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Tamim scales 8000-run peak

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Bangladesh ODI skipper Tamim Iqbal became the first batter from the country to reach 8000 runs in ODIs during the first ODI against Zimbabwe at Harare on Friday.

Tamim began the day on 7943 runs and notched a century stand with Liton Das as Tigers started well after being sent to bat. Tamim notched his 54th ODI fifty in 80 deliveries and then reached the 8000-run mark in the 24th over by guiding a Sikandar Raza delivery through third-man for four.

He, however, departed in the 26th over after an 88-ball 62. Tamim also became the 33rd batter in ODI cricket to notch the 8000-run mark. He took 239 matches to reach the mark, at career average of 37.20, having scored 14 ODI hundreds.

Tamim also became the ninth opener in the world to reach the mark to join the elite list of ODI openers with at least 8000 runs. Sachin Tendulkar tops the list of highest run-getters among openers in ODIs. Tamim joins the list headed by Tendulkar, Sanath Jayasuriya, Chris Gayle, Adam Gilchrist, Sourav Ganguly, Desmond Haynes, Saeed Anwar and Hashim Amla.



Bangladesh captain Tamim lobal drives one on the back foot during his 62-run knock against Zimbabwe in the first ODI at the Harare Sports Club on Friday. (Bottom) Wicketkeeper-batter Liton Das is stretchered off the field as his 81-run knock is cut short by a hamstring injury.

Clarity breeds consistency for batters in ODIs

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After a 2-1 defeat in the preceding three-match T20I series, Bangladesh needed to bounce back in their favoured ODI format and Tamim Iqbal and his troops did exactly that, continuing their dominance in the 50-over game in the first of the three-match ODI series against Zimbabwe in

Although Bangladesh's approach in the longest and the shortest format of the game has constantly been questioned, the Tigers get into the groove and adapt accordingly when it comes to one-day cricket.

While batting has remained the chief area of concern in the other two formats, the department, buoyed a collective approach, flourished in yesterday's match as Bangladesh reached 303 for two after being asked to bat.

A combined batting effort from the top order saw skipper Tamim and Liton Das lay the platform for a big total by adding 119 runs for the opening wicket. Tamim led from the front, scoring his 54th ODI half-century. In the process, the left-hander also became the first Bangladeshi to score 8,0000 ODI runs.

At the other end, Liton continued his sublime form, registering his seventh fifty overall. But just when the stylish right-hander was eyeing a sixth ODI ton, he unfortunately

BANGLADESH 303/2 in 50 overs (Tamim 62, Mushfiqur 52; Raza 1-48)

Liton 81 ret. hurt, Anamul 73, ZIMBABWE 307/5 in 48.2 overs (Kaia 110, Raza 135 not out, Mustafizur 1-57) **RESULT** Zimbabwe won by 5 wickets PLAYER-OF-THE-MATCH Sikandar Raza

sustained an injury and had to retire hurt after scoring a well-made 81 off 89 balls.

On his comeback to the ODI side after over three years, Anamul Haque finally had an impact after a string of failures in the other two formats since returning to the squad ahead of the West Indies tour in the preceding series.

Coming in at number three, the right-hander was cognizant of the situation and kept the tempo up. He went on to bring up his fifth ODI half century, which came almost eight years since his last fifty, also scored against the same opposition in Mirpur.

There were always questions about Anamul's approach and attitude in the past and concerns about the 29-yearold's inability to rotate the strike, but that was not the case

After coming out to bat in the 26th over, Anamul looked comfortable in rotating the strike. But that did not mean he shied away from playing his shots when offered, reaching his fifty off a brisk 47 balls.

He was joined by another experienced campaigner in the form of Mushfiqur Rahim, also returning to the side,



and the duo added 96 runs for the second wicket.

Anamul was eventually dismissed in the 46th over as the Tigers attempted to accelerate after scoring 73 runs off 62 balls, a knock punctuated by three sixes and six fours.

Mushfiqur became the fourth batsman to hit a halfcentury for the visitors, bringing up his 42nd ODI fifty and remaining unbeaten on 52 off 49 balls. Mahmudullah Riyad was not out on 20 as Bangladesh added 52 runs in the last six overs of the innings.

It was the clarity in the thought process of the thinktank, unmarred by controversial selections in the playing eleven, that saw the players understand their role in the ODI format. It is probably also a big reason for the consistency displayed by the Tigers in this format.

With the upcoming ICC ODI World Cup next year and Bangladesh having won six of their past seven ODI series under Tamim's captaincy, the think-tank may find themselves in a bittersweet dilemma when it comes to picking a playing eleven when star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan returns to the team.

