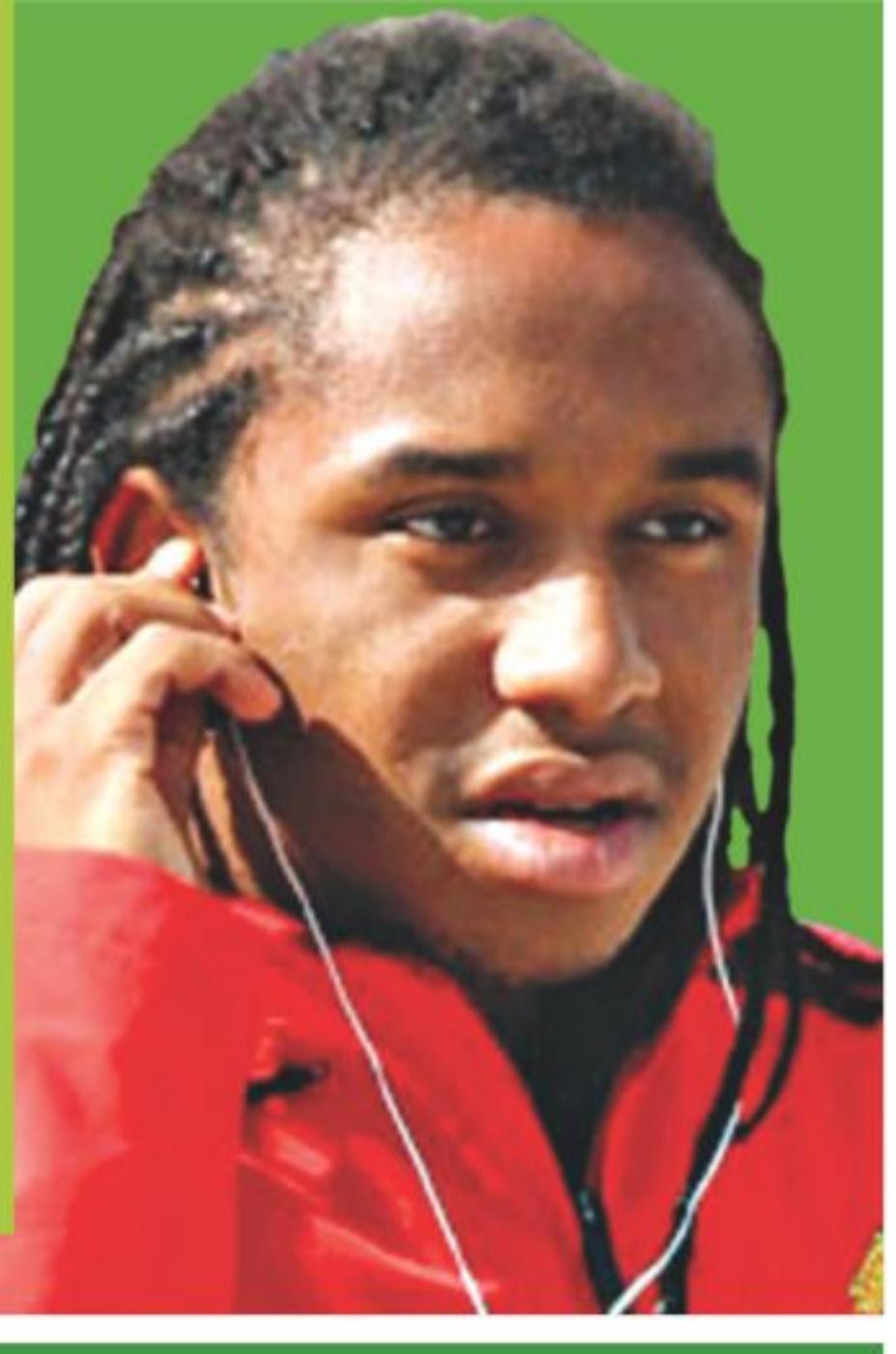


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Anderson out for 3 weeks

Manchester United midfielder Anderson has been ruled out for at least three weeks after suffering a hamstring injury in last weekend's win over Reading. Anderson scored United's first goal in their 4-3 victory at the Madejski Stadium, but the Brazilian was then forced off at half-time and missed Wednesday's Champions League defeat against CFR Cluj. "It is a hamstring," Ferguson told MUTV. "It will be three or four weeks. It is not serious but it is a hamstring."



