

5-star Steyn blows Pakistan away

Cricket

AFP, Johannesburg

Dale Steyn struck with the second new ball to secure a 211-run win for South Africa before lunch on the fourth day of the first Test against Pakistan at the Wanderers Stadium on Monday.

Steyn dismissed overnight batsmen Asad Shafiq and Misbahul Haq inside his first three overs with the new ball to sweep away the last serious resistance by the tourists.

He also took the last two wickets to finish with five for 52 and match figures of 11 for 60.

Wicketkeeper AB de Villiers held five catches to add to the six he took in the first innings.

He equaled the world record set by Jack Russell for England against South Africa on the same ground in 1995-96.

He also became the first player in Test history to make a century and claim ten or more dismissals in a match after hitting an unbeaten 103 in the second

innings.

Graeme Smith, captaining a South African Test side for the 100th time, said his men had achieved a peak of excellence on the second day when they bowled out Pakistan for 49 and then stretched their lead beyond 400 with solid batting.

"Day Two was the standard," he said. "We reached the height that we can achieve as a team. Staying at that level was the challenge."

Shafiq's dismissal ended a stubborn fifth wicket stand of 127 with Misbah. The pair added 20 runs to the overnight total of 183 for four in the five overs that had to be bowled before the new ball could be taken.

Only another four runs were added before Steyn had Shafiq caught at second slip by Jacques Kallis for 56 in the third over with the new ball. Shafiq had faced 168 balls and hit nine fours.

In his next over Steyn had Pakistan captain Misbah caught behind for 64, made off 167 balls with 11 boundaries.

Sarfraz Ahmed chopped a ball from Vernon Philander on to his stumps and Saeed Ajmal provided De Villiers with his tenth catch of the match when he gloved a lifting ball from Morne Morkel to the wicketkeeper.

There was some frustration for the bowlers as Umar Gul slogged his way to 23 and Morkel was denied a wicket after bowling Junaid Khan when a replay showed he had sent down a no-ball.

But Steyn had Gul caught behind and then trapped Junaid leg before wicket with the fourth ball of the last over before lunch.

Misbah said Pakistan needed to find a way to deal with South Africa's fast bowlers.

"We have to give credit to the South African bowlers, especially Steyn. He took the game away from us," said Misbah.

There are ten days before the second Test in Cape Town and Misbah said the batsmen would practice hard against the new ball.



Dale Steyn (L) hit a new high at the Wanderers yesterday, the fourth day of the first Test against Pakistan, when he finished with a match-haul of 11 for 60 that fashioned a massive 211-run win for South Africa.

PHOTO: AFP

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 253				
PAKISTAN: First Innings 49				
SOUTH AFRICA: Second Innings 275-3 declared				
PAKISTAN: Second Innings (over-night 183-4)				
Hafeez c De Villiers b Philander	2			
Jamshed c Peterson b Steyn	46			
Azhar lbw b Kallis	18			
Younis c De Villiers b Morkel	15			
Misbah c De Villiers b Steyn	64			
Shafiq c Kallis b Steyn	56			
Sarfraz b Philander	6			
Gul c De Villiers b Steyn	23			
Ajmal c De Villiers b Morkel	11			
Junaid lbw b Steyn	9			
Rahat not out	3			
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-4, w-3)	15			
Total: (All out in 100.4 overs)	268			
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-64, 3-70, 4-82, 5-209, 6-210, 7-218, 8-240, 9-261				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Steyn	28.4	10	52	5
Philander	22	3	60	2
Morkel	25	7	89	2
Kallis	15	5	35	1
Peterson	10	3	24	0
Result: South Africa won by 211 runs.				

Women's volleyball from today

SPORTS REPORTER

Walton Inter-Divisional Women's Volleyball Championship begins today at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex with the champions and runners-up of seven divisions taking part.

"Despite a lot of odds, mainly financial, we have been trying to get women's sports running and the volleyball championship is the third event we are going to hold after the newly-elected committee came in to power," said Bangladesh Women's Sports Association's president Rafia Akhter Dolly at a press conference at the NSC conference room yesterday.

"A total of 13 teams, split into four groups, will play the round-robin matches and the top teams of each group will advance to the semi-finals," said BWSA general secretary Qamrunnahar Dana.

Iqbal Bin Anwar, deputy director of sponsors Walton, handed over a cheque of Tk 1.5 lakh. The tournament has an estimated budget of Tk 5.15 lakh. BWSA's senior vice-president Hamida Begum and tournament convenor Farida Akhter Begum were present.

Mahmood

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over and hit him for two fours and a six. Hodge was eventually caught at long-on in the same over. By the time Barisal lost their skipper though, the damage had already been done.

Earlier, skipper Shahrir Nafees was Khulna's mainstay as he scored his second half-century of the competition. Nafees's 66 included nine boundaries and guided his side to 145. It was a below-par score considering the way Khulna began their innings, with openers Nazimuddin and Nafees smacking 60 runs in the first nine overs.

