



These two pictures perhaps best depict Bangladesh's outing against New Zealand in the second ODI in Nelson yesterday. The Tigers were given a fantastic start by the bowlers to restrict the hosts to 251; however the batsmen faltered with little pressure and cost the visitors a match which was easily in hand.

## A picture of disappointment

AL-AMIN from Nelson



Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, while attending the post-match briefing, said at least eight times that it was disappointing that they lost the game and that they lost a big opportunity.

He has every reason to feel gutted after the way Bangladesh lost the second ODI against New Zealand at the Saxton Oval yesterday, and in the process the series, from an advantageous position.

The 34-year-old gave Bangladesh the opportunity to win their first game on New Zealand soil with a bowling performance that rolled back the years to his heyday. His three wickets, including the prized scalp of Martin Guptill in the first over of the match, enabled the Tigers to restrict the Black Caps to 251 on a wicket where even 300 looked unsafe.

Bangladesh were well on course to a victory when Sabbir Rahman and Imrul Kayes took the score to 105 for one in 23 overs. But a comical run-out, followed by an inexplicable batting collapse, ruined what could have been a day to savour for the Tigers' fans.

"We were 105 for one and then it collapsed - 84 runs for nine wickets [79 runs for nine wickets] was really disappointing. I think the bowling was

fantastic; we set up the game nicely and the wickets we got were even better than the other match," Mashrafe told reporters before returning to the same scenario while confronted with another question.

"That was the key moment for us. It was also the key moment for them. At 100 for one we were going nicely. We needed 150 runs from 27 overs. The two batsmen were going nicely before that run out; it was crucial for us," Mashrafe said while recalling the comical run out when both Sabbir and Imrul were scrambling towards the non-strikers' end.

Asked how confident they were after restricting the Black Caps to a modest total, he said: "We were very confident. Batting second on this wicket was much easier. Even in the last match there was a bit of swing in the second innings. But it did not swing when they were bowling today. It was more like our conditions. We were pretty confident after the first five overs as the ball was not swinging. We scored 100-odd runs losing not too many wickets. So it is disappointing."

He also lamented the missed opportunity.

"To be honest the sub-continent teams who come here look for this sort of opportunity. If you look at our two games -- in the first one maybe we conceded 40-50 runs too many. But we created an opportunity in that game. Today we also created that opportu-

nity. We did not expect to lose from that situation. We certainly have lost a big opportunity. If we could have won the match we could have played more comfortably in our next game," the captain said acidly.

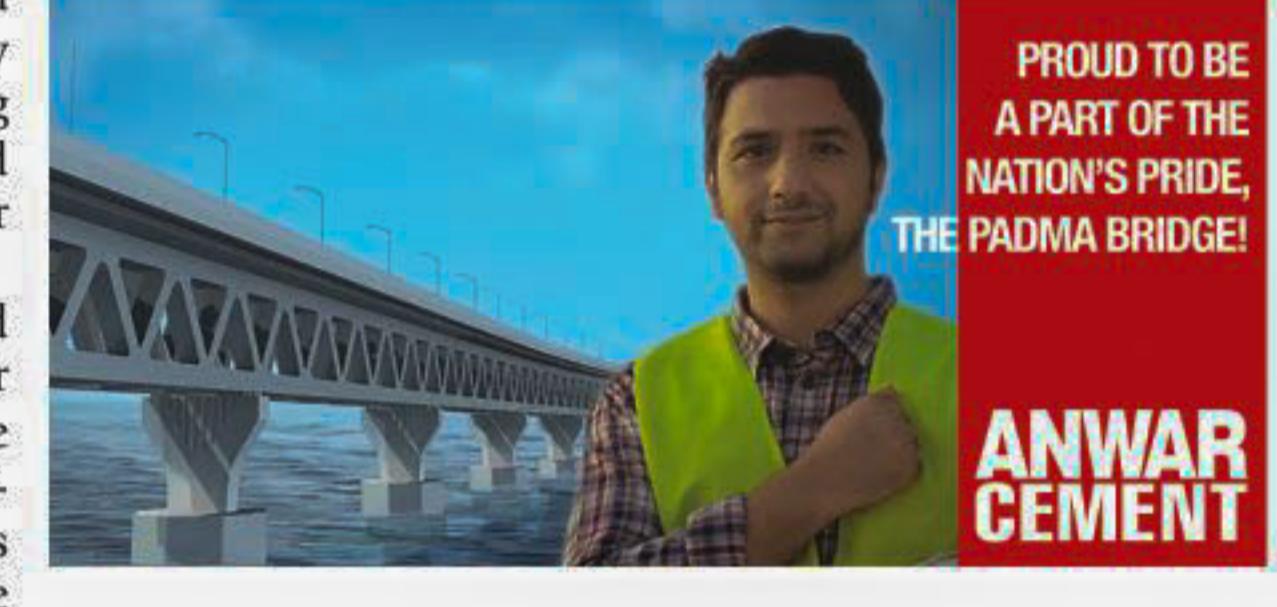
He also observed that even after Sabbir was run out Bangladesh had a good chance to win the game.

