

# SPORT

## DID YOU KNOW?

That this is the first time Tamim has batted through three full sessions. This is also his longest innings, beating his two-and-a-half-session knock against the West Indies at Kingston in 2009.

That this is only the second time Bangladesh have played out a day

## TENACIOUS TAMIM

BISHWAJIT ROY from Khulna

That the local supporters were mesmerised by Tamim Iqbal's knock yesterday was evident from their chants, which just could not stop. "Tamim, Tamim!" they kept on shouting long after the first day's play at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium had ended.

None of them seemed to mind that Tamim had just played the slowest and the longest innings of his career. On the contrary, they were enthralled to see an aggressive batsman curb his natural instincts and lead his side to a comfortable 193 for 3 at stumps.

Opening the innings, the southpaw remained unbeaten on 74. His 250-ball vigil eclipsed the innings he had played against the West Indies back in 2009, when he had faced 243 balls for his 128. He was watchful and batted with caution against a disciplined Zimbabwe bowling attack and helped the Tigers take their first step towards a series victory.

That Tamim was in for the long run was testament from the fact that he hit his slowest half-century -- he took four hours and faced 169-balls -- yesterday. While this was no doubt a new statistics, the speciality of his effort though was his stubbornness to not play a rash shot, which he had done on a number of previous occasions and let his team down.

It was the Chittagonian's effort that helped the hosts build two sizeable partnerships. He shared 72 runs with Mominul Haque for the second wicket and 95 runs with Mahmudullah Riyad for the third.

The opening stand was the only one that barely produced any runs as Tamim's partner Shamsur Rahman was trapped in front with an in swinging delivery off Elton Chigumbura early in the day. While the visitors were initially denied the wicket by Billy Bowden, they appealed and the decision was reversed.

The only chance that the left-hander offered came when the batsman was on 58. Off-spinner Malcolm Waller bowled a well-flighted delivery that touched the shoulder of Tamim's bat and flicked off wicketkeeper Regis Chakabva's gloves.

Other than that, Tamim's strategy worked fine. He barely slashed his bat outside the off-stump. The blade was only swung when the bowlers bowled too straight out of frustration.

Going into the series, there were major questions about Tamim's fitness. Many reckoned that it was because of fitness issues that the left-hander failed to convert his hard-working fifties into three figures.

While he did need some treatment for his cramps, it did not distract him, for he remained resolute.

After Chigumbura had removed Shamsur, Tinash Panyangara took the other two wickets of the day. Panyangara took a good running catch off his own bowling to send back a disappointing Mominul for 35. With the second new ball he trapped Riyad in front for 56, with an in-swing.

While the pacers took the wickets, it was debutant Natsai M'Shangwe who impressed with his legbreaks. He was not afraid to flight the delivery and extracted a decent amount of turn. Some of the deliveries kept low as well. These features would definitely keep Bangladesh's spin-trio interested.

The lack of resolve shown by Bangladesh's batsmen has been questioned in recent times. The efforts of Tamim and Riyad however are refreshing signs. While the Test began on an exemplary note, it remains to be seen if Tamim can continue with the good work and reach three figures, something he last did back in 2010.



Tamim Iqbal's tenacity was the feature of the second Test's first day in Khulna. Here the left-hander is seen stretching forward to the pitch of the delivery for a defensive stroke; a shot he repeatedly played during his tireless knock yesterday.

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### BD-ZIM SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH: First Innings				
Tamim not out				74
Shamsur lbw b Chigumbura				2
Mominul c and b Panyangara				35
Mahmudullah lbw b Panyangara				56
Shakib not out				13
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, w-2, nb-2)				13
Total: (For 3 wkts in 90 overs)				193
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-78, 3-173				
To bat: Mushfiqur, Shuvagata, Shahadat, Tajjil, Jubair, Rubel				
Bowler O M R W				
Panyangara	19	5	29	2
Chigumbura	16	5	32	1
Chatara	15	3	30	0
M'shangwe	24	4	60	0
Waller	9	1	22	0
Raza	7	2	11	0
ZIMBABWE: Taylor, Raza, Chari, Chakabva, Masakadza, Chigumbura, Ervine, Chatara, M'shangwe, Waller, Panyangara				
Toss: Bangladesh				

## Teams happy after Day 1

BISHWAJIT ROY from Khulna

At the end of the first day, the score-line of 193 for 3 left both sides content. While the hosts were happy to have wickets in the bag, Zimbabwe were pleased to have contained the run-flow.