Indian, Pakistani weightlifters unite

AFP, NEW DELHI

Two hulking weightlifters from opposite sides of the often tense India-Pakistan frontier shared the podium at the Commonwealth Games -- and then celebrated together to their favourite rapper.

The affinity between Pakistani gold medallist Nooh Dastgir Butt and India's Gurdeep Singh, who came third in the 109+ kg category in Birmingham on Wednesday, stands in stark contrast to the nuclear-armed neighbours' political rivalry.

Those tensions often spill into the sporting arena they only play each other at cricket in multi-nation events, despite it being by far the most popular sport in both countries.

The two weightlifters come from either side of Punjab, a state divided between the neighbours at Partition 75 years ago, and have a common language

They also share a love of the music of murdered Punjabi rapper Sidhu Moose Wala. The two strongmen were born about 250 kilometres (155 miles) apart and according to the 26-year-old Singh first met in junior championships six years ago.

They "would share tips about diet. Conversing in Punjabi obviously helped our friendship", he told The Indian Express from Birmingham.

Commonwealth Games champion Butt, 24, described them as "very good friends".

"After the gold, I first congratulated Gurdeep and later we did a small celebration where we danced to Moose Wala's songs," he said.

Butt, born into a family of wrestlers, said that he also enjoyed support from across the border.

"I have more fans from India than Pakistan in the weightlifting community," he said. "The kind of love India has given me, no other country has given me."

Sheikh Kamal sports awards conferred

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The Ministry of Youth and Sports yesterday awarded nine sports personalities and two organisations at the Sheikh Kamal National Sports Council Awards 2022, held at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the programme as the chief guest through digital platform. On behalf of the Prime Minister, the state minister of youth and sports, Jahid Ahsan Russel, handed over the awards.

Each of the award winners was given a crest, a certificate and Tk 1 lakh each.

Cricketer Liton Das, shooter Abdullah Hel Baki and weightlifter Molla Sabira Sultana won awards in the sportsperson category while archer Diya Siddique and cricketer Shoriful Islam were awarded in the promising sportsperson category.

Saidur Rahman Patel, organiser of Swadhin Bangla football team and Nazma Shamim, former general secretary of Women's Sports Association (organiser category), Bangladesh Olympic Association (sports association/federation category), Green Delta Insurance Company (sponsors category), Kashinath Basak (sports journalists category) and renowned organiser Harunur Rashid (lifetime honour category) were among the other awardees.



Chelsea sign Cucurella

AFP, LONDON

Chelsea have signed Spanish defender Marc Cucurella from Premier League rivals Brighton on a six-year contract, the London club announced Friday.

No fee was disclosed but British media reports have valued the deal at £60 million (\$73 million, 71 million euros).

The 24-year-old should now be available for Chelsea's Premier League opener away to Everton on Saturday.

"I'm really happy; it's a big opportunity for me to join one of the best clubs in the world and I'm going to work hard to be happy here and help the team," Cucurella told Chelsea's website.

The Spain wing-back has now become Chelsea's latest pre-season signing with Kalidou Koulibaly, Raheem Sterling and Carney Chukwuemeka all having arrived at Stamford Bridge.

Cucurella's move could pace the way for young Chelsea centre-back Levi Colwill to head in the opposite direction, on loan, to Brighton.

Both Manchester City and Chelsea have been interested in Cucurella, although the Premier League champions are understood to have baulked at Brighton's asking price.

But Chelsea, under new owner Todd Boehly's consortium, remained interested.



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Vacancy Announcement for a Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC)

BIDS Graduate School of Economics (BGSE) is seeking to appoint a Graduate Program Coordinator for its graduate program, Master's in Development Economics (MDE). The BIDS Graduate School of Economics (BGSE) is a newly established academic institution within Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) with affiliation of the University of Dhaka.

Responsibilities:

Reporting to and working under the close supervision of the Program Director, the Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC) will ensure smooth roll out of the MDE program, and as such will be responsible for implementing every administrative aspect of the program.

Qualifications and Experience:

- A minimum of 4.0 out of 5.0 CGPA is required in SSC, HSC (or equivalent exams), 3.0 out of 4.0 CGPA in BA/BSc/BCom, and MBA or Master's examinations.
- Minimum of 05 years work experience preferably in a similar role.

Salary and Benefits:

Salary and benefits are negotiable, and will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Initial contract shall be for a period of 2 years with a probation period of 6 months. The contract may be extended subject to good performance.

Please send a letter of interest along with a detailed CV to: gpc.bgse@gmail.com. The deadline for submitting the application is 20 August 2022.

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