

hope for the tourists as West Indies pacer Shannon Gabriel (Inset) and captain Jason Holder got them down to 92 for four on the second day of the second Test in Kingston yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Tigers woble once more

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The ghost of Antigua seemed to have visited the Bangladeshi cricketers in

Jamaica as the Tigers' batting once again wobbled while facing quality fast bowling from West Indies in the second afternoon of the second Test at Sabina Park in Kingston yesterday. The visitors were in trouble at tea on 91 for four and a first-innings deficit of 262 runs after their bowlers had wrapped up the West Indies innings in the morning for 354 with Mehedi Hasan Miraz taking his fourth five-wicket haul.

Opening batsman Tamim Iqbal rode his luck and was unbeaten on a hard-fought 40 off 83 balls with five fours and Mushfigur Rahim had just joined him and was not out on four.

Bangladesh suffered a double blow at the start of the innings after opener Liton Das went for a flick to an angling Shannon Gabriel delivery and missed the line of the delivery to be leg-before for 12. However, replays showed the ball was going down leg.

Just one delivery later it was Mominul Haque who edged to gully going for a drive away from the body against an away-going delivery to leave Bangladesh struggling on 20 for two inside seven overs.

Tamim at the other end had his hairy moments; the left-hander was floored by a well directed in swinger from Gabriel in the very first ball of the innings.

The left-hander survived twice -- first on seven when he was given leg-before off a Miguel Cummins delivery but Tamim reviewed the decision, which showed the ball pitched just outside leg stump.

He later benefited from a missed chance behind the wicket when on 30 as an edge off off-spinner Roston Chase went past Devon Smith at slip.

Skipper Shakib AL Hasan joined Tamim and tried to keep things calm, adding 59 runs for the third wicket until the Tigers faced another double blow.

It was West Indies skipper Jason Holder this time as he dismissed Shakib, who went for a loose cut close to the body and chopped on to the stumps after scoring 32 off 53 balls.

Just a delivery later, Mahmudullah followed when he was caught in the crease to an incoming delivery from Holder, leaving the Tigers on 79 for four and fearing yet another batting collapse.

Earlier however, Bangladesh started the second day with a better approach with the ball. Pacer Abu Jayed gave the early breakthrough to dismiss Shimron Hetmyer for the addition of just two runs to his overnight score of 84.

The right arm seamer went on to pick two more wickets while off spinner Mehedi Hasan Miraz picked up consecutive wickets in an over to register his fourth five-wicket haul as West Indies were all out for 354, losing their last six wickets for the addition of just 49 runs after resuming on 295 for four.

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Powell Ibw b Mehedi			29/49	4/0
Hope c Nurul b Taijul			29/79	2/0
Hetmyer c Nurul b Jayed			36/105	9/1
Chase Ibw b Jayed			20/46	4/0
Dowrich c Mehedi b Taijul			6/25	1/0
Holder not out			33/42	2/2
Paul c Mominul b Mehedi			0/5	0/0
Cummins Ibw b Mehedi			0/1	0/0
Gabriel b Jayed			12/19	3/0
Extras: (b-20, lb-7)			27	
Total: (All out in 112 overs) 354				
Fall of wickets:			38, 4-24	7,5-
297, 6-302, 7-3	18, 8-3	19, 9-	319, 10-3	354.
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Jayed	10	4	22	0
Shakib	18	3	51	0
Mehedi	27	9	90	3
Taijul	21	3	65	1
Kamrul	8	1	22	0
Mahmudullah	8	1	20	0
BANGLADESH:	First In	nings	R/B	1s/6s
Tamim not out			41/83	5/0
Liton Ibw b Gabriel			12/18	2/0
Mominul c Hope b Gabriel 0/2			0/0	
Shakib b Holder 32/53			5/0	
Mahmudullah Ibw b Holder 0/2			0/0	
Mushfigur not out 4/13 1/0				
Extras: (lb-1, nb-3) 4				
Total: (For 4 wkts in 28 overs) 92				
Yet to bat: Nuru	l Hasan	, Meh	edi Hasaı	n,
Taijul Islam, Abi	Jayed,	Kamr	ul Islam	
Fall of wickets:	1-20, 2-	20, 3-	79, 4-79	
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Gabriel	6	2	8	2
Paul	3	0	13	0
Cummins	4	0	19	0
Holder	7	1	29	2
Chase	8	0	22	0

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No let-up from Tigresses Although they have already secured a spot in the ICC Women's World T20 in West Indies, a spirited Bangladesh national team will keep their eyes on the prize when they take on Ireland in the final qualifier. Imam & Khan propel

Pakistan

Pakistan stormed to a 201-run win over Zimbabwe in Bulawayo in the opening game of their fivematch one-day series. Opening batsman Imam-ul-Haq and leg spinner Shadab Khan ensured that Pakistan kept control.

Lankan spin hounds SA Spinners led by Dilruwan Perera

put hosts Sri Lanka in firm command of the first Test after South Africa were bowled out for 126 -- their lowest Test innings in the country. First innings centurion Dimuth Karunaratne then made a fluent 60 as the hosts ended day two on 111 for four, leading by 272 runs at the Galle International Stadium.

Archers off to World Cup

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The Bangladesh archery team were scheduled to fly for Germany in the early hours today to take part in the Berlin Archery World Cup for the first time with experienced archer Emdadul Haque Milon staging a comeback to the national fold after two years. The World Cup will be held from July 16 to 22.