CLEAR MEN

Today's Score Card

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES			
Powell st Rahim b Gazi	2		
Gayle c Nasir b Shaiful	1		
Samuels run out	1		
Bravo c Haque b Mahmudullah	51		
Pollard b Mominkul	85		
Sammy Jahurul b Mominkul	2		
Thomas c Rahim b Shaiful	25		
Russell lbw b Mahmudullah	0		
Permaul run out	10		
Narine not out	7		
Roach lbw b Shaiful	0		
Extras: (lb-5, w-18)	23		
Total: (All out in 48 overs)	217		
Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-17, 3-17, 4-149, 5-151, 6-188, 7-188, 8-204, 9-217			
Bowler	O	M	R W
Shohag	10	2	32 1
Shaiful	9	4	31 3
Sunny	8	0	58 0
Razzak	9	1	39 0
Mahmudullah	10	1	38 2
Mominul	2	0	14 2

BANGLADESH

Tamim b Roach	8		
Anamul c Pollard b Roach	0		
Jahurul l Thomas b Roach	10		
Mushfiqur b Narine	44		
Mahmudullah b Narine	48		
Nasir not out	39		
Mominul lbw b Narine	25		
Sohag c Thomas b Roach	19		
Razzak lbw b Roach	0		
Sunny not out	1		
Extras: (b-3, lb-4, w-18, nb-2)	27		
Total: (For 8 wkts in 44 overs)	221		
Did not bat: Shaiful			
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-9, 3-30, 4-121, 5-133, 6-186			
Bowler	O	M	R W
Roach	9	0	56 5
Sammy	5	1	23 0
Russell	10	0	51 0
Narine	10	1	38 3
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Samuels	1	0	7 0

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SAHARA CUP 2012

Bangladesh vs West Indies November 13 - December 16

Bangladesh players celebrate with their second major silverware after defeating the West Indies in the fifth and final ODI at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Tigers take a bow

NAIMUL KARIM

For a moment it seemed like the game would never end. The nerves were jittery even when Bangladesh needed just four runs to win in the 43rd over with four wickets in hand. That was the precise moment when Shohag Gazi, who almost carried the hosts home with his aggressive batting, was caught behind. The scenario only worsened when Abdur Razzak was trapped in front by Kemar Roach in the very same over.

The inevitable question was asked by many towards the end of the game -- can Bangladesh actually lose it from here? Those last few minutes seemed like hours for thousands of fans sitting at the edge of their seats at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. Even Nasir Hossain's cut-shot towards the boundary, which eventually didn't reach the fence but brought the entire Bangladesh team on to the pitch, didn't end the game.

The moment of truth though, arrived off the very next ball, when

another cut over cover finally relieved the hosts of their misery. As captain Mushfiqur Rahim put it, at the end of the game, it was 'more than just a mere series victory'.

"Before this series, when we whitewashed them at home, that was a weak team. The 4-0 win against New Zealand wasn't against their best possible team. But this West Indian team are the T20 world champions. And we weren't playing with a full-strength team either, so it just feels amazing," said Mushfiqur.

"In the last two matches our bowling was good but we couldn't field and bat well. Our plan today was to play as a team and give our heart and soul in all three departments, and I am really happy that everything went according to plan," explained an excited Mushfiqur.

Bangladesh's chase yesterday evening was dominated by partnerships. The first one was between Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah Riyad, who was promoted up the order. The fall of the senior pair brought to the wicket young Mominul Haque and Nasir Hossain, who shared another half-century stand.

"We never thought that the match would slip out of our hands. Even after [Mahmudullah] Riyad bhai got out, I had the belief that we could win. After I got out, Mominul and Nasir played very well. I think they played better than us because they were under more pressure. The way Shohag [Gazi] scored those 19 runs also contributed," said Mushfiqur.

The 91-run stand for the fourth wicket with Riyad in particular rescued the hosts as they were struggling at 30 for 3 in the initial stages. "On the field and off the field we [Riyad and Mushfiqur] spend a lot of time together, so we are lucky that as seniors we could provide the partnership. The responsibility was a lot more because Shakib [Al Hasan] wasn't there and Tamim [Iqbal] couldn't perform the way we wanted to," said the captain.

