



**CARIBBEAN CHIN MUSIC:** Young pacer Alzarri Joseph rekindled memories of West Indies' heyday, when their fast bowlers struck fear into the hearts of the world's batsmen. Joseph, combined with Chemar Holder, played a key role with their pace and bounce to defeat India's batsmen and deliver West Indies' first ICC Under-19 World Cup at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

## 'Look at us and make a change'

SPORTS REPORTER



It was an official post-match press conference and the two West Indian cricketers in focus, captain Shimron Hetmyer and Keacy Carty, tried their best to contain their excitement but a few minutes in they began laughing and passing funny remarks to each other.

One cannot blame them, for these two teenagers had the world in their hand. From absolutely nowhere, the West Indies youngsters have gone on to clinch the ICC Under-19 World Cup; it was an achievement that exceeded even their captain's expectations.

"At the start of the tournament, I was thinking about how far we would be able to get into the tournament, especially after (losing) the three matches against Bangladesh and the first match against England.

"I think it was the win against Zimbabwe [in the last group match] that really brought us back. And also the guys did really work hard in the nets and practice. They did the correct stuff that they are accustomed to doing in the Caribbean," said Hetmyer.

Amid the tensions at the senior level, the win would definitely come as a relief for the West Indian Cricket Board. Hetmyer said that he hoped the victory would encourage in bringing about positive changes for the board.

"This is a big win. From now to probably the next World Cup, I will like to see a big change in West Indies cricket. Some of the younger guys are coming up and we will all hope to get into the team and help the West Indies get on top.

"It's up to each and everyone back home to just look upon what we did today and just see if that can help them make things better," he said.

Getting into the national team of course is an issue they will have plenty of time to talk about. For now, Hetmyer reckons that this batch of players, or friends as he puts it, will be busy celebrating the victory in their respective countries.

"At the moment, it's a very good feeling that we have worked out so well for the West Indies, coming from seven different parts. This is a very good friendship. We all have our contact numbers and we will be in touch with each other even after we go back home," he said.

Carty, who scored a composed half-century to lead his side home described the win as a dream come true. Hailing from the island of St Maarten, where cricket is not as popular as in the other islands, Carty had to go through a lot in order to arrive where he is today.

"There were a few ups and downs, but my father has always asked me to think deep. He is my coach as well and he keeps me motivated. I always tried hard and I always had a dream to do well," he said.

Meanwhile, India skipper Ishan Kishan said that while he was sad to lose the final, he was proud of the way his team performed throughout the competition.

# Mirpur dances to Caribbean rhythm

BISHWAJIT ROY



Captain Shimron Hetmyer, along with his teammates, rushed to the boundary rope even though they were still one

run away from victory. They could not wait to celebrate the piece of history they were about to make at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. The West Indian youths secured their maiden ICC Under-19 World Cup title with a five-wicket victory against three-time champions India in the low-scoring final to give some hope to Caribbean cricket that has suffered a spiralling fall from grace.

It seemed that joy knew no bounds once the winning run came as the players started to run as fast as possible towards the two unbeaten batsmen Keacy Carty and Keemo Paul, who shared a 69-run sixth-wicket

stand to overhaul India's 145 with only three balls to spare. Some did the celebratory slide on the ground, some grabbed the stumps, and others performed the famous Calypso dance in front of a small crowd and of course the 'Springerdance' (named after Shamar Springer, who became the centre of attraction for his chest-roll celebration in the tournament) was also unleashed.

West Indies were not the favourites in the 16-team tournament and nobody had expected a team which lost 0-3 in the build-up series against the home team, started the tournament with a 61-run defeat to England and entered the quarterfinal in controversial fashion after Keemo Paul effected a Mankad to claim the last Zimbabwe Under-19 wicket to come up victorious beating teams like Pakistan, Bangladesh and hot favourites India.

But a fantastic afternoon at Mirpur belonged to the Caribbean future cricketers

as a quality display of pace bowling from Alzarri Joseph and Chemar Holder laid the foundation in the morning.

West Indies cricket and fast bowling go together like a horse and a carriage, but that connection has been fraying since the turn of the century. From the days of Learie Constantine to the fearsome quartet of Andy Roberts, Michael Holding, Joel Garner and Colin Croft, and later on to the likes of Malcolm Marshall, Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose, fast bowlers have been the bread and butter of West Indies cricket.

It seemed that two exciting new ball bowlers Joseph and Holder -- especially the former -- brought back sweet memories for those ardent Caribbean cricket fans after Hetmyer decided to insert India on a green pitch under foggy conditions.

