

Novak Djokovic returned to the top of the mountain after two years in the wilderness, winning his fourth Wimbledon trophy by defeating Kevin Anderson in straight sets in the final yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

A failure from start to finish

The third day of the second Test match has been the best for the Bangladesh team in the Caribbean with skipper Shakib Al Hasan bagging six wickets to bundle out West Indies for just 129 in their second innings. That the visitors lost the game on the same day by a huge margin of 166 runs sums up the end to end humiliation that was the two-Test series that they lost 2-0 after earlier losing the first Test in Antigua by an innings and 219 runs. It was a total disaster when it comes to evaluating both individual and team. Bangladesh registered their lowest ever Test score of 43 runs in the first Test, and no batsman totalled 100 runs across the four innings they played. The Daily Star marks each of the 12 cricketers that played the two Tests, and fair warning, like their scorecards there are a fair few zeros.

MAZHAR UDDIN



SHAKIB AL HASAN - 4/10 Scoring 98 runs and picking up eight wickets in

two Tests -- which includes his six for 33 in the second innings of the second Test -- makes Tigers skipper Shakib Al Hasan the best performer of the Bangladesh team. But it was nowhere near the calibre normally associated with Shakib, who was below par in the first Test with both bat and ball and was unable to make any impact to make a turnaround.

TAMIM IQBAL - 3/10 Tamim Iqbal, who has lifted his game to

next level over the past few years, was expected to lead the Tigers' batting department from the front with his ability to handle quality bowlers in any condition. But the left-hander would definitely not be satisfied with scores of 4, 13, 0 and 47 in four innings. More importantly, Tamim's lack of feet movement in both Tests has been cause for alarm, despite the batsman having all the knowledge of Caribbean pitches before the start of the tour.

MUSHFIQUR RAHIM - 2/10

Known as the most technically sound batsman in the Bangladesh team Mushfiqur Rahim's batting skills emerged as arguably the biggest disappointment when it came to handling the West Indies fast bowlers. Scores of 0, 8, 24 and 31 do not reflect the fighting instinct of Mushfigur as the righthander failed to adapt to the Caribbean pitches and was found caught at the crease in all four dismissals.

MAHMUDULLAH RIYAD - 0/10

There were huge expectations surrounding the experienced Mahmudullah Riyad when Bangladesh went for the tour of the Caribbean but the right-hander was perhaps



The shell-shocked Bangladesh team were outdone by their opponents, the victorious West Indians, and by their own ineptitude as they lost the two-Test series 2-0 in Kingston on Saturday. PHOTO: AFP

15, 0 and 4 were as alarming as his batting technique. In the first Test he failed to get behind the line and his adjustment in the second Test basically made him a sitting duck in the middle order.

MOMINUL HAQUE - 0/10 Arguably the biggest disappointment on

the tour of West Indies was Mominul Haque. Bangladesh's Test specialist was totally exposed with his front-foot movement, or the lack thereof. Despite an extraordinary record at home, Mominul is yet to justify his talent overseas and the way he was dismissed in all four innings with scores reading 1, 0, 0 and 15, the 26year-old definitely needs to re-think his game.

LITON DAS - 2/10

Rated as a high-potential prospect, Liton Das missed the opportunity to lift his game in the two-match Test series. Despite getting starts in

the biggest flop among the lot. Scores of 0, both Tests, the stylish right-hander tended to lose concentration and it proved costly for the Tigers. His 25-run knock in the first innings of the first Test or his 33 in the second innings of the second Test were perfect platforms for Liton to cash in, but it was a lack of character that led to the list of failures.

NURUL HASAN - 5/10

Wicketkeeper-batsman Nurul Hasan is one of the very few among Bangladeshi cricketers in the two match Test series who actually impressed with his performances both with the bat and also behind the wicket. His 67 in the second innings of the first Test was the fastest half-century by a Bangladeshi overseas and it proved his talent, while despite a few odd missed chances, Nurul remained sharp behind the wicket as well.

MEHEDI HASAN - 6/10

Young off-spinner Mehedi Hasan Miraz has been the rare consistent performer for the Tigers in the two-match Test series. The 20year-old tried his best to get the most out of the seam-friendly pitches with his tight line and length. He ended up picking 10 wickets in two games at an average of 23.90, which included a five-wicket haul in the second Test.

ABU JAYED - 5/10

Pacer Abu Jayed introduced himself as perhaps the next big thing for Bangladesh in his debut series, where the 24-year-old picked up seven wickets at an average of 20.50 in two Tests. Jayed remained the best fast bowler for the Tigers on tour with his ability to hit the deck hard and his move-ment troubled the batsmen, which will surely impress the Tigers' think tank.

RUBEL HOSSAIN - 0/10

Despite having all the experience pacer Rubel Hossain once again disappointed with his performance in the Caribbean. The 28-year-old was charged with leading the Tigers' pace bowling department before the start of the series, but was eventually dropped from the second Test after his below-par performance. Rubel was bite-less despite a seam-friendly Antigua pitch, was unable to get anything from the green-top and remained wicketless.