It was however, a one-way traffic following the wickets of the openers as the rest of the batsmen failed to contribute. All-rounder Azhar Mahmood took three wickets, including that of Nafees and was the pick of the bowlers. Alok Kapali and Farveez Mahroof chipped in with two wickets each.

School chess back again

SPORTS REPORTER

The thirteenth edition of the School Chess Tournament gets underway today at the lounge of the National Sports Council (NSC) Tower as Standard Chartered Bank returns as sponsor after a two-year gap.

Some 200 school students, including three from India and two from Nepal, are expected to take part in the tournament which is being sponsored by the Standard Chartered Bank. The bank had been with this competition since 1999, but pulled out in 2011 citing lack of transparency of the then ad-hoc committee. However, now that an elected committee is in place, Standard Chartered decided to return as sponsor.

The country missed out on getting some promising players in the absence of the tournament in the last two years. But this time the federation is hopeful that the tournament will once again produce quality players, as it did in the past.

Current national women's champion Sharmin Sultana Shirin and WIM Shamima Akter Liza are direct products of the Standard Chartered School Chess Tournament as took part in the first edition of Standard Chartered School Chess in 1999 from Bibi Mariam School.

Apart from these two, International Master Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, national junior champion Ikramul Haque Siam, former junior champion Abdullah Al Saif, Asian School U-9 champion Mohammad Fahad Rahman also came through this competition.

"At Standard Chartered, we believe that chess has a bright future in Bangladesh. Playing Chess tournaments from an early age will have a long-lasting positive influence on our youngsters and will help develop their intellectual capabilities," said Bitopi Das, head of corporate affairs, Standard Chartered, at a press conference at the NSC Tower conference room yesterday.

Bangladesh Chess Federation's vice president AKM Shahabuddin, general secretary Gazi Shaiyful Tareq, joint secretary Morsalin Ahmed and Shamim Khan were among others present on the occasion.

Fixing BPL's new

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say that I was fully fit and I learnt of my omission at the last moment," said Mashrafe, who skipped his team's training session yesterday due to a fever, while talking with reporters at Mirpur yesterday. It is worth mentioning here that Mashrafe had also disclosed during the first edition of the tournament that he was approached for spot-fixing.

Dhaka Gladiators owner Selim Chowdhury however said it would not be right to suspect that there was something untoward in the match in question just because of Mashrafe's comments.

"You all know about his (Mashrafe's) performance and that he was struggling with his fitness, and we have doubts about whether he can play the remaining matches. Our coach took the decision on the basis of our physio's advice. We were in a hurry, so it was not possible for the team management to inform him earlier. I can assure you that there was nothing wrong," Chowdhury told The Daily Star over the phone.

Meanwhile, a press release from the Dhaka Gladiators camp asserted that the franchise had met with Mashrafe to clear the air and that they are hopeful that the captain will return to action in the match against the Rangpur Riders today.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) was not ready to pay any heed to the murmurs of match-fixing.

"I talked to members of the ICC's (International Cricket Council) Anti Corruption and Security Unit (ACSU) and they said that they found nothing wrong. Without any proof one can't say that the last match in Chittagong was fixed. We are not focusing too much on this issue because there are designated anti-corruption personnel to take care of everything," said BPL's governing council member secretary IH Mallick.

Viqarunnisa keep winning

SPORTS REPORTER

Viqarunnisa Noon School & College continued their winning run in the Friendship Handball Tournament in Nepal as they recorded their fourth victory with a 21-2 win over White Prince Senior School, Pokhara yesterday. Viqarunnisa dominated the first half 14-0. Fatema and Tushi scored nine and five goals respectively.

Div I v'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Uttara Sporting Club defeated Bhai Bhai Sangha in 3-1 sets in the Walton First Division Volleyball League at the Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

Today's match between Bangladesh Jail and Dhaka Green was postponed due to unavoidable circumstances and the fixture will be revealed soon, said a press release yesterday.

Shakib

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bone injury. We are reviewing everything because Shakib is complaining about the shin bone problem. We want to be very careful because the Sri Lanka tour is knocking on the door. A bone scan will be held tomorrow and we can be clear about everything after getting the report," said Debasish.

Shakib Al Hasan had missed the one-day series against West Indies in November-December last year after being diagnosed with a shin injury.

U-18 cricket

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KHULNA: First Innings 258-6 in 90 overs (Mehedi 142).

DHAKA DIVISION SOUTH: First Innings 123-5 in 39.2 overs (Mehedi 3-29).

SYLHET DIVISION: First Innings 205-7 in 90 overs (Masum 81, Anhar 51; Moyen 4-77). **BKSP:** First Innings 120-5 in 40 overs (Mossabek 49, Saeed 38; Kamrul 2-34).

DHAKA METRO: First Innings 118 all out in 40.5 overs (Dipto Sarkar 50; Sanaullah Sujon 3-41). **RANGPUR:** First Innings 172-4 in 66 overs (Mamunur Rashid 43 not out).