"When Sabbir was run out we lost only our second wicket and it was not as if it was the fifth batsman. Somehow they could not click. I think we have lost a good opportunity," he said.

He was however not appreciative of the notion that most of the batsmen, save Mahmudullah Riyad, gifted their wickets.

"I won't say that the players have gifted their wickets. Maybe they were hurrying for runs and the batsmen can say what actually they were trying. I think they should have been a bit patient. After the departure of Sabbir others should have played cautiously to settle on this wicket," the captain observed.

When asked how demoralising the defeat was for his team ahead of their final game at



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### BD-NZ SCOREBOARD

	R/B	4s/6s		
NEW ZEALAND				
Guptill lbw b Mashrafe	0/4	0/0		
Latham lbw b Shakib	22/35	4/0		
Williamson c Shakib				
b Taskin	14/35	2/0		
Broom not out	109/107	8/3		
Neesham st Nurul				
b Mosaddek	28/31	3/1		
Munro b Mashrafe	3/7	0/0		
Ronchi c Nurul b Taskin	35/38	4/1		
Santner c Mashrafe				
b Subashis	9/17	0/0		
Southee c Nurul b Shakib	3/7	0/0		
Ferguson c Nurul b Mashrafe	4/7	1/0		
Boul run out	12/12	2/0		
Extras: (b,1,lb,7,w,4)	12			
Total: (All out in 50 overs)	251			
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-37, 3-47, 4-98, 5-107, 6-171, 7-198, 8-214, 9-228, 10-251.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mashrafe	10	1	49	3
Subashis	10	1	45	1
Taskin	10	1	45	2
Shakib	10	0	5	2
Tanbir	8	0	4	7
Mosaddek	2	0	2	1
BANGLADESH	R/B	4s/6s		
Tamim c Latham b Southee	16/23	3/0		
Imrul b Broom	59/89	6/0		
Sabir run out	38/49	2/3		
Mahmudullah b Ferguson	1/10	0/0		
Shakib b Broom				
b Williamson	7/10	1/0		
Mosaddek c Neesham				
b Williamson	3/8	0/0		
Tanbir st Ronchi				
b Williamson	2/5	0/0		
Nurul c Ronchi b Boul	24/31	1/1		
Mashrafe c Williamson				
b Boul	17/19	2/1		
Taskin st Ronchi b Santner	0/4	0/0		
Bashash not out	1/9	0/0		
Extras: (b,1,lb,4,w,1)	16			
Total: (All out; 42.4 overs)	184			
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-105, 3-112, 4-128, 5-134, 6-136, 7-141, 8-162, 9-175, 10-184.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Boul	8.4	0	26	2
Southee	9	1	33	2
Munro	2	0	12	0
Ferguson	8	0	53	1
Santner	8	1	20	1
Neesham	2	0	13	0

## No nerves for Broom

AGENCIES, Nelson



New Zealand  
opener Neil  
Broom was in a  
league of his own  
in the second ODI

against Bangladesh in Nelson yesterday,  
scoring an unbeaten 109 as the Kiwis sealed  
the three-match series with one game to  
spare.

The 33-year-old made his return to the national side after six years in the first match of the series at Christchurch after Ross Taylor was ruled out by an eye injury. He went on to make 22 in the Black Caps' 77-run win.

With Taylor staging a successful return from surgery and performing in New Zealand's domestic McDonald's Super Smash with a 41-ball 82, the pressure was on Broom to keep his spot in the national team.

The next best score after Broom's 109 was 59, made by Bangladesh opener Imrul Kayes. Nobody else passed 40.