Milon was the lone archer from the country to qualify for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games on merit by winning a gold medal in the qualification round.

The 25-year-old, however, lost form since then and has been in and out of the national team following the emergence of other archers like Ruman Sana, Tamimul Islam and Sheikh Sajib. He was finally dropped from the national team after the Asian Archery Championship in Thailand in 2016.

However, Milon has regained some form under the guidance of new German coach Martin Frederick and overcame stiff competition to secure a place in the four-archer recurve men's team.

A total of eight archers -- five for recurve and three for compound -- will be competing in the World Cup fort the first time, having played the World Archery Championships thrice in 2011, 2013 and 2015. The recurve men's team include Ruman Sana -- who will

join the team from Switzerland -- Tamimul Islam, Sheikh Ibrahim and Milon while only Nasrin Akter will be vying in the women's event. Ashim Kumar Das, Abul Kashem Mamun and Bonna Akter will be taking part in the compound event. "The standard of Archery World Cup is higher than com-

petitions Bangladesh usually take part in. We want to see where our archers are at the moment and assess them," said assistant coach Ziaul Haque, adding that the World Cup is also part of the preparations for the upcoming Asian Games.

Different firsts in store for finalists





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AFP, London



Just 10 months after giving birth, Serena Williams can complete her incredible comeback in Saturday's Wimbledon final against

Angelique Kerber as she bids to become the first mother to win the tournament for 38 years. Williams is playing only her fourth

tournament since the arrival of baby daughter Olympia in September and is now just one win away from her eighth Wimbledon title. That would make her the first

mother to lift the Venus Rosewater Dish since Evonne Goolagong in 1980. Serena can also equal Margaret

Court's record of 24 Grand Slam singles titles if she beats Kerber. Court and Kim Clijsters are the

other mothers to have won major titles -- making Serena's presence in the final even more incredible given the difficulties she has endured since she last played at Wimbledon in 2016.

The 36-year-old's pregnancy ended with an extremely difficult delivery that left her needing several operations to prevent life-threatening blood clots.

"It's no secret I had a super tough

delivery. I lost count after, like, four surgeries because I was in so many," Williams said after beating Julia Goerges to reach her 10th Wimbledon final

"Because of all the blood issues I have, I was really touch-and-go for a minute. In a way, it's by far the toughest year for me, but in a way it's by far the best. Because I have Olympia. For me, I only see joy out of it."

She arrives in her 30th Grand Slam final -- her 10th at Wimbledon on a 20match winning run on the lawns of south-west London.

For German 11th seed Kerber, winning Wimbledon for the first time -- at the expense of the woman who denied her in 2016 -- would be a sweet moment.

The 30-year-old has bounced back from a terrible 2017 and is close to the form that brought her the Australian and US Open titles two years ago.

"Wimbledon is a really special place. I think everybody knows this tournament. It would be really special to win," she said.

"With 2016, all the success, 2017, with a few up and downs, to coming back this year, I think I learned so many things about me."



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Anderson takes the long route

Reaches first final after 2nd-longest GS match

AFP, London



Kevin Anderson became the first South African man in 97 years to reach the Wimbledon final on Friday after downing John Isner in the second longest Grand Slam singles match ever played. The 32-year-old Anderson triumphed 7-6 (8/6), 6-7 (5/7), 6-7 (9/11),

6-4, 26-24 after six hours and 36 minutes on Centre Court. Isner previously won the longest ever Grand Slam singles match against Nicolas Mahut, lasting 11 hours and five minutes over three days in the 2010 Wimbledon first round.

The marathon tie meant that the Nadal v Djokovic semifinal was to be played under the roof as the light began to fade just after 8pm. It was the longest semi-final ever played at Wimbledon,

surpassing the four hours 44 minutes it took Djokovic to beat Juan Martin del Potro in 2013. "I don't really know what to say right now, playing like that

in those conditions was really tough for the both of us," said eighth seed Anderson. "It feels like it's a draw but somebody has to win. John's a great guy. I really feel for him." "I don't know how you can take it playing for so long and

coming out the wrong side. I apologise if I'm not more excited right now. At the end you don't even feel that great out there, but at the same time I'm through to the final."

Anderson finished with 49 aces and 118 winners; Isner had 53 aces and 129 winners.

Kevin Anderson reached his first Wimbledon final after a semifinal win against John Isner that came after six hours and 36 minutes of serving dominance from both sides of the net yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Mash delays departure

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Bangladesh ODI skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza did not fly for the West Indies with the six other ODI specialists as scheduled as his wife Sumona Haque's illness has not improved.

Sabbir Rahman, Mosaddek Hossain, Nazmul Islam and Abu Hider flew yesterday evening on the same flight that Mashrafe was supposed to board but he eventually opted to stay back as Sumona's condition is yet to stabilise.

Two other members of the ODI squad -- Mustafizur Rahman and Anamul Haque were scheduled to board a different flight in the early hours of Saturday.

It was also learnt that Sumona will undergo another medical inspection tomorrow and if doctors find any improvement, Mashrafe will likely fly for the West Indies on July 16.

Bangladesh will play a warm-up game on July 19 in Jamaica before the start of the three-ODI series on July 22.