



## Becks still the richest

He may be nearing the end of his playing days, but David Beckham remains the highest earner in British sport, according to the Sunday Times sport rich list. Boxers, golfers, racing drivers and basketball players are left trailing in the wake of the global "brand Beckham" that has seen the 38-year-old amass a fortune of £165m – and that is without his wife's bank balance of £35m. Beckham's wealth from sponsorship deals and salary payments from his company, Footwork Productions, over the last decade, make him easily the



CRUCIAL WICKET: Nasir Hossain (L) and medium pacer Ziaur Rahman celebrate the fall of Zimbabwe's batting pillar Brendan Taylor (R) on the fourth day of the second Test at the Harare Sports Club ground yesterday.

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# Multi Expert Moment of the day



## Abahani take on Feni today

SPORTS REPORTER

The Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League returns at the Bangabandhu Stadium again after a break of two weeks due to preparation and hosting of the Bangladesh Games.

Defending champions Abahani (29 points from 14 matches) will try to catch leaders up with Sheikh Russel (32 points from 14 matches) as they play against Feni Soccer Club in the day's only match.

Feni Soccer Club (11 points from 14 matches), who have all but secured their top-flight stay after a 2-1 win over Sheikh Jamal DC at home on Friday, will look to consolidate their position with at least a draw.

FINAL MEDAL TABLE			
TEAMS	G	S	B
Ansar	111	72	65
Army	67	39	37
BJMC	33	47	27
Navy	28	21	15
BKSP	25	32	34
BGB	14	15	23
Police	6	6	8
Rajshahi	3	9	23
Dhaka RC	3	4	2
Narayanganj	3	4	7
Kurmitola GC	3	2	1
Dhaka DSA	2	2	9
Narail	2	2	7
National TC	2	2	0
Rajshahi Div	2	0	2
Railway	2	0	1
Engineers RC	2	0	0
Chittagong	1	4	12
Patuakhali	1	2	2
Munshiganj	1	2	2
Air Force	1	2	2
Ctg Metro	1	2	1
Gulshan SA	1	2	0
Ranjankathi TC	1	1	3
American Club	1	1	0
Gopalganj	1	0	6
BD Jail	1	0	2
Chittagong RC	1	0	1
Muscle FC	1	0	1
Ctg Rifles Club	1	0	1
Bashundhara C	1	0	1
Ctg University	1	0	0
Adonis Gym	1	0	0
Muscle FG	1	0	0

# Taylor's wicket the key



SPORTS REPORTER from Harare

The positive response that fans would have been hoping for after the 335-run loss in the first Test awaits a final push by Bangladesh, as today Zimbabwe need 263 runs while Bangladesh need only six wickets to level the two-match Test series.

This advantageous position was made possible by a 109-run first innings lead courtesy of Robiul Islam's second successive five-wicket haul, an 84-run fifth wicket partnership between Shakib Al Hasan and Mushfiquir Rahim on

Saturday, and positive batting by Mushfiquir and Nasir Hossain yesterday morning.

As much as the aforementioned factors however, Zimbabwe skipper Brendan Taylor's dismissal late on the fourth day will be a big boost for the Tigers, evidenced by Nasir's words at the post-day press conference.

"Of course it is a big moment," said Nasir of Ziaur Rahman's dismissal of the man who had, till yesterday, scored 309 runs from three innings in the series. "That was our main target when we came out to bowl."

"We are in a very good position as far as the match goes. If we can take two quick wickets in the morning, then hopefully the match will be ours," said Nasir, who scored 67 in partnership with Mushfiquir and the tail.

A danger remains for the Tigers in the form of Hamilton Masakadza, one of Zimbabwe's two best batsmen along with Taylor, who was batting on 46 at close of play with Zimbabwe on 138 for four. "I do not think he can single-handedly win the match. The wicket on the fifth day will not be easy, especially if we can bowl well," said Nasir.

"Today was a good day, maybe they have scored a little too many, but we have taken four wickets," he added.

Another possible danger remains

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# Rise of the new

SPORTS REPORTER

The 8th Bangladesh Games came to an end yesterday, after nine days of intense battle for national supremacy, among seven thousand athletes from 31 disciplines for medals in 356 events.