"We had a plan and we managed to play according to that. It would have been better had we not lost another wicket before the end of play. But we still have a number of wickets in hand. The pitch was slow and not easy to score on," Mahmudullah Riyad said during the post-day press conference at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium here yesterday.

In the same vein, Zimbabwe pacer Elton Chigumbura believed that the game was still in the balance. "I thought it was a good day for us. Going for around two runs an over,

especially on this wicket, I think it was a good effort. It's Test cricket. You don't expect to get seven wickets in a day. It's about keeping the run-rate down which gives a chance for more wickets," he said when asked if he was frustrated with first day's performance.

Both the teams expect the second day's morning session to be crucial for the game.

"Tomorrow's [second day's] morning session is very important and everything will depend on that. We may go for the kill if we lose a few wickets in that session. It's difficult to speak on our target but it may be possible to score 400 to 500 runs," said Riyad.

"The wicket is good but need to work hard like Tamim did. He played according to the merit of the ball and worked really hard," opined Riyad. He also expected his bowlers to get a

lot more help from the pitch as the game progresses.

On the other hand the Zimbabweans were looking forward to maintaining the discipline they showed on the field yesterday.

"We built the pressure well today. We were just unlucky that we couldn't find the edge but the bowlers bowled really well. We managed to beat the bat a couple of times which on that wicket was a good effort. Although we did not manage five wickets but we hope to bowl the same way tomorrow," said Chigumbura.

He also expected the wicket to offer more turn on Day Two.

"Bangladesh will be happy with this wicket. We mainly bowled seam but when [Natsai] M'Shangwe bowled, it was turning a lot. I think for our spinners, it will be a big day tomorrow. If they bowl in the right areas, they can get more wickets."

## Int'l junior tennis on

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The 28th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championship got underway at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday. 67 players, including 48 boys and 29 girls, from 18 countries are taking part in the main draw of the six-day competition.

Bangladesh Tennis Federation's general secretary Abdur Rahman disclosed the details of the competition at a press conference at the federation office yesterday.

Nikshep Ballekere Ravikumar of India is the top seed in the boys' group with a rating of 516 while Sabina Smirnova of Uzbekistan is the top seed among the girls with a rating of 732.

## BFF to send U-12 team to Malaysia

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A team from Bangladesh will take part in the Super Mookh Cup U-12 Football Tournament in Malaysia, to be held on December 1-7, said Bangladesh Football Federation general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag yesterday.

A total of 20 teams -- three from Malaysia, two from England and one each from 15 other countries, are expected to take part in the tournament.

"Malaysian Football Association will provide accommodation, food and local transport for all the participants," said Shohag. "The players will be picked by Sonali Oti's U-12 football festival to be held from November 9-10."

## BFF NATIONAL LOTTERY Tickets on sale from Nov 10

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The Bangladesh Football Federation is set to issue BFF National Lottery 2014 across the country from November 10 in a bid to raise money, an official of the federation said yesterday.

The football's governing body, which has been going through financial crisis and has seen some of its activities hampered by the lack of funds, has appointed JK International, a private limited company with prior experience in such ventures, to organise the lottery after receiving permission from the finance ministry.

BFF and JK International aim to make Tk 1.5 crore net profit, 60 per cent of which will be retained by the BFF and the rest will go to JK International.

"All the expenditures will be borne by the third party [JK International] and they will look after everything regarding the lottery," BFF's general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag said to reporters yesterday.

This is the first time a sports federation has resorted to lotteries for raising money, even though Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) and National Sports Council (NSC) raised money from lotteries previously.

"We (BFF) appointed the company since we neither have the personnel nor the expertise regarding this type of programmes," Shohag said.

The lottery tickets, worth Tk 20, will be on sale across the country from November 10 to December 23.

# 20-year Pak wait ends

AFP, Abu Dhabi



Pakistan achieved their first series win over Australia in 20 years with a thumping 356-run win in the second Test in Abu Dhabi on Monday, taking the two-match series 2-0.

The elusive win lifts Pakistan to number three in International Cricket Council's Test rankings behind number one South Africa and Australia.

Spinners Zulfiqar Babar (5-120) and Yasir Shah (3-44) rocked Australia once again for 246 in the second innings soon after lunch at Sheikh Zayed Stadium.

Pakistan won the first Test by 221 runs in Dubai.

