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With the likes of Ebadot Hossain, Khaled Ahmed, Taskin Ahmed and Shoriful Islam making impacts at the international level, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) should consider providing more such pacer-friendly surfaces at home for the promising fast bowlers to flourish.

**AFP, BIRMINGHAM**

Bairstow, 91 not out when rain forced an early lunch on the third day of the Covid-delayed fifth Test, went to three figures when push off seamer Shardul Thakur was misfielded on the cover rope to give the Yorkshireman his 14th four in 119 balls. He also hit two sixes.

The 32-year-old Bairstow's latest century followed scores of 136 at Trent Bridge and 162 at his Headingley home ground, where he also made an unbeaten 71 in the second innings, in England's recent 3-0 whitewash of Test world champions New Zealand.

But for all the talk of the new 'Bazball' approach, a reference to former New Zealand captain McCullum's nickname, Bairstow, did still play himself in against India's impressive pace attack in a match England have to win to square this five-match series at 2-2.

India were 37 for 1 at Tea.

AFP, LONDON

Bangladesh head coach **Russell Domingo** after first T20I against West Indies in Dominica, which was abandoned due to rain



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And their misery was compounded when they suffered their second defeat in 18 matches yesterday, falling seven points behind league leaders Bashundhara Kings, who need only six points

Abahani came back into the match through a superb overhead kick from Dorielton Gomes

Meanwhile, a brace from Vali Jonov Otabek powered Sheikh Jamal to a 2-0 win over Chittagong Abahani in Cumilla while Sheikh Russel KC defeated Uttar Baridhara 5-3 at the Bashundhara Kings arena.

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