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## Need to hold on to 2015 lessons: Riyad

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh's cricket fans will remember the year 2015 for a number of reasons. The arrival of Mustafizur Rahman, the series wins against the higher-ranked sides and their incredible World Cup campaign in New Zealand and Australia, when they reached the quarterfinal of the mega event for the first time.

While all the above memories remain special, the highlight was Mahmudullah Riyad's back-to-back centuries in the World Cup. From struggling to keep his place in the side to surprising the world with his late drive through point, 2015 was no doubt Riyad's year.

And these are the moments that the 30-year-old uses to inspire himself and the rest of the team members during the ongoing gruelling national fitness camp at Mirpur.

"Before we started the camp, we all talked

about how 2015 was a great year and how we have changed in terms of training as well, in the last two to three years. We are doing a lot better and we need to hold on to that," Riyad told reporters yesterday.

"We are all committed players. We all work really hard. There is, after all, no substitute for hard work," he added.

Bangladesh's next international series is not until October when England are expected to arrive. Until then however, the players will have to keep themselves busy with domestic matches and camps. While many reckon that this could hurt the Tigers, Riyad thinks otherwise.

"One does not always get breaks like these. Whether you enjoy it or not actually depends upon how you spend it. We have played the [Dhaka] Premier League and it was a good tournament. Also we need a few breaks to keep the players fit and more focussed. Everyone's looking forward to the series. Hopefully it will go well," said Riyad.

## More security for foreign coaches

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Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is preparing to provide its foreign coaches decent security cover upon their arrival in the aftermath of the recent attack in Gulshan. Tigers head coach Chandika Hathurusingha and Co are expected to come to Bangladesh in the first week of August and supervise the players' skills camp.

The most immediate change with regards to the coaches' lifestyle in Dhaka could start with their place of residence.

"We will give them the option to stay where they want to. They generally stay in flats in Banani. However, we are thinking of hotels and secured guesthouses as options as well. We are preparing ourselves that way. It depends upon what they want. We will ask them that prior to their arrival," BCB CEO Nizamuddin Chowdhury told The Daily Star yesterday.

Echoing Nizamuddin's views, BCB director Jalal Yunus told reporters yesterday that the foreign coaches will be given extra security.

"They will be given a new security plan once they arrive next month. However, it's difficult to say what level of security they are going to get. We can only confirm that once we discuss this issue with the police," said Yunus.

## Fizz sits out with shoulder niggle

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Those who were looking forward to following the ever-popular Bangladesh pace sensation Mustafizur Rahman's exploits in his stint with Sussex were left disappointed as the left-hander missed out on yesterday's Royal London One-Day Cup match against Gloucestershire in Cheltenham.

Sussex let their fans know of the unfortunate news, that a flare-up of an old shoulder injury was keeping the Fizz out, through a tweet minutes before the match started.

It was learned that Mustafizur was in the 13-man squad for the game and had travelled to the ground to practise with the rest of the team, but persistent pain on his shoulder forced Sussex to take the precautionary move.

According to Bangladesh Cricket Board officials, Mustafizur is likely to undergo a scan today.

Earlier, Mustafizur made his much-anticipated debut for Sussex in the Natwest T20 Blast match against Essex Eagles on July 21. He put in a man-of-the-match performance on debut, picking up four for 23 in an emphatic win for his team. Fortunes were reversed, however, the very next day when Surrey beat Sussex with Mustafizur giving away 32 runs from 3.2 overs.

He is set to make his way back to Dhaka on August 2.



Arambagh players rejoice after their late equaliser against Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club during the opening game of JB Bangladesh Premier League at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. [INSET] A drone employed by organisers for camera work hovers over the enthusiastic crowd.

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## Minnnows stun favourites

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Last edition's runners-up Sheikh Russel Kriya Chakra made a terrible start to the JB Bangladesh Premier League as they lost on the opening day to newly-promoted Uttar Baridhara Club by a solitary goal at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Big-budget Sheikh Russel, tipped as one of the favourites for the title, conceded the only goal of the game when Khalekuzzaman Sabuj struck from the spot for Baridhara in the 60th minute.

That defeat was preceded by another upset as defending champions Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club were held to a 1-1 draw by the season's surprise package Arambagh KS.

Mohammad Abdullah's equaliser deep into stoppage time cancelled out a 14th minute strike from Emeka Darlington as the Motijheel outfit came out with a well deserved draw.

The defending champions have endured a rough season thus far as they were eliminated before the semifinals of both the Independence Cup and the Federation Cup. They are also without a permanent coach since the termination of

Shafiqul Islam Manik last week and the draw yesterday will surely come as a blow to their hopes of claiming a hat-trick of titles.