The big budget opening ceremony was the talking point of the eighth edition of the mega extravaganza which took place after a long gap of 11 years. Otherwise it was a successful show where new disciplines were added, a number of new records were set and some individual performances caught attention, although

there was some mismanagement regarding the accommodation and food arrangement for the athletes.

The big domestic show could hardly attract spectators as there was virtually no publicity regarding the Games. However, the athletes tried to put their best performance and some new faces in shooting, athletics, archery, badminton and other disciplines announced their arrival at national level while some familiar faces in swimming and weightlifting improved their performances through national records.

Shooters Syeda Sadia Sultana and Rabbi Hasan Munna, sprinters Mezbah Ahmed, Abu Raihan and Zakia Sultana, archers Roman Sana

Sujan and Nandita Khan Swapna, swimmer Romana Akhter and shuttler Ayman Ibne Zaman were the exciting new finds of the Games.

All of them grabbed gold medals in their respective events for the first time at the national level, beating their more illustrious opponents. The timing and scores they achieved in their respective events are encouraging.

While the newcomers announced their arrival through the Games, some familiar faces – swimmer Mahfizur Rahman Sagar, Jewel Ahmed and Sonia Akter Tumpa and weightlifter Hamidul Islam put up signs of improvement after setting new national records in the Games.

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PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Sporty Squirrel, the mascot of the 8th Bangladesh Games, bids adieu to the participants and spectators during the concluding ceremony of the nine-day spectacle at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

# Tigers smell a win

SAKEB SUBHAN from Harare



Bangladesh have one foot in the door in their effort to salvage some pride and come away from the two-Test series against Zimbabwe with a share of the spoils. At close of play on the fourth day of the second and final Test at the Harare Sports Club yesterday, Zimbabwe still required 263 runs to win with six wickets in hand after being set a 401-run winning target.

What further tilts the scales in the Tigers' favour is that danger man Brendan Taylor is one of the four wickets, but Hamilton Masakadza, the other batting danger, was still at the crease batting on 46 with his brother Shingi Masakadza when Zimbabwe reached stumps at 128 for four.

After skipper Mushfiquir Rahim's 93 and Nasir Hossain's 67 enabled Bangladesh, with a 109-run first innings lead, to declare at 291 for nine, surprisingly it was Ziaur Rahman who inflicted the major damage on the hosts instead of the tour's wrecker-in-chief so far, Robiul Islam.

Vusi Sibanda seemed to have a plan for Robiul, which was to move around in the crease so as not to let the fast bowler settle on his lethal off-stump line. It worked because Robiul endured his first wicketless opening spell of the tour.

Sibanda batted aggressively in an attempt to unsettle the Tigers, who started their bowling stint in high spirits. But it was the familiar figure of Shakib Al Hasan who reclaimed the advantage just before tea, bowling Regis Chakabva with a beauty that hit the top of off-stump after pitching on middle. After the break, Sibanda too was soon dispatched by Shakib, caught at cover for a 50-ball 32 that promised much more.

But the last hour belonged to Ziaur. His batting in the two innings of his debut match was a disappointment, and his bowling too was unremarkable in Zimbabwe's first innings. But on a pitch that offered variable bounce and pace, Ziaur with his stump-to-stump line came into his own. His first Test wicket was the big fish, Taylor, the inward movement and

pace surprising the Tigers' bogeyman. The smaller but no less irritating fish, Malcolm Waller, went soon after, bowled by Zia off a similar delivery 10 overs before the close to give Bangladesh the clear advantage.

Earlier, Bangladesh batted roughly half the day to add 128 runs to their overnight score of 163 for 5 before declaring and setting up a tall order for the hosts. From the start of the day it seemed that Zimbabwe, already 272 behind, had given up all hope of dismissing Bangladesh early as the field was set back to keep Mushfiquir and Nasir from getting the boundaries. The two batsmen played themselves in sensibly, taking the singles easily available. With Kyle Jarvis having an indifferent match, Shingi, Zimbabwe's best bowler, bowled well but the nudges to deep point relieved the pressure.

His brother, part-timer Hamilton, was given an extended run with the ball and it was the non-specialist who got the big wicket of Mushfiquir 40 minutes before tea after accounting for Shakib the evening before. Having added 43 to his overnight score of 50, the skipper was denied his third hundred when, trying to dab the ball to the off-side for a single he got an edge to one that kicked from a length and Sibanda took a magnificent airborne catch at gully.

