



Bangladesh batsmen, in this instance Liton Das, being outdone and embarrassed was the story of the second day of the one-off Test against Afghanistan at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram yesterday as the hosts were completely outplayed by a side playing just their third Test.

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Will look to set a big target: Qais

SPORTS REPORTER

Afghanistan leg-spinner Qais Ahmed believes the visitors are already in a position to win the lone Test against Bangladesh after the second day at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram.

The hosts find themselves in deep trouble, trailing by 148 runs with two first-innings wickets in hand after the Afghans had posted 342 in their first essay. The Afghan spin trio of Qais, Rashid Khan and Mohammad Nabi shared seven wickets among them to leave the hosts on 194 for eight at the end of the day.

Qais claimed his maiden Test wicket by removing Mehedi Hasan Miraz after captain

Rashid had ripped through the Bangladesh top-and-middle order.

"We [Afghanistan] believe that we have the chance to win the match. Today [Friday] rain favoured Bangladeshi batsmen as the ball became wet and it was not easy to turn it away. Tomorrow we will have a new ball and that will work for us," Qais told media after the day's play.

Playing only their third Test match, Afghanistan are in driver's seat in Chattogram and Qais wants to wrap up the hosts quickly in the first innings before taking a substantial lead and build on that lead in their second innings.

"This last partnership [between Mosaddek Hossain and Taijul Islam] helped Bangladesh really well and together they made about fifty

runs [48 in fact] in the wicket. We will try to bowl them early tomorrow morning. We will then start our batting and then will give them a big target," hoped Qais.

Qais also informed that his stint with the Afghanistan A team in Bangladesh last month helped him to adapt to the condition with great effect.

"Obviously when I came to Bangladesh with the A team that experience helped me a lot to adapt the pitch and condition here," he said.

The leg-spinner, however, by the inability of the home side to utilise their own conditions, but he also credited his teammates, especially skipper Rashid who led the side from the front and bagged four wickets.

Young Tigers thump UAE

SPORTS REPORTER

While the Bangladesh national team are struggling against Afghanistan in their one-off Test in Chattogram, the young Tigers made a flying start to their Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Under-19s Asia Cup campaign yesterday. Bangladesh Under-19 registered a commanding six-wicket victory over UAE Under-19 at the FIZ Sports Complex (BOI) in Katunayake, Sri Lanka.

In a game reduced to 45 overs per side because of rain, opener Tanzid Hasan's quickfire 27-ball 45 -- which saw three boundaries and four maximums -- combined with a 33-ball 30 from Parvez Hossain and an unbeaten 40-ball 27 from Mahmudul Hasan Joy helped the young Tigers eclipse UAE's below-par 127 with 23.3 overs to spare.

Earlier, after electing to field, Bangladesh bundled out UAE in just 28 overs. Left-arm spinner Rakibul Hasan was the pick of the bowlers for Bangladesh, returning figures of three for 25 in seven overs. A team high of 58 came from UAE batsman Osama Hassan, while only one other batsman could get into double figures.



Bangladesh opener Tanzid Hasan scored a 27-ball 45 to help his side register an easy victory over UAE in the Under-19s Asia Cup in Katunayake, Sri Lanka yesterday.

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BD-AFG SCOREBOARD

AFGHANISTAN: First innings					R/B	4s/6s
Ibrahim c Mahmudullah b Tajjul	21/69	3/0				
Ihsanullah b Tajjul	9/36	0/0				
Rahmat c Soumya b Nayeem	102/187	10/2				
Hashmatullah c Soumya						
b Mahmudullah	14/32	2/0				
Asghar c Mushfiqur b Tajjul	92/174	3/2				
Nabi b Nayeem	0/3	0/0				
Zazai b Tajjul	41/115	4/1				
Rashid c & b Mehedi	51/61	2/3				
Qais c Mominul b Shakib	9/15	1/0				
Yamin c Soumya b Shakib	0/7	0/0				
Zahir not out	0/5	0/0				
Extras: (lb-1, nb-2)	3					
Total: (All out in 117 overs)	342					
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-38, 3-77, 4-197, 5-197, 6-278, 7-299, 8-322, 9-327, 10-342.						
Bangladesh: First innings					R/B	4s/6s
Shadman c Zazai b Yamin	0/4	0/0				
Soumya lbw b Nabi	17/66	0/0				
Liton b Rashid	33/66	3/1				
Mominul c Asghar b Nabi	52/71	8/0				
Shakib lbw b Rashid	11/20	1/0				
Mushfiqur c Ibrahim b Rashid	0/2	0/0				
Mahmudullah b Rashid	7/13	1/0				
Mosaddek not out	44/74	1/2				
Mehedi b Qais	11/31	1/0				
Tajjul not out	14/55	2/0				
Extras: (lb-4, lb-1)	5					
Total: (For 8 wks in 67 overs)	194					
Yet to bat: Nayeem Hasan.						
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-38, 3-54, 4-88, 5-88, 6-104, 7-130, 8-146.						
UAE: First innings					R/B	4s/6s
Yamin	10	2	21	1		
Nabi	22	6	53	2		
Zahir	9	1	46	0		
Rashid	18	3	47	4		
Qais	8	2	22	1		