Sheikh Jamal took the field with only one out and out striker in Emeka Darlington due to the absence of Haitian goal-machine Wedson Anselme. The one-man frontline weakened Sheikh Jamal's attacks significantly. However, they dominated the first half by establishing control in midfield and claimed the lead before

their excessively defensive approach in the second half took its toll.

Having survived two scares earlier, Sheikh Jamal built their game down the left flank, from which came the opening goal in the 14th minute.

Nigerian marksman Emeka, assisted by Landing Darboe on the left flank, played a one-two with Rakib Sarker to enter the box and then drive a powerful shot which kissed the crossbar on its way into the back of Arambagh's net.

The Dhanmondi giants were close to doubling their lead during the 42nd minute when

Emeka whipped in a well-judged cross from the right flank for Landing, allowing the Gambian to cut it back to Shihab, but the opportunity was wasted as his low strike was cleared off the goalline. Later, Defender Kesto Kumar saw his curling corner collide with the crossbar during the first half's stoppage time.

After resumption, the scenario changed. Arambagh, who had come from two goals down to beat the same opposition in the Federation Cup quarterfinal last month, pressed hard for the equaliser.

Availing a cutback from Kester Akon, Abdullah shot narrowly wide of the target in the 56th minute, before Mansur Amin rattled the crossbar seven minutes later.

In an attempt to thwart the wave of attacks, Sheikh Jamal's stand-in coach Mosharraf Hossain Badal strengthened his backline by sending on two defenders but there was no denying Abdullah from striking the late equaliser.

The new face of the national team's preliminary squad was left unmarked inside the box as he side-volleyed a cross from Abu Sufian Sufil home for the all important equaliser.

Later on referee Jalaluddin was forced to send off Sheikh Jamal's Emeka and Arambagh's Issa Yusuf following a brawl.

SK JAMAL	1	-	1	ARAMBAGH
SK RUSSEL	0	-	1	UTTAR BARIDHARA



Mahmudullah Riyad and his fellow Tigers are eager to make full use of the off-season by putting in the hard yards during the Bangladesh preliminary squad training camp in Mirpur yesterday.

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## WI tail delays inevitable

**AFP, North Sound**

India's push for victory on the fourth day of the first Test against the West Indies has been interrupted by rain with the home side at 76 for two following on in their second innings, a deficit of 247 runs, when an early lunch was taken on Sunday.

West Indies, facing the prospect of a huge series-opening defeat, resumed the day at 21 for one in their second innings after being forced to follow-on on the third day on Saturday.

Fast-medium bowlers Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Shami took four wickets each to wreck the home side's first innings, dismissing them for 243 in the final session of the day with half-centuries by opener Kraigg Brathwaite and wicketkeeper-batsman Shane Dowrich representing the only meaningful resistance.

Brathwaite, who defied India's array of pace and spin for almost five hours in getting to 74, could not survive the first over of the second turn at the crease, being trapped palpably leg-before by Ishant Sharma.

Rajendra Chandrika and Darren Bravo survived to the close. India's bowlers put in a purposeful effort throughout the day, but were held up at the start of play until leg-

**LATEST**

A resolute Carlos Brathwaite (38) and a doughty Devendra Bishoo (30) delayed the inevitable - an innings defeat for the West Indies against India, when the pair put on an unbeaten ninth wicket stand of 69 runs. The home side were 201-8 at tea with India still needing two more wickets to win the first Test inside four days.

spinner Amit Mishra had Bishoo stumped by wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha.

It was the second of six dismissals for Saha in the innings, putting him alongside Syed Kirmani and Mahendra Singh Dhoni for the most dismissals by an Indian wicketkeeper in a Test innings.

From that point on it became a virtual procession of West Indies batsmen to and from the wicket with Shami outstanding either side of the lunch interval when he disposed of Bravo, Marlon Samuels and Jermaine Blackwood to add to his dismissal of Chandrika late on the second evening.

Debutant Roston Chase displayed a measure of grit in a 47-run stand for the sixth wicket with Brathwaite, but hemisued an attempted pull off Yadav to give Kohli a simple catch at short midwicket and Brathwaite could not get out of the way of a sharp lifter to give a catch behind.

**SCOREBOARD**

**INDIA:** First innings 566 for 8 declared  
K Brathwaite c Saha b Yadav 74  
Chandrika c Saha b Shami 16  
Bishoo c Saha b Mishra 12  
Bravo c Saha b Shami 11  
Samuels c Saha b Shami 1  
Blackwood c Rahane b Shami 0  
Chase c Kohli b Yadav 23  
Dowrich not out 57  
Holder c Saha b Yadav 36  
C Brathwaite b Yadav 0  
Gabriel b Mishra 2  
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-2, nb-3) 11  
Total (All out in 90.2 overs) 243  
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-68, 3-90, 4-92, 5-92, 6-139, 7-144, 8-213, 9-213.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Sharma 20 7 44 0  
Yadav 18 8 41 4  
Shami 20 4 66 4  
Ashwin 17 5 43 0  
Mishra 15.2 4 43 2