With an average speed of 135kmph, the right-arm paceman from Antigua considered as the 'express' bowler of the tourna-

ment, appeared deadily for the Indian top-order batsmen. Joseph used his pace and bounce, and extracted movement to become the wrecker-in-chief.

Removing three top-order batsmen in Rishabh Pant, Ishan Kishan and Anmolpreet within his first seven overs, Joseph broke the back of the Indian batting and the subcontinental giants could not recover to set a challenging target for the West Indies, despite Sarfaraz Khan once again scoring a half-century in a crisis situation. Pacer Ryan John then picked up the two vital wickets of Washington Sundar and Sarfaraz to put the final nail in the coffin.

India however put a lot of pressure on their opponents in defence of a paltry total but dropping a few vital catches and a patient, unbeaten 125-ball 52 from Carty, coupled with Keemo Paul's -- he of Mankad fame -- unbeaten 68-ball 40 heralded a new champion in ICC's showpiece youth event.

### INDIA-WI SCOREBOARD

INDIA U-19S	R/B	4/6
Pant st Imlach b Joseph	1/3	0/0
Kishan lbw b Joseph	4/10	0/0
Anmolpreet c Imlach b Joseph	3/8	0/0
Washington c Joseph b John	7/41	1/0
Sarfaraz lbw b John	51/89	5/1
Armaan c Paul b Springer	5/7	1/0
Lomror c Imlach b Holder	19/43	2/0
Dagar c Carty b John	8/20	1/0
Batham c Imlach b Paul	21/31	3/0
Avesh c John b Paul	1/7	0/0
Khaleel not out	2/12	0/0
Extras: (b-2, lb-5, w-16)	23	
Total: (All out in 45.1 overs)	145	
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-8, 3-27, 4-41, 5-50, 6-87, 7-116, 8-120, 9-123.		

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Joseph	10	0	39	3
Holder	10	2	20	1
John	10	0	38	3
Springer	9	1	24	1
Paul	6.1	0	17	2

WEST INDIES U-19S	R/B	4/6
Pope c Khaleel b Avesh	3/13	0/0
Imlach c Lomror b Khaleel	15/20	2/0
Hetmyer c Armaan b Dagar	23/53	1/0
Carty not out	52/125	2/0
Springer c Armaan b Dagar	3/9	0/0
Goolee c & b Dagar	3/9	0/0
Paul not out	40/68	1/1
Extras: (lb-1, w-6)	7	
Total: For 5 wickets in 49.3 overs	146	
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-28, 3-67, 4-71, 5-77.		

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Avesh	10	1	29	1
Khaleel	9.3	2	32	1
Washington	9	1	18	0
Batham	3	0	12	0
Lomror	8	0	29	0
Dagar	10	1	25	3

Result: West Indies won by five wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Keacy Carty.

Player-of-the-tournament: Mehedi Hasan Miraz.

### WORLD T20

## Zim name team

AFP, Harare

Zimbabwe's squad announced on Saturday for the World Twenty20.

Squad: Sean Williams, Tendai Chatara, Wellington Masakadza, Tinash Panyangara, Hamilton Masakadza (capt), Peter Moor, Elton Chigumbura, Sikandar Raza Butt, Richmond Mutumbami (wkt), Luke Jongwe, Tendai Chisoro, Neville Madziva, Malcolm Waller, Vusumuzi Sibanda, Graeme Cremer.

## Kiwis flounder after Voges show

AFP, Wellington



Mitchell Marsh ruined New Zealand's hopes for a Brendon McCullum salvage mission after Adam Voges' record-breaking double century put Australia firmly in command of the first Test in Wellington on Sunday.

At stumps on the third day, New Zealand were 178 for 4 in their second innings, requiring a further 201 to make Australia bat again.

Test debutant Henry Nicholls was not out 31 with McCullum lbw to Marsh in the final over of the day for 10. Voges' 239 was in part testament to how docile the pitch had become since New Zealand were rolled for 183 inside two sessions on the first day. But there were still wickets to be had, as Nathan Lyon and Josh Hazlewood found.