Malinga's 4 in 4 gives SL consolation win

AFP, Kandy



Lasith Malinga claimed four wickets in four balls for the second time in his career to lead Sri Lanka to a 37-run consolation win over New Zealand in the third Twenty20 international on Friday.

Malinga returned career-best figures of 5-6 to bundle New Zealand, who won the series 2-1, out for 88 while chasing 126 in Kandy.

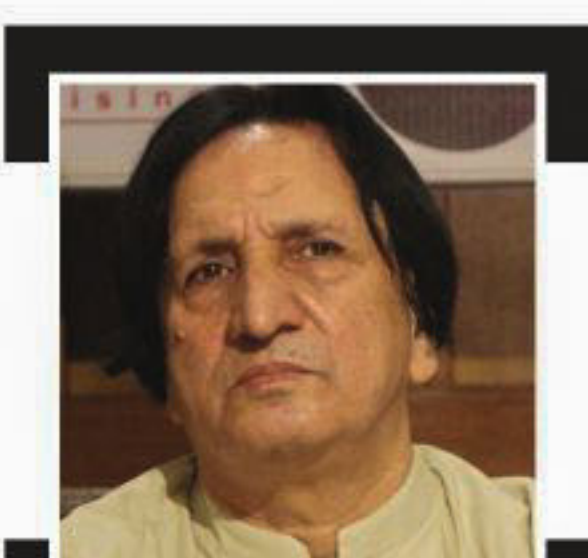
The 36-year-old Malinga bowled Colin Munro for 12 on the third ball of his second over to become the first T20 bowler to claim 100 wickets as he began his demolition of the Kiwi batting. He then sent Hamish Rutherford, Colin de Grandhomme and Ross Taylor back to the pavilion on balls four, five and six as he raised the roof in front of a raucous home crowd. New Zealand slipped to 15 for four.

"Yorker was my best ball, I only try my best to bowl the right line and right length," Malinga, known for bowling yorkers with his slinging action, said.

"Really happy that we won the match, I am a wicket-taking bowler when I play for Sri Lanka... I always want to give all my experience to the youngsters before the (T20) World Cup (next year)."

It was only the third time a bowler had taken four wickets in as many balls in internationals, after Malinga himself against South Africa at the 2007 World Cup, and Afghanistan's Rashid Khan earlier this year.

He now has five hat-tricks in international



ABDUL QADIR
1955-2019

Abdul Qadir passes away

AFP, Lahore

Former Pakistan spinner Abdul Qadir, credited for reviving the art of leg-spin bowling in 1970s and 80s, died of a heart attack in his hometown Lahore, his son told AFP on Friday.

"My father never had a heart problem so it was sudden and shocking that he suffered a severe attack and could not survive," Salman Qadir told AFP.

Qadir, who would have turned 64 on September 15, made his Test debut against England in 1977 in Lahore played 67 Tests, taking 236 wickets with a best of 9-56 against England at the same venue in 1987 -- still the best innings figures for Pakistan. He also took 132 wickets in 104 ODIs and played his last international match in 1993.



'Pitch was opposite of what we wanted'

MAZHAR UDDIN from Chattogram



Bangladesh Test skipper Shakib Al Hasan is not often enthused about going to press conferences and usually limits his appearances to press meets before and after matches. It was therefore a surprise to see him in the press area after Bangladesh had been dominated by Test rookies Afghanistan on the second day of the ongoing one-off Test in Chattogram yesterday.

The day had ended with the hosts reeling at 194 for eight, 148 behind Afghanistan, who were playing just their third Test while Bangladesh were playing their 115th. If it seemed that Shakib was going to take responsibility for a bad day at the office which made a humbling defeat seem a distinct possibility, that notion was soon dispelled by the captain.

proved that it's possible to plan and stay at the crease. If we had better application, our score would have been more," he said when asked whether the pitch changed drastically from the one Afghanistan had batted on the previous day.