Payment

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and the board's security consultant Col (ret'd) Mesbahuddin Serniabat the other members, submitted their reports and recommendations to the board last month.

THIS MONTH'S TOUR OF INDIA

Aussies to split squad

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australia will send an advance party of eight players to India this week to help acclimatise to the playing conditions ahead of the four-Test series later this month, Cricket Australia said on Monday.

Chief selector John Inverarity said the squad would travel to India in three separate groups catering for playing commitments in the current one-day series at home against the West Indies which ends next week.

"It is planned to have Jackson Bird, Ed Cowan, Moises Henriques, Usman Khawaja, Nathan Lyon, James Pattinson, Peter Siddle and Steve Smith travel to India on Thursday [February 7]," Inverarity said.

He added that all-rounder Glenn Maxwell and wicketkeeper Matthew Wade

would leave on Saturday along with opening batsman David Warner, who is recovering from a thumb injury.

"The remaining six players -- Michael Clarke, Shane Watson, Xavier Doherty, Mitchell Starc, Phillip Hughes, Mitchell Johnson -- will travel on February 11 at the conclusion of the ODI series against West Indies, subject to minor alterations," he said.

Australia, who have lost five of their last seven Tests in India and have not won a series there since 2004, have two warm-up games in Chennai ahead of the opening Test in the same city on February 22-26.

SQUAD

Michael Clarke (captain), Ed Cowan, David Warner, Phil Hughes, Shane Watson, Matthew Wade, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Johnson, Peter Siddle, Mitchell Starc, Nathan Lyon, Moises Henriques, James Pattinson, Xavier Doherty, Jackson Bird, Usman Khawaja, Steve Smith.

Openers click again

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Munaweera. Munaweera then shared in a 26-run stand with Jaharul Islam before being caught at mid-wicket by Cameron Borgas, in what was a superbly judged catch at the edge of the boundary rope. A calm-looking 38 off 18 by Jahurul Islam though ensured that there were no further hiccups for Rajshahi.

Earlier, Rangpur rode on Shamsur's stroke-filled 68, his highest score of the tournament, as he proved to be the mainstay of the batting lineup. Shamsur, along with Junaid Siddique, gave the Riders a blistering start to the game as the opening pair put on 60 runs from seven overs.

Characteristic of a player in form, Shamsur opened his account with a wristy

flick of Ben and he regularly scooped the pacers while going down the wicket to the spinners.

His towering six over long-on against Dilshan Munaweera in the sixth over showed how well he was timing the ball. His best shot of the day though came in the 19th over when he guided a fuller length delivery off Sean Ervine past the short-third man for a boundary.

Junaid's 31 off 16 ably supported Shamsur, as he smacked five fours and a six, in what were his first runs of the competition. He was eventually held at long-on.

Boundaries from Danza Hyatt and Cameron Borgas towards the end of the innings helped Rangpur cross the 160-mark.

IPL fines Rajasthan heavily

AFP, New Delhi

Owners of Indian Premier League (IPL) side Rajasthan Royals have been slapped with a fine of one billion rupees (18.8 million dollars) for alleged foreign exchange violations, media reports said on Monday.

The enforcement directorate of the ministry of finance has given the owners, who include Bollywood star Shilpa Shetty and her businessman husband Raj Kundra, 45 days to pay the fine or file an appeal.

Casual

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Amazingly, this wasn't the first time Borgas had taken a catch like this.

"In Australia there was a similar one that was good as well. I threw it back to a teammate and he caught it. It's always good when you can create those kinds of wickets for the team," he said.

While Rangpur eventually ended up losing the match, the Australian hoped for a change of fortunes in the coming games. "We have to get back to winning ways really. If we can win two or three of our next five games then we can reach the semifinals. So hope it works out."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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4 Brian Williams' employer	2 Litigious one
7 Unspoken "alas"	3 Blueprint
11 Chasm	4 Snooze
13 Beer's cousin	5 Voting coalition
14 "Peter Pan" dog	6 String quartet member
15 Back	7 2010 blizzard nickname
16 D.C. figure, for short	8 Author Fleming
17 Burden	9 Wilde-beest
18 "I Love Lucy" co-star	10 Possesses
20 Talon	12 2012 hurricane nickname
22 Run-down horse	
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28 Vegas payoff	
32 Inuit canoe	
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34 Fix the soundtrack	
36 Kelly or Hackman	
37 O. Henry's specialty	
39 Light winds	
41 Contacts, e.g.	19 Use the microwave
43 Anti-quoted	21 Noah's boat
44 Small branch	23 Deity
46 Figure of speech	25 Court-room cry
50 Note from the boss	26 Bowler's pathway
53 Greek consonants	27 Guitars' kin
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56 Culture medium	29 Land measure
57 Superlative ending	30 "Be a sport"
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59 Campus housing	35 Pal
60 "How come?"	38 Evergreen type
	40 Yale student
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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GUESTS CHOOSE
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ALL NIGHT. IT'S A CLOSING-OPTIONAL RESORT.**
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