"It was a tough deck for us, so to go out, get a hundred and win the game and series is pretty pleasing," Broom said after the match.

He admitted that he knew he would have to perform, but said that nerves played no part.

"There was a lot on the line. I've got to come in and perform but I was not nervous at all. I was just looking to be natural, clear the mind and play the way I want to play."

His career-best contribution was desperately needed as Bangladesh, seemingly learning their lessons from the first match, put in a much-improved bowling performance to restrict the Kiwis to 251.

"Once they hit a good length it was hard to force it down the ground. We saw that throughout the day. There were no real partnerships."

Broom has played at No.6 or No.7 during his previous tenure in the team



New Zealand batsman Neil Broom hit an unbeaten 109 against Bangladesh in the second ODI yesterday.

## Tanbir given demerit point

STAR SPORT DESK

Bangladesh's leg-spinner Tanbir Hayder has received an official reprimand for breaching Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct during the second ODI against New Zealand on Thursday.

Tanbir was found to have breached Article 2.1.4 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to "using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting during an International Match".

The incident occurred in the 19th over of New Zealand's innings, when umpires heard Hayder using obscene language after being hit for a four by centurion Neil Broom.

Tanbir admitted the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by Chris Broad of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Match Referees and, as such, there was no need for a formal hearing.

In addition to the reprimand for his breach of Article 2.1.4, one demerit point has been added to Tanbir's disciplinary record.

If Tanbir reaches four or more demerit points within a 24-month period, they will be converted into suspension points and he will be banned. Two suspension points equate to a ban from one Test or two ODIs or two T20Is, whatever comes first for the player.



After having built a gritty 75-run partnership against New Zealand, Bangladesh batsmen Imrul Kayes and Sabbir Rahman (R) were involved in a comical run out which fuelled the eventual collapse in the second ODI.

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## PERFORMER OF THE DAY

### NEIL BROOM



The 33-year-old returned to the New Zealand ODI side after a gap of six years, and failed in his first match. In the second, he was at the crease as his team slipped to 107 for five, then 198 for seven. The way Neil Broom batted, however, made it seem like his place in the team is under no threat, so confidently were eight boundaries and three sixes crunched in a brilliant counterattack. The standout shot was a swept six off Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza which landed smack in the middle of the grass bank behind square leg. Broom's 107-ball 109 was the difference between the two teams and gave his team an unassailable 2-0 lead.

## Nasir makes it a double

SPORTS REPORTER



National Cricket League 2017

When the discussion all over is about whether all-rounder Nasir Hossain's omission from the national squad for the New Zealand tour is justified, the player himself has been quietly doing what he most needs to do -- his job.

His bat has been doing the talking in the ongoing National Cricket League and it scaled a peak when Nasir hit his maiden first-class double hundred yesterday after resuming the third day of the fifth-round match on 105 at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium.

Riding on Nasir's 343-ball 201, his highest score at any level, that saw 24 fours and three sixes Rangpur tightened their grip on Sylhet, who their three wickets in the second innings for 44 and were trailing by 82 runs at stumps in the second tier game. "It feels really good to get my first double hundred. I have my own style and there was no difference while I was making my first double hundred. My job is to perform whether it's in international cricket or any other format. I am enjoying my batting.

Scoring runs is always important and I am doing my job -- the rest is not in my hands," said Nasir over telephone yesterday.

In the table-toppers' battle at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium, Dhaka Division managed an important lead and then stretched it to 127 runs as they scored 103 for three in their second innings after wrapping up Khulna for 342 to take a 44-run lead.

Khulna conceded the lead despite yet another Tushar Imran hundred. Dewan Sabbir claimed five wickets but Tushar's 141 ensured that Dhaka's lead was not massive.

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In the other tier-one battle at Barisal, added 115 runs to their overnight score of 165 for five before being bundled out to concede a 12-run lead.

Dhaka Metro then extended their lead to 150 at stumps with six wickets in hand as they scored 138 for four in their second

innings. At the Zahur Ahmed Stadium in Chittagong, the hosts tightened their grip on Rajshahi in the other second-tier match as they raced to a 314-run lead with seven wickets in hand after scoring 229 for three in the second innings.

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## SCORES IN BRIEF

Dewan 5-58, Nazmul 2-80