**WEST INDIES:** Second innings  
K Brathwaite lbw b Sharma 2  
Chandrika not out 9  
Bravo not out 10  
Extras: 0  
Total: (For 1 wkt in 13 overs) 21  
To bat: Samuels, Blackwood, Chase, Dowrich, Holder, Brathwaite, Bishoo, Gabriel.  
Fall of wicket: 1-2.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Sharma 4 2 3 1  
Shami 4 3 2 0  
Yadav 3 1 8 0  
Ashwin 2 0 8 0

## First phase of bowling analysis done

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) completed its first phase of analysing the actions of certain bowlers yesterday.

Head of the BCB's bowling review committee Jalal Yunus explained to reporters the step-by-step process followed by the committee.

"We have completed recording the bowling footage of around 10 bowlers using six cameras. Next, we are going to analyse those problems and further observe their bowling actions since it's easier to do that with the help of a camera rather than watching and judging the bowlers with the naked eye," said Jalal.

Apart from the 10 bowlers reported during the DPL, Bangladesh pacer Taskin Ahmed's action was also recorded yesterday in order to get a better idea about the status of his action before sending him for reassessment.

"After the analysis, the bowlers who don't have issues with their actions will be informed and they can take part in the Dhaka Premier League in the next season. The ones who do have problems though, we will work with them," said Yunus.

The bowling actions of nearly two dozen bowlers were reported during the Dhaka Premier League, Bangladesh's premium 50-over competition.

The review committee was formed after Bangladesh bowlers Arafat Sunny and Taskin were reported during the World Cup.

## England opt to bat

**AFP, Manchester**

England captain Alastair Cook left Pakistan needing to rewrite the record books if they were to win the second Test at Old Trafford, after opting against enforcing the follow-on on Sunday's third day.

At stumps, England, looking to level the four-Test series at 1-1, were 98 for one in their second innings.

That gave them a lead of 489 runs, with no side having made more in the fourth innings to win a Test than the West Indies' 418 for seven against Australia at St John's in 2002/03.

Cook, who made a first innings hundred, was 49 not out and vice-captain Joe Root, whose 254 in the same innings was his Test-best score, unbeaten on 23.

Shortly before the close, which took place in bright sunshine, England lost Alex Hales (24) when the opener was caught behind off Mohammad Amir.

Pakistan were dismissed

for just 198 in reply to England's 589 for eight declared -- a huge deficit of 391 runs.

Yet Cook, on a day where four rain interruptions caused 27 overs to be lost, decided to bat again.

That reduced the time England had to bowl Pakistan out again, although there were, in fairness, still more than two days remaining in the match.

Pakistan's first innings saw England pace-bowling all-rounder Chris Woakes take four for 67, while Root held four catches at second slip.

Misbahul Haq, the Pakistan captain, top-scored for his side with 52 and shared a ninth-wicket stand of 60 with Wahab Riaz, who made a Test-best 39.

Pakistan, who resumed on 57 for four, saw their first-innings collapse continue in Sunday's morning session as they lost a further four wickets for 62 runs.

But with Cook opting against using experienced paceman James Anderson and Stuart Broad after lunch, Pakistan added 79 runs in the second session.

### SCOREBOARD

**ENGLAND:** First innings 589 for 8 declared  
**PAKISTAN:** First mings (overnight 57-4)

Hafeez c Root b Woakes 18  
Masood c Root b Anderson 39  
Azhar c b Woakes 1  
Younis c Bairstow b Stokes 1  
Rahat c Ballance b Woakes 4  
Misbah c Cook b Moeen 52  
Shahid c Root b Stokes 26  
Shahid c Root b Woakes 4  
Riaz c Hales b Moeen 39  
Amir not out 9  
Extras: (lb-2, nb-2) 4  
Total: (All out in 63.4 overs) 198  
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-43, 3-48, 4-53, 5-71, 6-76, 7-112, 8-119, 9-179.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Anderson 13 5 27 1  
Broad 12 5 20 1  
Moeen 7.4 0 43 2  
Woakes 16 1 67 4  
Stokes 15 1 39 2

**ENGLAND:** Second innings  
Cook not out 49  
Hales c Sarfraz b Amir 24  
Root not out 23  
Extras: (For 1 wicket in 21 over) 2  
Total: (Fall of wicket in 68 overs) 98

**Bowler** O M R W  
Amir 10 2 36 1  
Rahat 5 0 26 0  
Yasir 6 0 34 0



England pacer Chris Woakes is riding a wave of brilliant form as he backed up his 11 wickets at Lord's with a four-wicket haul on the third day of the second Test against Pakistan at Old Trafford yesterday.

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