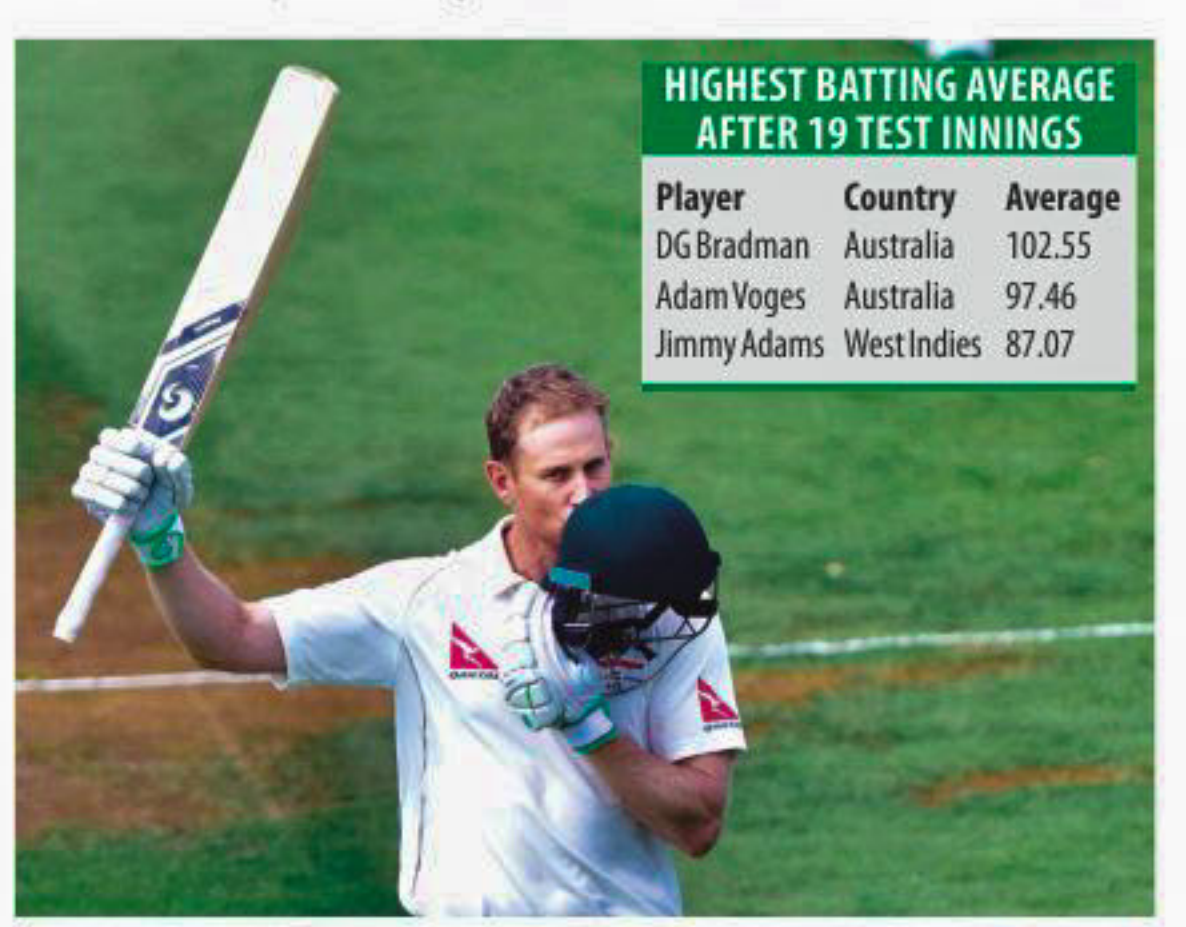
For New Zealand there were memories of being on the ropes against India at the same ground two years ago and being rescued by McCullum's triple century.

The big-hitting captain was showing every sign of looking to dig in for a long stay with his 10 coming off 31 deliveries but he was out with three balls remaining in the day.

"To get McCullum [in the] last over of the day, the changing room's pretty happy," Voges said. "I'm giving myself every chance to get in each time I bat and when I do get in I'm hungry to score big runs. To get to 200 today and get us into a great position is a very satisfying feeling."

### SCORES IN BRIEF

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 183  
AUSTRALIA: First innings 562 (Khawaja 140, Voges 239; Southee 2-87, Anderson 2-79)  
NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 178 for 4 (Latham 63, Guptill 45; Lyon 2-35)



**Australia batsman Adam Voges celebrates his double ton on the third day of the first Test against New Zealand in Wellington yesterday.**

## Mushy's 33 in vain

SPORTS REPORTER

Mushfiqur Rahim struck a 27-ball 33, but his effort was not enough for the Karachi Kings to avoid their fifth defeat in the PSL at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday, where Mishbaul Haq's Islamabad United cantered to a five-wicket win.

While Mushfiqur made some contribution to Karachi's unimpressive total of 128-5, ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan had yet another off day, especially with the ball. Shakib, who wielded his willow for an unbeaten six-ball seven, conceded 17 runs in his two overs.

Islamabad cruised to 131 for 5 in 18.5 overs, with Asif Ali hammering an unbeaten 31 off 38 balls. Mishbah also chipped in with 38 while Khalid Latif struck 33. Veteran all-rounder Azhar Mahmood bowled beautifully in the death over to finish with 24 for one.

