



Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal awkwardly negotiates a bouncer from Kumar Roach during the first day of the second Test against the West Indies at the Darren Sammy Cricket Ground in Gros Islet yesterday. Bangladesh, after being put into bat, survived a few close calls early on before racing to 66 for one in 20 overs.

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End of the line for Mominul?

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It was expected that Bangladesh would make some changes for the second Test and while it was clear that Shoriful Islam would be a like-for-like replacement for left-arm seamer Mustafizur Rahman, there were questions about who would lose a place to make room for Anamul Haque's comeback to the Test side after seven years. The candidates were Najmul Hossain Shanto and Mominul Haque, who rose to the fore as the weak links of the Tigers' batting unit. It was a tough decision for the team management, but they probably made the right choice as skipper Shakib Al Hasan informed during the toss that the Tigers had excluded Mominul in order to make the two expected changes. Just a solitary Test has passed between Mominul resigning from the captaincy to focus on batting to him losing his place in the playing eleven. While this is definitely not the end of his cricketing career,

considering Mominul's form and the fact that his confidence appeared to be at an all-time low, it is at least a much-needed break for the left-hander. Those factors may have made the decision tough but it was not exactly surprising, with Shakib hinting that players would need to perform in order to stay in the team. Replacing the struggling batsman for the second Test is also not something the team management will lose any sleep over. Bangladesh's batting failures have been one of the team's major concerns recently. When asked which areas the batting department would like to focus on, Shakib replied: "Everything. Once we overcome the tough period, all our batters are capable of scoring big runs. We need to fight it out during this tough phase. Hopefully, it will be easier after that." For Mominul, the writing was on the wall. Since scoring 88 and then an unbeaten 13 in the Mount Maunganui Test in New Zealand in January this year, his run of innings without a 50 has stretched to 11. In 2018, he endured a similar lean patch that saw him

go eight innings without a 50. Mominul, who has 11 tons, the most by a Bangladeshi in Tests, used to have a batting average in the high 40s. Currently, he averages 37.54. He has not reached double digits in his last nine innings. India's Test specialist Cheteshwar Pujara endured a similar situation when he was enduring a lean patch. Interestingly, Indian selectors took the initiative to send the right-hander to take part in the English County league. Pujara eventually returned to the runs for Sussex before managing to make a comeback to the Test side. As a single-format cricketer like Pujara, Mominul will find even less cricket on offer than others that are outside the national team. It will also be difficult for the left-hander to prove his worth and work on his mistakes in the domestic circuit, where he has hardly made an impact in the past. The question now is how the Bangladesh think-tank will approach the situation with Mominul, who is regarded as one of Bangladesh's best Test batters.

Boult leaves Eng teetering

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Trent Boult took three wickets as England slumped to 55-6 on the second day of the third Test on Friday, with their batting frailties returning to haunt them. England last week went 2-0 up in the three-match series playing bold and aggressive cricket under their new leadership pair of captain Ben Stokes and Test coach Brendon McCullum, a former New Zealand skipper. But replying to Test world champions New Zealand's first innings 329, England lost six wickets within 12 overs at Headingley, most of them due to good bowling rather than cavalier batting. Left-hander Alex Lees, dropped in the slips off the first ball of the innings, was bowled by a superb Boult leg-cutter four balls later. Ollie Pope, fresh from a hundred in the second Test at Trent Bridge, was also cleaned up by Boult to leave England 14-2. The out-of-form Crawley was next to fall, bowled middle stump by Boult before Tim Southee had star batsman Joe Root caught behind for five on his Yorkshire home ground. That left England 21-4 and although skipper Stokes counter-attacked by going down the pitch to drive Southee for six, he could only chip recalled left-arm quick Neil Wagner to mid-off trying to play a similar shot. And when wicketkeeper Ben Foakes was plumb lbw to Wagner for nought, England were 55-6 from 11.5 overs.



The last batch of players for the ODI and T20 series against the West Indies left Bangladesh yesterday.

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“ We would have liked to bowl first as well. I think this is a better wicket for batting compared to Antigua. There is pace and bounce in this wicket, but that is true bounce. ”

Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan, after losing the toss in the second Test against the West Indies.



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