



FEELING THE HEAT: Australia paceman Mitchell Johnson (L) and captain Michael Clarke (2nd from L) exchange heated words with England batsman Ben Stokes (R) after the latter collided with Johnson while running between the wickets during the fourth day of the second Ashes Test in Adelaide yesterday.

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Test turns ugly as Eng live another day

AFP, Adelaide



A physical confrontation and verbal sparring again marred a tense day on Sunday as Australia closed in on victory over England in the second Ashes Test in Adelaide.

Australia's fearsome fast bowler Mitchell Johnson appeared to brush shoulders with England debutant Ben Stokes, and Matt Prior (31 not out) had a running verbal battle with several Australian players in the day's final overs.

The Australians are poised for victory and a 2-0 series lead heading into Monday's final day, with England hanging on at 247 for six while chasing an improbable target of 531 runs.

Australia skipper Michael Clarke was fined 20 per cent of his match fee for threatening tail-ender James Anderson with a broken arm in the home team's 381-run victory in the first Test in Brisbane, which was tarnished by constant sledging as frustrations boiled over.

The insults resurfaced Sunday but players from both sides said the confrontations were unremarkable in the tradition of hard-fought Ashes contests.

"I didn't feel there was anything going on out there," said Joe Root, who scored a fighting 87 for England.

Root (87) missed out on his third Test century in

unfortunate circumstances. He played back to spinner Nathan Lyon and got an inside edge that ran off his pad for wicketkeeper Brad Haddin to dive forward and take his 200th Test catch.

Australia paceman Peter Siddle played down the frayed tempers, which needed the intervention of umpires Marais Erasmus and Kumar Dharmasena at times late in the day.

"There wasn't a lot to it. There's no more than we've ever seen in the history of cricket. Being out there, there's not much being said at all," Siddle told reporters.

England had a minor triumph when they passed 200 for the first time in four innings in the series, but defeat looked inevitable.

Michael Clarke declared Australia's second innings at the overnight score of 132-3, and England, who beat Australia 3-0 at home earlier this year, got off to a shaky start, losing Cook for one in Johnson's opening over and Carberry 10 overs later.

Cook's scalp was Johnson's eighth wicket of the match after he captured seven for 40 in England's first innings. The left-arm paceman now has 17 wickets in the series.

It was a demoralising moment for England, needing to occupy the crease and bat out the final two days. The cheap dismissal completed a dire Test for Cook, who was spectacularly bowled by Johnson for three in the first innings.

In his past seven Tests against Australia, the England captain has scored 359 runs at an average of 25.

SCOREBOARD					
AUSTRALIA: First innings 570 for 9 declared (Clarke 148, Haddin 118; Broad 3-98)					
ENGLAND: First innings 172 (Bell 72 not out, Carberry 60; Johnson 7-40)					
AUSTRALIA: Second innings 132 for 3 declared (Warner 83 not out; Anderson 2-19)					
ENGLAND: Second innings					
Cook c Harris b Johnson	1				
Carberry c Lyon b Siddle	14				
Root c Haddin b Lyon	87				
Pietersen b Siddle	53				
Bell c Johnson b Smith	6				
Stokes c Clarke b Harris	28				
Prior not out	31				
Broad not out	22				
Extras: (lb-1, w-3, nb-1)	5				
Total: (For 6 wickets in 90 overs)	247				
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-20, 3-131, 4-143, 5-171, 6-210					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Harris	17	3	45	1	
Johnson	21	8	53	1	
Siddle	13	4	21	2	
Lyon	26	7	78	1	
Watson	6	3	6	0	
Smith	7	0-	43	1	

SA waltz to series win

REUTERS, Durban



Openers Quinton de Kock and Hashim Amla smashed centuries as

South Africa walloped India by 134 runs in a rain-reduced one-day international at a subdued Kingsmead in Durban on Sunday.

South Africa's win gave them an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, being played in honour of former South African president Nelson Mandela who died on Thursday aged 95.

The game was reduced to 49 overs a side but de Kock (106 from 118 balls) and Amla (100 from 117 balls) lifted the atmosphere with a magnificent 194-run opening stand that helped the home side reach 280 for six having been inserted by India.

India never recovered from a poor start, slipping to 34 for four in the ninth over, as the South African fast bowlers found life in the pitch that visitors could not. India were bowled out for 146 in 35.1 overs.

