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## Walsh satisfied with pacers

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South Africa Invitation XI recovered from an early hiccup to put up a good fight on the second day of the three-day practice match at the Willowmoore Park in Benoni yesterday but the effort from the Tigers' pacers was praised by their bowling coach Courtney Walsh.

The home side declared their innings at 313 for eight in 91 overs in reply to Bangladesh's 306 for seven declared after they lost half their wickets for 110 runs as their lower middle order provided strong resistance against the Bangladesh bowling attack.

Wicketkeeper batsman Liton Das came to open the innings with Imrul Kayes in the second innings as the Tigers were forced into a new opening partnership after Tamim Iqbal suffered a strain on his right thigh on the opening day and underwent a scan yesterday. The openers negotiated the three remaining overs of the day successfully as Bangladesh reached six for no loss at stumps.

Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim used all four pace bowlers at his disposal and they all picked up wickets to initiate the early collapse. Mustafizur Rahman and Subhasis Roy claimed one wicket each and they were economical while Shafiqul Islam, who scalped two, and Taskin Ahmed, who got one, were both expensive. Off-



Bangladesh's pace bowling coach Courtney Walsh speaks to media during the second day of the three-day tour match against CSA Invitation XI in Benoni yesterday.

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spinner Mehedi Hasan and left-arm spinner Taijul Islam also bagged a wicket each.

Walsh expressed his satisfaction over his bowler's effort.

"It's okay. It's the first game out and it's the last game before the first Test, so we are going to get the workload right and to get them into shape to see who is ready and who is not and what we have in terms of the game plan for the first Test.

"It's good to get a game out, to get a bit bowling and we have some practice

sessions and we will keep working. It's hasn't been too bad but it would be better if there was some consistency," said Walsh.

The West Indies great once again emphasised on control and consistency.

"Control and consistency are going to be key. As a team the guys are hoping to play some good cricket and if we can all chip in and support then it will be good. My main aim is for consistency and to show good control. Then we can take it from there," he added.

## BD-CSA INVITATION XI

BANGLADESH: First innings 306 for 7 decd.				
CSA INVITATION XI: First innings R/B 4s/6s				
(overnight 21 for 1)				
Valli lbw b Subashis	10/35	2/0		
Dikgale run out	12/16	3/0		
Hamza c Imrul b Taskin	60/101	10/0		
du Plooy c Liton b Shafiqul	4/12	0/0		
Klaasen c Mominul b Mustafizur	16/33	2/0		
Breitzke lbw b Mehedi	44/89	5/0		
Christensen lbw b Shafiqul	53/123	6/0		
von Berg not out	62/110	8/1		
Pretorius b Taijul	42/23	6/2		
Bokako not out	5/4	1/0		
Extras: (b-5)	5			
Total: (For 8 wks in 91 overs)	313			
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-25, 3-36, 4-89, 5-110, 6-168, 7-247, 8-307.				
Did not bat: Cohen, Cele, Markram.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mustafizur	13	7	28	1
Subashis	15	7	27	1
Mehedi	16	2	56	1
Shafiqul	12	2	61	2
Taskin	14	4	70	1
Taijul	16	2	47	1
Soumya	4	0	14	0
Sabbir	1	0	5	0
BANGLADESH: Second innings R/B 4s/6s				
Liton not out	2/12	0/0		
Imrul not out	4/6	1/0		
Extras	0			
Total: (No loss in 3 overs)	6			
To bat: Tamim, Soumya, Mominul, Mushfiqur (c), Mahmudullah, Sabbir, Mehedi, Taskin, Mustafizur, Subashis, Rubel, Shafiqul, Taijul.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pretorius	2	1	2	0
Bokako	1	0	4	0

## Markram to make Test debut against Tigers

AGENCIES, Johannesburg



Former South Africa Under-19 captain Aiden Markram will make his Test debut

in the first Test against Bangladesh, starting in Potchefstroom next Thursday. Markram, 22, will open the batting with Dean Elgar in place of Heino Kuhn, who struggled during South Africa's losing series in England earlier this year and has not played since being injured in the fourth Test.

Markram, who captained South Africa to the Under-19 World Cup title in 2014, was part of the South African Test squad in England but did not win a Test cap.

He averaged 51.94 for the Titans last season - his first at senior franchise level - and was named captain of the franchise for this season.

He made a strong claim for Test selection by scoring 119 and 87 in a season-opening current match against the Dolphins in Centurion.

One-day international all-rounder Andile Phehlukwayo, a teammate of Markram at the 2004 Under-19 World Cup, is the only other uncapped player in the 13-man squad. Phehlukwayo was part of the Test squad in England.

All-rounder Wayne Parnell was also

named in the squad. Three fast bowlers Vernon Philander, Chris Morris and Dale Steyn, were ruled out because of injury.

The 19-year-old all-rounder Wiaan Mulder, who captained South Africa Under-19 last season, will join the squad as cover for Parnell, who has to pass a fitness Test.

The squad has been named for the first match only.