Ziaur was then flummoxed by Graeme Cremer off the next over -- the debutant all-rounder was beaten by a leg-spinner and did not seem to know where his feet were as keeper Richmond Mutumbami gleefully took off the bails.

Shohag Gazi came in and the capable lower-order batsman announced his intention by walking down the track and hitting Hamilton over long on for a massive six two overs before lunch. It was evident that Bangladesh, then 358 ahead, were thinking of a declaration that would allow them enough time to bowl Zimbabwe out.

Nasir had so far batted sedately, looking for the singles, but after lunch and with Gazi becoming Hamilton's third wicket, he opened up, hitting the impressive

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# AFRICAN adventures

BY SAKÉB SUBHAN



## HARARE BEATS

A relaxed atmosphere like Harare needs its beats, and that is where DJ Daniel McKenzie comes into the picture. His workplace itself is interesting. He sits on the roof of the building that supports the giant screen and the main scoreboard. His seat overlooks the ground, and he peers beneath the screen to watch the match. This has been his place of business since 2009, when he was contracted by Zimbabwe Cricket.

The good thing about his music is that it seems suited to the mood. He gets the Test match vibe -- it's not a place for crazy grooves and fast beats. Instead house music, reggae and pop rule the roost and are appreciated by the spectators at the Castle Corner, the liveliest section of the crowd at the Harare Sports Club. The mellow vibe is further enhanced by some surprising entries -- Roxette and Mariah Carey of 1980s fame done in a more contemporary style.

In his CD collection is one titled 'Bangladesh Music'.

"I have not played it because the Zimbabwe players want their music, and say that they never hear their music when they are away on tour." Upon insistence from the Bangladeshi contingent of reporters, Daniel however said that there might be some Bangladeshi music on the fifth day. Stay tuned.

## IN HOT WATER

Harare is a lovely town -- the people are friendly, the city is clean and well-planned and there is a lot of scope for good dining and recreation. But over the last two weeks, there have been some hardships for the Bangladeshi cricketers playing the two-match Test series in Harare. Back home they must have, from time to time, had problems

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## BD-ZIM SCOREBOARD

<b>BANGLADESH:</b> First innings 391 all out (Shakib 81, Nasir 77, Mushfiquir 60; Chigumbura 3-75, Meth 2-41)			
<b>ZIMBABWE:</b> First innings 282 all out (Chigumbura 86, Mutumbami 42, Taylor 36; Robiul 5-85, Shohag 4-59)			
<b>BANGLADESH:</b> Second innings (overnight 163 for 5)			
Tamim c Mutumbami b S Masakadza			7
Jahurul c Mutumbami b S Masakadza			2
Ashraful lbw b Jarvis			4
Mominul c H Masakadza b S Masakadza			29
Shakib c Mutumbami b H Masakadza			59
Mushfiquir c Sibanda b H Masakadza			93
Nasir not out			67
Ziaur st Mutumbami b Cremer			0
Shohag c Sibanda b H Masakadza			11
Sajidul c Mutumbami b S Masakadza			4
Robiul not out			4
<b>Extras:</b> (lb-5, wd-2, nb-4)			11
<b>Total:</b> (For 9 wkts decl in 88 overs)			291
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-12, 3-18, 4-65, 5-149, 6-233, 7-234, 8-255, 9-279			
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b> <b>W</b>
Jarvis	22	3	80 1
S Masakadza	24	5	58 4
Cremer	17	1	70 1
Chigumbura	14	0	54 0
H Masakadza	11	1	24 3
<b>ZIMBABWE:</b> Second innings			
Sibanda c Shohag b Shakib			32
Chakabva b Shakib			22
H Masakadza not out			46
Taylor lbw b Ziaur			10
Waller b Ziaur			15
S Masakadza not out			7
<b>Extras:</b> (lb-5, nb-1)			6
<b>Total:</b> (For 4 wkts in 43.4 overs)			138
To bat: Chigumbura, Mutumbami, Cremer, Meth, Jarvis.			
Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-66, 3-96, 4-118.			
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b> <b>W</b>
Robiul	8.4	2	24 0
Sajidul	2	1	5 0