The 20-year-old de Kock showed more of his prodigious talent, following up his century in the first match at the Wanderers on Thursday with another entertaining ton, even if this one was less fluent on a slower pitch.

SCOREBOARD					
SOUTH AFRICA					
De Kock c R Sharma b Ashwin	106				
Amla c Dhoni b Shami	100				
De Villiers st Dhoni b Jadeja	3				
Duminy run out	26				
Miller lbw b Shami	0				
Kallis b Shami	10				
McLaren not out	12				
Philander not out	14				
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-6)	9				
Total: (For 6 wickets in 49 overs)	280				
Did not bat: Steyn, Morkel, Tsotsobe					
Fall of wickets: 1-194, 2-199, 3-233, 4-234, 5-249, 6-255.					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Yadav	6	0	45	0	
Shami	8	0	48	3	
I Sharma	7	0	38	0	
Ashwin	9	0	48	1	
Raina	6	0	32	0	
Kohli	3	0	17	0	
Jadeja	10	0	49	1	
INDIA					
Sharma c Amla b Tsotsobe	19				
Dhawan c Duminy b Steyn	0				
Kohli c De Kock b Tsotsobe	0				
Rahane c De Kock b Morkel	8				
Raina c Miller b Morkel	36				
Dhoni c De Kock b Philander	19				
Jadeja c De Villiers b Tsotsobe	26				
Ashwin c De Kock b Steyn	15				
Shami b Tsotsobe	8				
Yadav b Steyn	1				
Sharma not out	0				
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-1, w-8)	14				
Total: (All out in 35.1 overs)	146				
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-16, 3-29, 4-34, 5-74, 6-95, 7-133, 8-145, 9-146					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Steyn	7	1	17	3	
Tsotsobe	7.1	0	25	4	
Morkel	6	0	34	2	
Philander	6	1	20	1	
Duminy	5	0	20	0	
McLaren	4	0	25	0	
Result: South Africa won by 134 runs.					
Player-of-the-match: Q de Kock					

It was the third century in 15 one-day internationals from the left-handed De Kock, who turns 21 on December 17. He hit nine fours.

Amla became the fastest player to reach 4000 one-day international runs when he took his score to 59, passing the milestone in his 84th match (81 innings), improving the previous best of West Indian great Viv Richards who took 96 matches (88 innings).

Mohammed Shami was again the pick of the Indian bowlers, with three for 48 in eight overs.

Only Suresh Raina (36) offered any real resistance, the India batting line-up skittled for a below-par score for the second time.

Lonwabe Tsotsobe was the pick of the home bowlers with figures of four for 25 and Dale Steyn was also in top form with three for 17 in seven overs.

India captain Dhoni acknowledged the strength of the South African fast bowlers after the match.

"Their pace bowling attack are very accurate. They bowl in the same areas for consistent periods of time," said Dhoni.

South Africa won the first match in Johannesburg by an equally crushing 141 runs and the teams now head to the third game in Pretoria on Wednesday.

Wiser, stronger and hungrier

ATTIQUE ANAM



The old clubhouse at the Kurmitola Golf Club is no more. The old-fashioned two-storied building which oversaw the nascent steps of golf in Bangladesh has been bulldozed. A new clubhouse -- much bigger in size and more modernised -- is taking its place. It was perhaps a need of the hour as Bangladesh golf has taken giant strides in the international arena in recent years, thanks to a certain Siddikur Rahman.

The once ball-boy of this club sits proudly in the lobby of the new clubhouse and is understandably at the centre of attention of the valued club members, who watched him grow from carrying their bags to carrying the national flag.

"Well done Siddikur. Where is your next event?" says an elderly member of the club. "Wherever it is, just let me know. I and a couple of the others from here will go there, just to support you."

Such is the adoration that Siddikur receives these days, at home and abroad.

The 29-year-old has just returned from a hectic season of the Asian Tour, which saw him win his second tour title and make a maiden World Cup appearance. The achievements are huge, but the emotions are perhaps even bigger for the golfer.

"The World Cup was a special experience for me. It was played at one of the five best golf courses in the world," says Siddikur.

"Many golfers congratulated me for winning the Indian Open. Even the green-keepers and caddies recognised me which was very rewarding."

