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Sri Lanka v Pakistan  
First Test, Day 3  
Live from 10:00am

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(Saturday)

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Live from 5:30am  
(Saturday)



Openers Soumya Sarkar (R) and Tamim Iqbal, who together raised Bangladesh's highest ever opening stand against India, meet halfway at the pitch while attempting to complete a single at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

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# 'Bowlers win matches'

BISHWAJIT ROY



When Tamim Iqbal spoke of Bangladesh's stunning 79-run win against India, the left-hander emphatically reminded of coach Chandika Hathurusingha's mantra: freedom of expression in the middle. Captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza went into raptures over his side's fearless approach, which gave Bangladesh a new look in the 50-over format and a new look in international cricket. And this approach was evident during the first ODI against India yesterday.

Bangladesh put on another brave face while the world cricket fraternity watched, as they picked four pacers to comply with Mashrafe's pre-match threat that his pace attack has the ability to 'destroy any team in the world'. And his words proved almost prophetic; especially as the inclusion of uncapped left-arm pacer Mustafizur Rahman clicked brilliantly. And that was the reason Mashrafe was telling reporters to redirect their felicitations to the 19-year-old pacer who destroyed India with his off-cutters, taking five wickets in his first ODI of three.

"I always preferred three pacers since I became captain. I firmly believe that bowlers win matches. The kind of bowling that Mustafizur does... I was really confident about the decision. Fortune favours the

brave and so I am really happy," said Mashrafe, adding that it was not an easy decision to leave out in-form left-arm spinner Arafat Sunny.

"In fact I feel that Mustafizur's off-cutters turn even more that the spinners," said Mashrafe.

"The kind of wicket here, in 10 overs 60-70 runs can be scored. We had 80. We had planned that we would attack till the last ball. And we were successful. Partnerships may form; it's part of the game. Maybe there were a few dropped catches, but after a wicket falls, the second one also comes along. So that's how it began," he reflected on their attacking mentality.

Before the match, Mashrafe said that it's always a good statement to the cricket fraternity when one can beat India and his side made that statement in style and he was pleased to see the team improve their ICC ranking to the seventh position, but he still believes that they have to take one match at a time.

"It's nice to take one step forward in the rankings but as I said before we want to take it match by match. Everyone was really thinking about this match, and it went exactly the way we wanted to."

"I am happy that we are playing fearless cricket," he added.

When his attention was drawn to the MCG controversy, Mashrafe said he didn't believe that revenge was the right term for this game.

## Afusi joins Sk Jamal

SPORTS REPORTER

Nigerian coach Joseph Afusi arrived here yesterday to take charge of the Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club for the rest of the season in a bid to guide the holders to retaining the championship of the ongoing professional football league.

Sheikh Jamal are three points ahead of their nearest rivals at the end of the first leg of the Bangladesh Premier League, but the club management sacked coach Maruful Haque and appointed its former coach Afusi, who will now guide Sheikh Jamal in the Bangladesh Premier League and AFC Cup in August.

Under the guidance of Afusi, Sheikh Jamal won the Federation Cup and became runners-up last season. While local coach Maruful Haque helped Sheikh Jamal win Bhutan's King's Cup and this season's Federation Cup and also kept the Dhanmondi-based outfit on top of the 11-team Premier League table.

## Silva romps on wet day

AFP, Galle

Sri Lanka's opener Kaushal Silva frustrated Pakistan with an unbeaten 80 when the rain-hit first Test finally got underway on the scheduled second day in Galle on Thursday.

Veteran Kumar Sangakkara chipped in with 50 to leave the hosts on 178 for three at stumps after Pakistan captain Misbah-ul Haq elected to field first on an easy-paced pitch.

After inclement weather had washed out the entire first day's play on Wednesday, just 64 overs were bowled on the second day after a wet outfield delayed the start by two hours at the Galle International Stadium.

Silva and Sangakkara teamed up to add 112 runs for the second wicket, batting through the post-lunch session to take their team to a comfortable 123 for one by tea.

Sangakkara, Test cricket's current leading run-getter who is expected to retire during the home series against India in August, hit two boundaries and a six.

But he fell soon after reaching his 52nd half-century when he edged a drive off Wahab to Younis Khan in the slip region.

Wahab was the most impressive bowler with two for 51, but those figures would have read better if Karunaratne had not been caught off a no-ball in the bowler's first over.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
SRI LANKA 1ST INNINGS: 178 for 3 (Silva 80 not out, Sangakkara, Mathews 10 not out; Riaz 2-51, Hafeez 1-24)  
PAKISTAN: Misbah (capt), Azhar, Hafeez, Shehzad, Masood, Younis, Shafiq, Sohail, Sarfraz, Yasir, Babar, Riaz, Junaid, Imran, Adil.

## De Kruif to continue

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has offered Dutch coach Lodewijk de Kruif a new contract to work with the national football team till the last group match of the Joint Qualifiers of the World Cup and Asian Cup against Jordan on March 24, 2016.

The offer was made yesterday after a meeting amongst BFF president Kazi Salahuddin, vice president Tabith M Awal, de Kruif and German goalkeeping coach Christian Schweichler, who will be staying with the Dutch coach.