TAIJUL ISLAM - 5/10

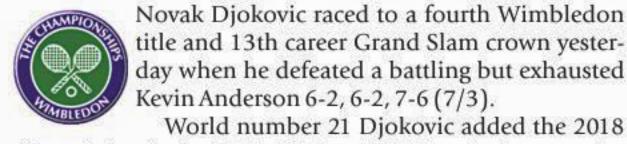
Left-arm spinner Taijul Islam lived up to expectations and fulfilled the responsibility given to him after being included in the second Test. He stuck to his plan of bowling a specific line and length and waited for the batsman to make mistakes. It worked to some extent as he ended up picking three wickets in the game.

KAMRUL ISLAM – 1/10

On his comeback to the side pacer Kamrul Islam was unable to make any impact for the Tigers in either Test. The 26-year-old just could not match his counterparts when it came to utilising the helpful pitches and ended up picking just one wicket.

DJOKOVIC back on top

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title and 13th career Grand Slam crown yesterday when he defeated a battling but exhausted Kevin Anderson 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (7/3). World number 21 Djokovic added the 2018

title to his wins in 2011, 2014 and 2015 as he became the lowest-ranked champion since Goran Ivanisevic in 2001. It also took his Slam total to within one of Pete Sampras

and just four behind the 17 of Rafael Nadal who he defeated in the semi-finals. Anderson, the eighth seed, was the first South African in the final in 97 years and was bidding to become the first man

from his country to be crowned Wimbledon champion. However, he had spent 21 hours on court getting to the final and that marathon effort came back to haunt him at the worst possible time despite a late rally when he had five

set points in the third set. Victory was 31-year-old Djokovic's first at the majors since he completed the career Grand Slam at Roland Garros in 2016.

It also came just a month after he threatened to skip Wimbledon after a quarter-loss exit in Paris and with his ranking at its lowest in over a decade.

Weary Anderson had needed five sets and saved a match point to beat Roger Federer in the last-eight.

He then played six hours and 36 minutes to defeat John Isner in the semis in the second longest singles match ever played at a Grand Slam. It was hardly surprising that he suffered a dramatic power

failure in the first two sets against a player who he had defeated only once in six previous meetings and that was 10 years ago. Having arrived in the final with 172 aces to his name,

Anderson managed just 10 on Sunday.

He also failed to convert any of his seven break points. Anderson, sluggish in the 30-degree heat having played 21 hours at the tournament already, was broken on a double fault in the first game.

That set the tone and Djokovic broke again in the fifth game on his way to securing the opener.

The Serb conceded just three points on his serve.

In the first Wimbledon final featuring two players over 30, Anderson's chances looked slim when he called for treatment on his upper right arm during the changeover.

It was far from the spectacle that the crowd and Royal Box -- which included the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prime Minister Theresa May as well as actors Hugh Grant and Benedict Cumberbatch -- had anticipated.

The second set followed a familiar pattern, Djokovic breaking in the first and fifth games and fighting off the only break point he faced in the eighth game.

Late in the set, the exhausted Anderson's total number of games played in his seven matches at Wimbledon set a new record for the most ever in one edition of the tournament.

Anderson battled in the third set where he had five sets but all were saved by Djokovic, who went to victory when the South African netted a return.

Slump paved the way to triumph

REUTERS, London



Former world number one Angelique Kerber said her Wimbledon triumph on Saturday would not have been possible without experiencing the lows of last year's slide down the rankings. The 30-year-old beat Serena Williams 6-3, 6-3

to become the first German since Steffi Graf in 1996 to lift the Venus Rosewater Dish on Centre Court. Kerber also beat Williams in the 2016 Australian Open final and is the only player, apart from Serena's sister Venus, to beat her twice in a Grand Slam final. She also won the US Open in 2016 and lost to Serena in the Wimbledon final, rising to number one.

The left-hander struggled to deal with the added focus last year, though, when she failed to win a title and slid from number one to 21. But the experience made her stronger and she has rebounded in style, reaching the Australian Open final and the quarterfinals at Roland Garros.

"I think without 2017 I couldn't win this tournament," Kerber told reporters. "I think I learned a lot from last year, with all the expectation, all the things I go through. I learned so many things about myself. "I also needed to find the motivation after 2016, which

was amazing. To make again such a year is impossible. But I just tried to improve my game, not think too much about the results.'

Vince recalled for finale

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Road.



Hampshire captain James Vince has been called into England's squad for the third and deciding ODI against India at Headingley on Tuesday.

Vince, 27, has played 13 Tests an five ODIs but has yet to nail down a place in the England side despite impressing at county level.

England, the world's top-ranked ODI team, levelled their three-match 50-over series against India at 1-1 with an 86run win at Lord's on Saturday that featured a century from star batsman Joe Root. The Lions match comes ahead of England's five-Test

series against India starting at Edgbaston on August 1.

Alastair Cook, England's all-time leading Test run-scorer but no longer a white-ball international cricketer, has been included in the Lions side as has seam-bowling all-rounder Chris Woakes.

Surrey opener Rory Burns will captain the team at New

Mash to join ODI series

SPORTS REPORTER

All the uncertainty over whether Mashrafe Bin Mortaza will participate in the upcoming three match ODI series in the Caribbean has come to an end as Bangladesh's ODI captain is all set to board a flight to the West Indies at midnight today.

Mashrafe was supposed to leave on July 13 alongside the other six members of the ODI squad but skipped the flight as his wife's was ill.

The 34-year-old waited for a doctor's evaluation till yesterday and after his wife Sumona Haque insisted that he should join the team, Mashrafe decided to fly for Jamaica.

The ODI series begins in Jamaica on July 19.



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