batting failure. While the Tigers closed the first day on the relatively strong position of 365 for eight with Mahmudullah Riyad (72 off 89)

and Hasan (100 off 108) at the crease in an unbeaten 172-run ninth-wicket stand, the figures that should really be at the forefront are 193 for eight. It was a placid pitch similar to the one on which the first Test run-fest was staged in Dhaka. Yet some batsmen seemed to conspire to get out. The middle-order was especially culpable. Naeem Islam, Shakib Al Hasan and Nasir Hossain all got out at crucial junctures to shots they could well have avoided. Naeem and Shakib went in successive Fidel Edwards overs after lunch, playing at balls they could have left alone, the stuff batting collapses and defeats are made of. Then after a modest 87-run sixth-wicket partnership with skipper Mushfiqur Rahim, Nasir decided to celebrate his fifty -- which he brought up off 63 balls -- by