



Calamity in Antigua

STAR SPORT DESK



One moment, barely an hour into the five-day match, revealed the attitude and lack of fight that combined to produce Bangladesh's inning of 43 all out on the first day of the first Test against West Indies in Antigua yesterday. The Tigers' highest scorer with a 53-ball 25, opener Liton Das was batting along with Nurul Hasan with the score reading 34 for five. Having survived a few wild slog attempts, Liton chose that moment to once more swipe across the line off Miguel Cummins and the leading edge was caught at point.

After that moment, it was hardly a surprise that West Indies had reached 85 without loss at tea on a greenish pitch that harboured no real demons, because there was only one team playing Test cricket at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

That it would be a debacle was evident even before Liton's T20 moment. The experienced trio of Mushfiqur Rahim, captain Shakib Al Hasan and Mahmudullah Riyad all departed for ducks in the ninth over bowled by a red-hot Kumar Roach, whose unerring off-stump line had netted him the first five wickets to fall. Those fell to a mixture of good balls (Tamim Iqbal, Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah), flawed technique (Shakib) and in Mominul Haque's case, bad temperament as he chased a ball that a 'Test specialist' has no business doing off just his third delivery.

But while Mominul's indiscretion cost Bangladesh just their second wicket after Tamim had already fallen to Roach in the fifth over, Liton's wicket meant the difference between perhaps fighting to a 100-plus score and the lowest total in 44

| TIGERS' LOWEST | | | |
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| TOTAL | OPP | VENUE | DATE |
| 43 | West Indies | North Sound | 4 Jul 2018 |
| 62 | Sri Lanka | Colombo | 3 Jul 2007 |
| 86 | Sri Lanka | Colombo | 12 Sep 2005 |
| 87 | West Indies | Dhaka | 8 Dec 2002 |
| 89 | Sri Lanka | Colombo | 25 Jun 2007 |

The pitch for the first Test at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua held no demons but in the eyes of the Bangladesh batsmen that terror took the form of West Indies fast bowler Kumar Roach, who took five wickets in the first session and condemned the hapless tourists to their lowest Test score of 43 all out on the first day yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

DETAILS OF A DEBACLE

- 43** is the lowest total in Test cricket since India's **42** at Lord's in 1974
- 12** Balls needed for Kumar Roach to take five wickets, the joint fewest to bag a five-for in Test history. Jacques Kallis against Bangladesh in 2002 and Monty Noble against England in 1902 are the others
- 4** of the top five instances of fewest deliveries for a five-for have come against Bangladesh
- 112** deliveries faced by Bangladesh -- the second shortest first innings in a Test after Australia's 111-ball innings against England in 2015.

Pakistan oust Zimbabwe

AFP, Harare

Pakistan knocked Zimbabwe out of the Twenty20 tri-series in Harare in a closely-fought encounter on Wednesday, beating the hosts by seven wickets with five deliveries to spare.

Opener Fakhar Zaman top-scored for Pakistan with 47 before captain Sarfraz Ahmed overcame a spirited Zimbabwean fightback and saw his side home with an unbeaten 38.

Their efforts meant that Zimbabwean all-rounder Solomon Mire's bellicose earlier innings earlier went in vain.

Mire struck 94, the highest score by a Zimbabwean in Twenty20 internationals, but Zimbabwe's 162 for 4 was not enough to overcome the world's top-ranked T20 side.

Zaman said Pakistan was always confident they could pull off a successful chase.

"We have a very deep batting line-up, so we were confident we could chase it," he said.

Pakistan given a rapid start by Zaman and fellow opener Haris Sohail, who took 56 from the Powerplay.

Pakistan assured a place in Sunday's final against Australia.

SCORES IN BRIEF

ZIMBABWE: 162 for 4 in 20 overs (Zhuwao 24, Mire 94, Musakanda 33; Amir 1-25, Talat 1-10)

PAKISTAN: 163 for 3 in 19.1 overs (Zaman 47, Talat 44, Ahmed 38 not out; Mire 1-15)

Result: Pakistan won by seven wickets.

WC fever grips Wimbledon

AFP, London

From Roger Federer debating where his loyalties lie to Gael Monfils revelling in England's beer-soaked celebrations, it's safe to say World Cup fever has broken out at Wimbledon.

With Wimbledon's two-week tournament running at the same time as the World Cup, many of tennis's top stars are dividing their time between their own title aspirations and those of the footballers in Russia.

The World Cup is the talk of the locker room, according to Frenchman Monfils, with players putting aside on-court rivalries to gather round when matches are on television.

"The World Cup is definitely different. We have been chatting in the locker room, and for sure I have some comments. I watched the games actually in the locker room," Monfils said.

The flamboyant Monfils took his World Cup fixation one step further, venturing into London to watch some of England's dramatic last 16 win over Colombia on Tuesday.

Spotting a packed pub, Monfils

stepped inside to see the tense penalty shoot-out finale and couldn't believe how raucous the atmosphere was.

"I saw on the phone it was the shoot-out and I saw a pub, so I just went in and watched it," he said.

"Unbelievable. Crazy, crazy! I can't describe it. I was scared to have my phone.

"It was jumping, screaming. Everything. Beers, everything. It was great."

Eight-time Wimbledon champion Federer, also a father of four children, has managed to find room in his busy schedule to watch the World Cup.