Siddikur's performance in Melbourne, on such an unfamiliar and tricky course, was nothing to write home about, but he did pull out a trick out of the hat much to the delight of the crowd.

"It was the 18th hole in the last round and I was at the bunker.

I chipped the ball and it landed smoothly and rolled on to hit the flag and into the hole. There was a loud

ICC challenged by Cairns

PTI, Wellington



Former New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns on Sunday challenged ICC to contact him directly after being linked with match-fixing allegations and lashed out at media for maligning his name.

In an article in the Dominion Post, Cairns spoke about the pain he is going through after his name resurfaced in the fixing allegations.

Cairns had last year won a libel suit against then IPL chairman Lalit Modi, who had alleged in a tweet that the Kiwi all-rounder was involved in fixing and that was the reason for barring him from IPL auction.

Cairns on Sunday challenged ICC to approach him if he was under investigation and his "accusers" to come forward if they had "guts".

"My name is Chris Cairns, former Black Cap and proud holder of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Hello International Cricket Council, I am not a cheat and you know where to find me," Cairns wrote in his article.

Blast scares WI U-19s

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh Cricket Board has increased the security for the West Indian U-19 contingent after a bomb explosion took place on Saturday night near Hotel Agrabad in Chittagong, where the tourists are currently residing.

The country is currently witnessing continues strikes and blockades accompanied with bomb blasts in various parts of the country.

The blast at around 7.30pm stirred panic among the West Indian players and officials, who decided not to play the second ODI, scheduled to take place at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium yesterday, due to security concerns.

What followed next were a string of discussions between the West Indian team management and BCB officials,

after which it was decided that the match would now take place today.

"There is nothing to panic about. This is a one-off incident. The teams were secure at that point. We met them and discussed the security issues yesterday. We will further increase the security levels for the second ODI," said BCB acting CEO Nizamuddin Chowdhury.

The West Indian Cricket Board (WICB) in a press release stated that the WICB management would be in constant touch with the team manager and will 'continue to receive regular briefings' on the security scenario.

"The players and members of team management were not targeted and were not in any immediate danger as a result of the incident. The team gathered shortly after the incident and are safe at their team hotel and have been afforded additional security protec-

tion," the release stated.

"WICB security manager Paul Slowe will formally assess the situation and provide a report to the WICB. The WICB is contacting the parents and guardians of all the players to provide further updates," it further stated.

Bangladesh will be hosting the ICC World Twenty20 in three months time and the incident has taken place at a time when the security issues are being monitored by the ICC.

The last time a day's play—including an international team—was postponed in Bangladesh was in September last year when the second day of the four-day match between Bangladesh A and the West Indies High Performance Squad was deferred due to a daylight strike in Dhaka.

The West Indies U19 arrived in Bangladesh last week to play seven ODIs against their Bangladesh counterparts.

Zia starts with win

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman got off to winning start in the 5th London Chess Classic FIDE Open when he beat Australian Puccini Jack at the Olympia Conference Centre at Kensington on Saturday.

Zia was supposed to play his second round game against Norwegian FM Stigar Petter Sunday night.

A total of 184 players including 22 GMs from 40 countries are taking part in the event.

SREI GM CHESS

Bangladesh Grand Master Niaz Murshed tasted his first defeat in the SREI International Grand Master Chess Tournament in Kolkata when he lost to Armenian GM Ter-Sahakyan Samvel in the third round held at the Town Hall in the city on Saturday.

Jimenez takes HK Open title

AFP, Hong Kong

Defending champion Miguel Angel Jimenez won the 1.3 million dollars Hong Kong Open in a three-way playoff Sunday, clinching the title for a record-equalling fourth time and securing his 20th European Tour victory.

The 49-year-old Spaniard birdied the first extra hole at the Hong Kong Golf Club to defeat Thailand's Prom Meesawat and Stuart Manley of Wales and collect a winner's cheque of 216,660 dollars.

Jimenez raised his arm to the air as a fifteen-foot-plus putt dropped into the hole on the eighteenth green -- much to the delight of an adoring crowd in the southern Chinese city.

The victory saw the popular Jimenez match the Taiwanese Hsieh Yung-yo's four wins at Fanling in the 1960s and 1970s and break the record he set last year as the oldest European Tour winner.



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