The defeat left Karachi in fourth position in the five-team table with four points. With a match in hand, Karachi are in danger of missing out on a spot for the knock-out rounds. The win, on the other hand, took Islamabad to third position with six points, four adrift of leaders Quetta Gladiators.

In the day's later game, Peshwar Zalmi gave Tamim Iqbal a well-deserved rest for their match against Quetta.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

KARACHI: 128 for 5 in 20 overs (Shahzad 27, Bopara 45, Mushfiqur 33; Imran 2-19)  
ISLAMABAD: 131 for 5 in 18.5 overs (Khalid 33, Misbah 38, Asif 31 not out; Sohail 2-23)  
Result: Islamabad won by 5 wickets.

## Asia Cup squad sans Tamim

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced its squad for the Asia Cup yesterday which is due to begin on March 24 in Dhaka. There has only been one change made from the ICC World Twenty20 squad announced earlier this month.

Opener Tamim Iqbal, whose wife is expected to give birth to the couple's first child during that period, had asked for and was granted leave and as a result will not be able to take part in the Asia Cup, which is being held in the Twenty20 format for the first time.

SQUAD
Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Imrul Kayes, Soumya Sarkar, Mohamad Mithun, Mahmudullah Riyad, Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Nurul Hasan, Sabbir Rahaman, Nasir Hossain, Arafat Sunny, Mustafizur Rahman, Al-Amin Hossain, Taskin Ahmed, Abu Hider



TAMIM IQBAL



IMRUL KAYES

He has been replaced by left-handed opener Imrul Kayes. Imrul had a fantastic 2015, and excelled in T20 cricket. Imrul made valuable contributions whenever he got chances as a back-up opener since the last 50-over World Cup in early 2015. In Test cricket he has averaged 54 in 2015 with a high score of 150 and he scored 76 and 73 against Zimbabwe in the two ODIs he played since the World Cup. He was by far the most exciting Bangladeshi batsman in the Bangladesh Premier League, where with 300 runs he was the second highest run-scorer. Imrul is also in the standby list in the World T20 squad.

## 'Big feat for me & my country'

SPORTS REPORTER

Nothing could have been sweeter than to appear in the presentation ceremony after the final wearing the national jersey but instead Bangladesh Under-19s skipper Mehedi Hasan Miraz sported a blazer to attend the ceremony at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. The all-rounder however could take solace from the fact that his team lost the semi-final to the eventual champions and he had a reason to be happy as apart from finishing third in the tournament -- so far the best achievement for the country in this showpiece event -- he was named the man of the tournament for his four fifties and 12 scalps in six matches.

"A total of 16 teams played in the tournament and securing the best player award is not only a big achievement for me but also for my country. The whole world saw that we played good cricket in the tournament and our cricket has been gradually improving. I am really excited because it's a big success to become the best player in a tournament like the World Cup," said Miraz.

"One phase is over in my life after the World Cup. Now I am looking forward to playing for the national team which is the ultimate goal for any cricketer but I have to become a complete cricketer to fulfil my dream of playing for the national team. I will try my best to become the number one all-rounder," he continued.

Miraz expressed his firm optimism that a number of players from his Under-19 squad will represent the Bangladesh national team in the future.

## AB leads SA to series win

AFP, Cape Town



South African captain AB de Villiers hit a century and took his side to a series victory in the fifth and final one-day international against England at Newlands on Sunday.

De Villiers made an unbeaten 101 as South Africa chased down a target of 237 with five wickets and six overs to spare.

For the third successive match, an English batsman made a century but finished on the losing side.

Opening batsman Alex Hales hit 112 but lacked significant support from his teammates as England were bowled out for 236 after being sent in to bat.

The win completed a remarkable turnaround for South Africa after they had been

well beaten in the first two matches.

It also marked a return to his best form for De Villiers, who had not scored a century in seven Test and four one-day innings against the tourists.

De Villiers walked out to bat with his side in trouble at 22 for three, with all the wickets falling to left-arm opening bowler Reece Topley.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

ENGLAND: 236 all out in 45 overs (Hales 112, Root 27, Stokes 29, extras 23; Rabada 3-34, Tahir 3-53, Wiese 3-50)

SOUTH AFRICA: 237 for 5 in 44 overs (Amla 59, De Villiers 101 not out, Wiese 41 not out; Topley 3-41)

Result: South Africa won by five wickets and clinched the five-match series 3-2.

Player-of-the-match: AB de Villiers.  
Player-of-the-series: Alex Hales.