Despite being terminated last October, de Kruif was given a contract on a temporary

basis ahead of Bangabandhu Gold Cup, AFC U-23 Championship Qualifiers and the first two matches of the World Cup and Asian Cup qualifiers, which ended on June 16 and he has now been offered a new contract with previous terms and conditions.

"We discussed Bangladesh's good and bad points of the World Cup Qualifiers and then talked about the new contract. So we are happy to inform you that Dutch coach Lodewijk de Kruif and German goalkeeping coach Christian Schweichler are staying back and will work with us throughout the programme, which includes World Cup and Asian Cup Qualifiers, AFC U-19 Championship Qualifiers, SAFF Championship and next year's Bangabandhu Gold Cup," said BFF president Kazi Salahuddin, adding that the deal would be struck within a couple of days.

BANGLADESH				INDIA					
Batter	R/B	4/6	Wicket	Batter	R/B	4/6	Wicket		
Tamim c R Sharma				R Sharma c Mashrafe b Mustafizur	63/68	4/1			
b Ashwin	60/62	7/1		Dhawan c Mushfiqur b Taskin	30/38	3/0			
Soumya run out	54/40	8/1		Kohli c Mushfiqur b Taskin	1/4	0/0			
Litton lbw b Ashwin	8/13	0/0		Rahane c Nasir b Mustafizur	9/25	1/0			
Mushfiqur c R Sharma				Raina b Mustafizur	40/40	1/2			
b Ashwin	14/19	1/0		Dhoni c Mushfiqur b Shakib	5/7	0/0			
Shakib c Jadeja b Yadav	52/68	3/0		Jadeja c Soumya b Mustafizur	32/42	2/0			
Sabbir b Jadeja	41/44	5/1		Ashwin c Mustafizur b Mustafizur	0/1	0/0			
Nasir c Jadeja b Yadav	34/27	3/1		Kumar not out	25/21	2/1			
Mashrafe c R Sharma				M Sharma c Mushfiqur b Mashrafe	11/19	2/0			
b M Sharma	21/18	3/0		Yadav lbw b Shakib	2/11	0/0			
Rubel c M Sharma b Kumar	4/5	1/0		Extras: (lb-4, w-6)	10				
Taskin c Kohli b Kumar	2/5	0/0		<b>Total: (All out in 46 overs)</b>	228				
Mustafizur not out	0/0	0/0		<b>Fall of wickets: 1-95, 2-101, 3-105, 4-115, 5-128, 6-188, 7-188, 8-195, 9-219.</b>					
Extras: (lb-2, lb-6, w-6, nb-3)	17			<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	
<b>Total: (All out in 49.4 overs)</b>	307			Mustafizur	9.2	1	50	5	
<b>Fall of wickets: 1-102, 2-123, 3-129, 4-146, 5-229, 6-267, 7-282, 8-286, 9-298.</b>				Taskin	6	1	21	2	
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>					
Kumar	7	0	37	2	Mashrafe	10	0	53	1
Yadav	8	0	58	2	Rubel	6	0	36	0
Ashwin	10	0	51	3	Nasir	6.4	0	31	0
M Sharma	4.4	0	53	1	Shakib	8	0	33	2
Raina	10	0	40	0	<b>Result: Bangladesh won by 79 runs and led three-match series 1-0.</b>				
Jadeja	8	0	48	1	<b>Player-of-the-match: Mustafizur Rahman</b>				

## Siddikur in 10th place

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's ace golfer Siddikur Rahman got off to a good start in the Queen's Cup, playing two-under-par 69 in the first round at Santiburi Samui Country Club in Koh Samui, Thailand yesterday.

Siddikur, who had produced a poor result in the Bashundhara Bangladesh Open on his home ground, played four birdies against two bogeys to finish joint 10th in the US\$30,00,000 tournament.

Atthaphon Sriboonkaew of Thailand dominated the leaderboard after playing a five-under-par 66, followed by Sri Lankan Mithun Perera, who played four-under-par 67 to stay in the second position.

Seven players shared the third position with three-under-par 68.

## Morgan, Root power Eng

AFP, Nottingham

England captain Eoin Morgan struck a blistering century in a record winning-chase as his side beat New Zealand by seven wickets in the fourth one-day international at Trent Bridge on Wednesday to level the five-match series at 2-2.

Morgan made 113 and Joe Root 106 not out as England finished on 350 for 3 with six overs to spare.

It was the equal fourth highest total by any team batting second to win an ODI.

England had earlier held New Zealand to 349 for seven. "It's certainly up there as one of the best games of cricket I've ever played in," said Morgan.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
NEW ZEALAND: 349 for 7 in 50 overs (Guptill 53, Williamson 90, Elliott 55 not out, Santner 44; Willey 2-89, Stokes 2-73)  
ENGLAND: 350 for 2 in 44 overs (Roy 38, Hales 67, Root 106 not out, Morgan 113; Henry 2-77)  
**Result: England won by seven wickets.**  
**Player-of-the-match: Eoin Morgan.**

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