"Aiden has been knocking on the door for some time now," commented CSA National Selection Panel Convener Linda Zondi.

"He gained valuable insight into the Proteas team culture during the tour of England and he has shown maturity beyond his years, having captained South Africa to victory in the U-19 World Cup and as captain of the South Africa A four-day side.

"The inclusion of Andile and Wayne provides the necessary all-rounders to give options as concerns the balance of the starting XI.

"The selection of some younger players is part of the process to build for the future and at the same time maintain our hard core of experience."

**Squad:** Faf du Plessis (capt), Hashim Amla, Temba Bavuma, Theunis de Bruyn, Quinton de Kock (wkt), Dean Elgar, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, Morne Morkel, Duanne Olivier, Wayne Parnell, Andile Phehlukwayo, Kagiso Rabada.



## Huge wins for Abahani & BKSP

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Abahani Limited notched their second consecutive win in the Women's Premier Division Cricket League by comprehensively beating Indira Road Krira Chakra by nine wickets while BKSP also sealed a convincing 130 run win over Gulshan Youth Club in BKSP, Savar yesterday.

After being asked to bat first, Indira Road struggled right from the word go and were eventually all-out on 66 runs in 49 overs, where skipper Rita Shaha scored the highest with 32 runs as none of the other batsmen were able to reach the double figures. Jhumur Akter picked up three wickets while Jahannara Alam took two for the bowling side.

Abahani reached the target in just 13.2 overs while losing only the wicket of opener Sharmin Sultana, who scored the highest for her side with 25 while partner Sharmin After remained unbeaten on 24.

In the day's other game, BKSP posted 209-8 in 50 overs after electing to bat first. Sanjida Akter Meghla top scored with 44 runs while Farjana Haque added 35 for BKSP. Shirin Sultana picked up four wickets for the bowling side.

Gulshan were all-out on 73 runs in 42 overs where Kohinoor Akter, who was the pick of the bowlers for Abahani, scalped four wickets while Nahida Akter took three and Sanjida Jannat bagged two while Tahin Tahera scored most with 32 for the batting side.

## Cummins to miss India T20Is

AFP, Sydney

Australia paceman Pat Cummins will return home after the one-day international series in India to freshen up for the Ashes Test series, Cricket Australia said on Friday.

Cummins, who has a history of injuries, will play out the current five-match ODI series but will miss Australia's three Twenty20 internationals with India next month.

## Mimo, Niloy recalled

### BHF announces 18-member final squad for Asia Cup

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The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) yesterday announced an 18-member squad for the Men's 10th Asia Cup hockey tournament with the experienced strike pair of Pushkor Khisa Mimo and Hasan Jubair Niloy returning to the fold.

The eight-nation tournament, which will begin in Dhaka on October 11, pits the hosts in Pool B alongside India, Pakistan and Japan.

Mimo and Niloy were not considered by former coach Oliver Kurtz for the Hockey World League Round-2 held in Dhaka in March where they faced trouble up front against giants like Malaysia and Oman, who beat Bangladesh in group stages and finished ahead of fifth-placed Bangladesh in the eight-team group.

After the departure of Kurtz, Mahubul Harun recalled both the experienced campaigners and kept them in the final squad along with midfielder Sarwar Hossain, who will serve a three-match suspension starting with the first game in the Asia Cup.

"For us, place-deciding matches are more important than the group-stage matches, which is why we have kept Sarwar in the squad so that he can play the matches from the quarterfinal stage. Besides, we also have a shortage of quality midfielders," Harun said, adding that they have picked those who have impressed in the training sessions as well as during the recent tour of China.

**Squad:** Ashim Gope, Abu Sayeed Nippon, Ashraf Islam, Khorsshedur Rahman, Farhad Ahmed Shitul, Rezaul Karim Babu, Imran Hasan Pintoo, Mamunur Rahman Chayan, Ruman Sarker, Naeem Uddin, Hasan Jubair Niloy, Sarwar Hossain, Kamruzzaman Rana, Rasel Mahmud Jimmy (capt), Pushkor Khisa Mimo (vice capt), Milon Hossain, Moinul Islam Koushik and Arshad Hossain.

## Mahedi shines in rain

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Rain has been the biggest setback in the ongoing 19th National Cricket League and the trend continued as the first day of the second round matches between Dhaka Division and Rangpur Division, and Dhaka Metro and Sylhet Division yesterday being abandoned due to wet outfields caused by overnight rainfall in Cox's Bazar and Bogra.

On the other hand, Khulna made a solid start after electing to bat as they rode on twin tons from Mahedi Hasan and the experienced Tushar Imran to post 348 for three against Barisal in their Tier 1 encounter.

Right-hander Mahedi, who reached his second first class hundred off 183 balls, remained unbeaten on 165 off 261 balls with 15 fours and two sixes during his 325-minute stay at the crease.

Tushar, who holds the record for most centuries in first class cricket in Bangladesh, moved further but was dismissed after smashing his 24th hundred for a 196-ball 132, which featured 16 fours and a six.