The captain also had good words for Shaiful Islam, who picked up three wickets and bowled four maidens, and Mominul whose two wickets in two overs applied the brakes on the visitors' run-flow. He also batted sensibly for his 25 and provided Nasir

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'This is for the martyrs'

'Tigers showed character'

SPORTS REPORTER

Buoyed by a 2-0 whitewash of the hosts in the Test series, West Indies captain Darren Sammy aimed for a 5-0 series win in the ODIs against Bangladesh when speaking on the eve of the first match in Khulna.

Nine days later, the visiting captain sat in the press conference room of the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur after Bangladesh took the series 3-2 by winning the decider yesterday, trying to explain the result.

"Well, we were talking about [ICC ranking] points, so in order to get 5 points we had to win 5-0," said a disappointed Sammy. "But we didn't play well and we couldn't play well. Bangladesh played well and they showed character and set up a good final today."

Sammy thought the partnership between player-of-the-match Mahmudullah Riyad and his opposite number Mushfiqur Rahim was the turning point, while also saying that West Indies did not put enough runs on the board.

"Today we had a good partnership and we crumbled again. At one point we were looking at 240 plus, we didn't capitalise on that partnership between [Darren] Bravo and [Kieron] Pollard. We did get the early wickets, but the captain [Mushfiqur Rahim] and Mahmudullah [Riyad] batted very well. The difference for me was that they had another partnership of 50 plus [after their fifty-run stand in a losing cause in the fourth ODI on Friday]," said Sammy.

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Shakib slips on Shishir!

SPORTS REPORTER

All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has decided to begin a new innings in his life as he is all set to tie the knot this week. Sources close to Shakib have

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THE MOMENTS

SPORTS REPORTER

Maiden mania

Kieran Powell opened his innings with two consecutive boundaries off Shaiful Islam in the second over of the innings and it seemed as though the ball was coming on to the bat quite well. However, his wicket in the very next over led to five consecutive maiden overs -- the fourth to eighth. Shaiful finished the innings with four maidens, his highest in limited overs cricket.

Pollard's power

Kieron Pollard came to bat with his team reeling at 17 for 3. Having unsuccessfully followed a more cautious approach in the previous games Pollard employed a completely opposite strategy. He took the attack to the bowlers and hit eight sixes, two short of his highest in an innings. He was particularly brutal with the slow left-armers. His partnership with Bravo which yielded 132 runs was the highest fourth-wicket stand against Bangladesh.

Mominul magic

With Pollard going berserk with the bat, captain Mushfiqur Rahim had no other choice but to bring a new bowler into the attack, and the change immediately paid off. Mominul Haque hit the timber in his

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Riyad's just reward

SAKEB SUBHAN

On a March night earlier this year, Bangladesh vice-captain Mahmudullah Riyad stood at the crease with shoulders hunched and head bowed as Pakistan's players ran amuck in celebration of a 2-run victory in the Asia Cup final. He left the field amid the deafening silence of a million hearts breaking.

Riyad must then have wondered if he was destined to live within the inches separating glory from anonymity. That thought must have recurred when he was last man out -- after displaying rare courage in taking numerous body blows from a rampant Tino Best -- in the first Test against West Indies last month as Bangladesh failed to chase 245.

He has been the silent man of Bangladesh cricket. In the brilliance of the exploits of Shakib Al Hasan and Tamim Iqbal, his quality has often been pushed to the background. But as he has so often shown, he is a batsman of high quality and as evident from his willingness to bat anywhere in the order, a team man to the core.

Even during that miraculous ninth-wicket partnership with Shaiful Islam that

won them the 2011 World Cup match at Chittagong against England, it was Shaiful, the lower-order batsman who outscored him, but keener followers noted Riyad's serenity that was key to that win.

But the man behind the scenes of the Tigers' glories stepped out of the shadows in this five-ODI series against the West Indies, spectacularly so in the decider last night at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium. Coming in at 30 for three and chasing a similar target to the one the Tigers had failed by a distance the previous night, Riyad seized his moment. His contribution was a 45-ball 48, but it defined the Tigers' response.

Promoted up the order after batting at seven for most of the series, he realised the importance of taking the game by the scruff of the neck. In doing so he ensured that the run-rate was not an issue when he departed the scene 91 runs later. Batting was not the easiest against the West Indians on the Mirpur pitch -- Kemar Roach was bowling at furious pace while Sunil Narine brought all the tricks out of his bag of mystery -- but still the man

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