But the Swiss great was left frustrated on Tuesday when his country were eliminated after a 1-0 defeat by Sweden.

"I was disappointed. I expected more from the team. But that's the thing with knock-out," he said after routing Lukas Lacko.

"I felt it's an opportunity missed. I think we had our chance against Sweden.

"I think we deserved what we got. Maybe we're not part of the best eight in the world."

With England's hopes of winning the World Cup for the first time since 1966 in mind, Federer was told by a reporter there was only one team he should support now Switzerland are out.

"Is there? I don't know who I'm going to root for yet. I have to check it out," he said with a smile.

"But my favourite team is gone, so it won't be the same any more for me."

American 10th seed Madison Keys, whose country didn't qualify, wasn't so reticent about joining England's World Cup cause -- thanks to her noisy evening watching the Colombia match with former junior Wimbledon champion Laura Robson.

"I watched England play last night. I was actually watching with Laura. She was singing the 'it's coming home' song consistently for two-and-a-half hours," Keys said.

"Where I am in the village I can hear the Rose & Crown. My TV was ahead of theirs, so something would happen and Laura would scream, and then, like, five seconds later the whole pub would scream.

"I was actually into it at the very end. So now I'm cheering for England."

Masterclass from Fed, Serena

AFP, London

Roger Federer extended his flawless winning streak at Wimbledon to 26 consecutive sets as the defending champion crushed Lukas Lacko, while Serena Williams powered to her 16th successive win in Wednesday's second round action.

While Federer and Serena strolled, Caroline Wozniacki suffered fresh Wimbledon woe as the world number two suffered a shock 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 defeat against Ekaterina Makarova.

Federer delivered a Centre Court masterclass lasting 89 minutes as the Swiss star hit 48 winners and 16 aces in his 6-4, 6-4, 6-1 victory.

The 36-year-old is now on his joint second longest streak of sets won at Wimbledon -- his best was 34 between the third round in 2005 to the 2006 final.

Next up for Federer is a third round tie against German world number 64 Jan-Lennard Struff who came back from two sets down to defeat 39-year-old Ivo Karlovic 13-11 in the final set.

In his 20th Wimbledon appearance, top seed Federer, a 20-time major winner, is bidding to become only the second player to claim nine singles titles at the All England Club after Martina Navratilova.

Federer wasn't the only former champion in peak form on Centre Court as seven-time winner Serena routed Bulgarian qualifier Viktoriya Tomova 6-1, 6-4.

Williams brushed aside Tomova in just 66 minutes with 24 winners and four aces to extend her streak of consecutive



Swiss tennis superstar Roger Federer was hardly troubled in a straight sets victory over Slovakia's Lukas Lacko in the second round of Wimbledon yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

match wins at the All England Club.

Serena, seeded 25th after her return from maternity leave, faces France's Kristina Mladenovic or Germany's Tatjana Maria for a place in the last 16.

Wozniacki, plagued by an invasion of flying ants during the Court One clash, saved five match points but has now failed to get past the last 16 in 12 visits to the All England Club.

It was a bitter defeat for the 27-year-old Dane, who was expected to challenge for the Wimbledon title after winning her maiden Grand Slam crown at the Australian Open in

January.

Five-time champion Venus Williams battled into the third round with a 4-6, 6-0, 6-1 win over Romanian qualifier Alexandra Dulgheru.

Former world number one Karolina Pliskova finally made it to the third round on her seventh visit to Wimbledon after seeing off two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka 6-3, 6-3.

Former Wimbledon finalist Agnieszka Radwanska lost 7-5, 6-4 to Czech world number 66 Lucie Safarova.

Zim fined

AGENCIES

Zimbabwe have been fined for maintaining a slow over-rate during their match against Pakistan on Wednesday in Harare.

As a result, captain Hamilton Masakadza has been fined 20 per cent of his match fees while the rest of the team copped a fine of 10 per cent each.

Zimbabwe were found an over short of the target after taking time allowances into consideration.

Anderson set to return

AFP, London

England's all-time leading wicket-taker James Anderson could be in line for a return to the national side for the upcoming five-Test series with India after undergoing rehabilitation on a longstanding shoulder injury.

The 35-year-old swing bowler -- who has taken 540 wickets in 138 Tests -- has been out of action since early June, but will hope to prove he is fit in a second XI match for his county Lancashire on July 15.

Anderson is then due to play a County Championship match against old rivals Yorkshire in the "Roses match" on July 22.

He has described the schedule for the Test series against India, which begins at Edgbaston on August 1, as "ridiculous" with all five matches crammed into a six-week period.

"England seamer Jimmy Anderson will make his return to competitive cricket for Lancashire second XI in a three-day match against Nottinghamshire at Old Trafford starting on July 15," read a statement from the England and Wales Cricket Board.

What to WATCH

ALL TIMES BST

- GTV & CHANNEL 9**
West Indies v Bangladesh
First Test, Day-2
Live from 8:00pm
- STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**
Wimbledon
Round-2
Live from 4:30pm
- SONY SIX**
T20I Tri-Series
Australia v Pakistan
Live from 2:00pm



Bangladesh women's cricket team batter Nigar Sultana dives during fielding practice in Rotterdam yesterday, ahead of their Women's World T20 qualifier warm-up match against Scotland today. PHOTO: COLLECTIVE