The defending champions were initially in a spot of bother and were struggling on 46 for two inside the first session before Mahedi and Tushar steadied the ship and added a 272 runs for the third wicket to lay the foundation for a big total.

Opener Robiul Islam, who smashed a hundred in the last game, was dismissed by pacer Kamrul Islam Rabbi for three while the previous

SCORES IN BRIEF	
<b>KHULNA VS BARISAL</b>	(Mahubul Karim 22, Tasamul 9 not out; Sunzamul 1-4)
<b>KHULNA:</b> 348 for 3 in 90 overs (Mahedi Hasan 165 not out, Tushar Imran 132; Tanvir Islam 2-54)	<b>DHAKA METRO VS SYLHET</b>
<b>RAJSHAHI VS CHITTAGONG</b>	Day 1 called off due to wet-outfield.
<b>CHITTAGONG:</b> 67 for 2 in 43 overs	<b>DHAKA DIVISION VS RANGPUR</b>
	Day 1 called off due to wet-outfield.

game's double-centurion Anamul Haque departed after scoring 36, becoming the first of Tanvir Islam's two victims on the day.

Mahedi, who already surpassed his previous best score of 140 is 35 runs away from his maiden first class

double hundred, will resume the second day alongside Mohammad Mithun on eight at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium.

At the Shahid Kamruzzaman Stadium in Rajshahi, Chittagong finished the first day on 67 for two



(L) Tushar Imran scored 132 while Mahedi Hasan remained not out on 165 for hosts Khulna against Barisal yesterday.

PHOTO: BCB

## 'Batsmen making silly errors'

REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia captain Steve Smith has accused his batsmen of "panicking" under pressure and demanded they show more starch after another collapse against India saw the side thrashed by 50 runs in the second one-day international in Kolkata.

India set Australia 252 to chase at Eden Gardens and defended it with ease on Thursday as the tourists lost openers David Warner and Hilton Cartwright for one run apiece and crumbled with a hat-trick to left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav.

The world champions trail the hosts 2-0 in the five-match series and have now notched up their 10th ODI loss in succession on foreign pitches.

Clearly fed up, Smith, who scored 59, said his batsmen were making "silly errors" and had to change their approach.

"It's happening a bit too often for my liking, to be honest with you, in all forms of cricket," Smith told reporters.

"We've had a lot of collapses and we need to stop. The guys have trained really well and it's now about getting out in the middle and executing your skills when you're under pressure and not panicking.

"I think we panicked last game a little bit and in this game, we just

couldn't get the partnerships. We're making silly errors when we're under pressure."

Australia's last five batsmen managed a total of 10 runs between them in Kolkata, while the top order rarely looked comfortable playing the spin of Kuldeep and Yuzvendra Chahal.

"It's easy to just sit here and say 'it needs to stop', but when you get out in the middle you have to change what you're doing because it's not working," added Smith, whose 100th ODI was spoiled by the result.

"Watching the ball closer or maybe the guys are trying to watch it too closely and forgetting about just playing the game.

"It's a hard one to put my finger on. But whatever it is, it needs to change and we need to make better decisions when we're under pressure and start playing the game properly."

Marcus Stoinis was unbeaten on 62 from 65 balls in a rare bright spot for the tourists and Smith said he had given his team mates the blueprint for how to handle the conditions and the Indian bowlers.

"He didn't panic, he was calm and he played good cricket shots," Smith said.

"He was nice and positive with his intent. We just needed someone else in the top four to go on and make a score."

The third ODI is in Indore on Sunday.



Australia captain Steve Smith looks dejected after the defeat against India in the second ODI on Thursday.

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## Under-16 boys go down fighting

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Bangladesh under-16 team produced a spirited performance against Yemen in the AFC U-16 Championship Qualifiers before going down 0-2 in their first match of Group E at the Grand

Hamad Stadium in Doha yesterday. Anwar Parvez Babu's charges created quite a few chances to score, but conceded the goals against the run of play. Yemen, who had come into the match on the back of a 6-1 thrashing of Qatar in the opening match, sealed a spot from this three-team group for next year's final round.

Bangladesh will take on hosts Qatar to settle the second spot of the group. Ten group champions and five best runners-up teams will play in the final round alongside hosts India next year.

Even though Yemen enjoyed better possession, Bangladesh made the more threatening attacks in the opening half, but Yemeni goalkeeper made two brilliant saves against forwards Miraj Mollah and Faisal Ahmed Fahim to keep Bangladesh at bay.

Bangladesh conceded the lead four minutes into first half's stoppage time when Sanowar Hossain unnecessarily brought down a Yemeni forward inside the box. Sultan Yousuf Thabit converted the spot kick with aplomb.

As Bangladesh pressed hard for the equaliser, Yemen hit on counter-attack three minutes into the five minute of added time of the second half. The Bangladeshi defenders lost possession of the ball at the centre of midfield and paid dearly as before Osama Samer placed the ball the far post from the left-hand side of the box to wrap up the victory.