After scoring a mammoth 570 for 6 declared in the first innings, Pakistan never allowed Australia to stage a comeback and avoid series defeat for the first time since losing 1-0 in Pakistan in 1994.

The defeat was Australia's third worst in all

Test cricket behind their 675 run loss against England in Brisbane in 1928 and by 408 against the West Indies at Adelaide in 1980.

In contrast Pakistan registered their biggest win in terms of runs, beating their 341-run victory over India at Karachi in 2006.

"It's really an honour for me to lead this side, the way everybody played," said Pakistan captain Misbahul Haq.

Pakistan have now lost one Test in their last three series against non-subcontinental teams in the UAE. They have played seven Tests against Australia, South Africa and England, winning six of them and only losing one, to South Africa.

It was Australia's sixth Test defeat in a row in Asia after they lost 4-0 in India early last year.

Pakistan had to fight hard in the morning session as Steven Smith defied Pakistan during his resolute knock of 97, but once Smith departed, leg-before by Yasir, Australia lost their last four wickets for the addition of just eight runs.

Smith added an invaluable 107 for the fifth wicket with Mitchell Marsh, who fell after scoring 47.

The win is also special for skipper Misbah who equalled the most wins record by a Pakistani captain with 14. Imran Khan and Javed Miandad also won 14 Tests as captains. However, Misbah has only captained in 31 Tests, while Miandad and Imran led in 34 and 48 respectively.

Misbah, declared man-of-the-match, set the world record for the fastest half-century and equalled the feat of fastest century in all Test cricket during his 101 not out on Sunday, capping a memorable Test match.

Younis Khan was named man of the series for his 468 runs in two Tests.

### BIGGEST WIN

Pakistan's 356-run victory is their biggest-ever Test win in terms of runs.

### MOST CENTURIES

Pakistan's batsmen scored 9 hundreds during this series, the most by any team in a two-match series.

### WORST DIFFERENTIAL

Australia's average differential of -54.5 is the worst in their Test history. Their batting average in this series was 25.65 while their bowling average was 80.15.

### MOST WINS AS CAPTAIN

Pakistan have won 14 Tests under Misbahul Haq. He now holds the joint record for the most Test wins by a Pakistan captain, along

### SCOREBOARD

<b>PAKISTAN:</b> First innings 570 for 6 declared (Younis 213, Azhar 109, Misbah 101; Starc 2-86)				
<b>AUSTRALIA:</b> First innings 261 (Marsh 87; Clarke 47; Imran 3-60)				
<b>PAKISTAN:</b> Second innings 293 for 3 declared (Misbah 101 not out, Azhar 100 not out; Johnson 2-45)				
<b>AUSTRALIA:</b> Second innings (overnight 143-4)				
Rogers c Shafiq b Babar				2
Warner c Yasir b Hafeez				58
Maxwell lbw b Babar				4
Clarke b Babar				5
Smith b Yasir				97
Marsh c Shafiq b Hafeez				47
Haddin b Babar				13
Johnson b Yasir				0
Siddle not out				2
Starc b Yasir				4
Lyon c Azhar b Babar				0
Extras: (b-5, lb-1, nb-3, pen-5)				14
Total: (All out in 88.3 overs) 246				
Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-31, 3-43, 4-101, 5-208, 6-238, 7-238, 8-238, 9-245				
Bowler O M R W				
Rahat	8	6	3	0
Imran	8	1	29	0
Hafeez	17	4	38	2
Babar	32.3	2	120	5
Yasir	22	4	44	3
Azhar	1	0	1	0
<b>Result:</b> Pakistan won by 356 runs and took the 2-Test series 2-0.				



Pakistan cricketers celebrate their first series win over Australia in 20 years.

PHOTO: STAR

## Mudgal report submitted

AFP, New Delhi



The Mudgal committee investigating spot-fixing allegations in the Indian Premier League cricket tournament submitted its final report to the Supreme Court on Monday, lawyers said.

The apex court will deliberate on the findings on November 10 which could determine if world cricket chief Narayanawami Srinivasan can seek reelection as president of the Indian board.

"We have submitted the report in a sealed envelope to the court," Raju Ramchandran, lawyer for the panel, told AFP, without elaborating.

The panel, which is headed by former judge Mukul Mudgal and includes ex-India captain Sourav Ganguly, had in February presented a sealed envelope to the court containing names of 13 individuals who needed to be probed further.

The court revealed that Srinivasan was one of the names on the list and ordered the panel to investigate him and the 12 other unidentified persons.