Shakib was asked if he was surprised by the performance of Afghanistan, and his answer revealed just how placid the team thought the pitch was. "We were not surprised when they won the toss and elected to bat on such wicket. We were surprised when we picked five wickets on the first day as we were playing on such a flat pitch after a long time."

With him saying that the pitch had not become unplayable, the 32-year-old pointed to the fact that Afghanistan had wrist-spinners, while Bangladesh had four finger-spinners, as reason for the difference in potency between the two sides.



Afghanistan are playing one Test fewer than the number on Rashid Khan's (R) jersey but yesterday it seemed that Shakib Al Hasan (C) -- captaining Bangladesh in their 115th Test -- could have taken a few lessons from his opposite number.

PHOTO: STAR

Instead of shouldering the blame, Shakib offered excuses and seemed to be doing his best to make sure that what he termed as a flat pitch was the story and not the Tigers' timid play.

"We are all actually very surprised because we did not expect something [the wicket] like this. It is totally opposite to what we expected but that does not mean we are not capable of doing well. There are times when things won't go in your favour or according to the plan. The big teams are able to prove themselves when faced with questions out of the box and they are still able to answer those. We will try to give the answer. But obviously, this was outside our expectations," Shakib said.

Bangladesh's spinners failed to make an impact on the opening day as Afghanistan took charge by posting ending on 271 for five. The visitors went on to add 71 more runs on the second day and Bangladesh faded the music when they went out to bat.

"Maybe we were unable to apply ourselves well, but it was not unplayable. The way Mosaddek and Taijul batted

Although the champion all-rounder was reluctant to reveal what the actual game plan was for the Tigers, he did say that it was their responsibility to step up when things did not go in their favour.

"Actually, I don't want to disclose our plans as we have team meetings with a lot of secrecy and I would never want our plans to be revealed outside. But as I said, even if things do not go in your favour, we have to step up at such times," said Shakib.

However, despite Bangladesh being in deep trouble, Shakib was still hopeful of making a turnaround and even eyeing a win, banking on some extraordinary performance.

"Obviously, it's still possible to win the game as we have witnessed that a team, despite trailing in the first innings, went on to make a comeback. We also hope that something like that happens and for that the two wickets that are left should bat for another session and minimise the deficit. It will be tough to chase against the spinners they have. But I believe that we can still win," he added.

Hazlewood puts Australia on top

AFP, Manchester



Josh Hazlewood strengthened Australia's grip on the fourth Test at Old Trafford with a trio of England wickets late on Friday's third day.

England were 200-5 when bad light ended play shortly before the scheduled close, still 297 behind Australia's imposing 497-8 declared built on star batsman Steve Smith's commanding double century.

Fast bowler Hazlewood had so far taken 4-48 in 20 overs, with England needing a further 98 runs just to avoid the follow-on.

Ben Stokes, whose unbeaten century took England to a stunning one-wicket win in the third Test at Headingley, was seven not out and Jonny Bairstow two not out.

England were making steady progress during a third-wicket partnership of 141 between Rory Burns (81) and captain Joe Root (71). But Hazlewood removed both before clean-bowling Jason Roy.

Victory in this match would see holders Australia retain the Ashes at 2-1 up with one to play in a five-Test series.

from Hazlewood to second slip, where Smith held a waist-high catch.

Burns, who scored a century in the first Test, cover-drove Mitchell Starc for a resounding four.

Burns's back-foot drive for four off Starc, playing his first match of the series, and a steered boundary off the left-arm fast bowler saw him to a 100-ball fifty. England were 125-2 at tea, with Burns 62 not out -- his third score of fifty or more this series -- and Root unbeaten on 47.

Burns, in sight of what would have been a second Test century after his 133 in the series opener at Edgbaston, fell when he was undone by a fine Hazlewood ball that nipped away and took the edge, with Smith holding another sharp slip catch. He batted for nearly five hours, facing 185 balls including nine fours.

Hazlewood, demonstrating great control, then had Root lbw with a fine nip-back delivery to end a 168-ball innings, the skipper not even bothering to review umpire Kumar Dharmasena's decision so certain was he of his own dismissal.

Roy got off the mark with a cover-driven four off Hazlewood but the paceman had the last word, clean bowling him middle stump for 22 with a superb delivery that moved late off the seam.

SCORES IN BRIEF AUSTRALIA: First innings 497 for 8 decl. ENGLAND: First innings 200 for 5 (Burns 81, Root 71, Roy 22; Hazlewood 4-48)