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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. Tamim joins the list headed by Tendulkar, Sanath Jayasuriya, Chris Gayle, Adam Gilchrist, Sourav Ganguly, Desmond Haynes, Saeed Anwar and Hashim Amla.



Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza (L) celebrates with Milton Shumba after their stunning victory against Bangladesh in the first one-day international at the Harare Sports Club on Friday. (Bottom) Bangladesh wicketkeeper-batter Liton Das is stretchered off the field with a hamstring injury.

PHOTO: AFP

Tamim rues fielding mishaps

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How many times did sloppy fielding cost Bangladesh a game? The number is definitely more than a handful. And once again, the five-wicket loss to Zimbabwe in the three-match ODI series opener at the Harare Sports Club yesterday was mostly due to a lacklustre display from Bangladesh's fielders, at least according to Bangladesh skipper Tamim Iqbal.

"This was one of those days [when fielding cost us the game]," a dejected Tamim said at the post-match presentation ceremony. "Almost every day, I talk about our fielding. It was going to be the cause of our downfall someday. It was one of those days. We dropped catches a number of times in T20Is in the past, but somehow won those games. But when you drop four catches on such a good wicket, you won't be able to win matches. It seems like we have to think about this issue [fielding] before the next game," Tamim added.

Bangladesh dropped catches at crucial junctures of the game, letting go of chances to send back both centuries Sikandar Raza and Innocent Kaia, who snatched the game away. Off a Taskin Ahmed delivery, Taijul Islam, who was on the field as a substitute fielder for injured Liton Das,

himself trying to grab a return catch off his own bowling and could not even complete his 10-over spell. Kaia, who eventually scored his maiden ton in his fourth ODI, also survived a missed stumping.

To make the matters worse, Luke Jongwe, who stitched a crucial 42-run stand with Raza at the death, was dropped when Zimbabwe needed just 15 off 23 deliveries.

But Tamim was disappointed by other aspects beyond



the dropped catches.

"We gave away easy runs. It's a big ground so taking doubles is normal. That did not bother me. What bothered me is that we weren't even able to stop the easy ones and build pressure with dot balls," Tamim added.

Barring an unfortunate injury to Liton, it was one of the most compact batting displays from the Tigers in recent times. However, Tamim still felt that his side fell 15-20 runs short.

"We should have scored 15-20 runs more. We were around 250 runs for the loss of just one wicket. We should have accelerated from such a position to score those extra 15-20 runs. Batting first, the bowlers get some assistance in the first 10-12 overs on such pitches. Then it becomes easier for batters. We handled the initial overs well and even had a few crucial partnerships. But we could not finish well," Tamim regretted.

Bangladesh face Zimbabwe in the second ODI tomorrow and will hope to bounce back with a win in their most preferred format.

Liton ruled out of Zim series

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Bangladesh opener Liton Das was ruled out of the rest of the ODI series against Zimbabwe following a hamstring injury, which can keep him out of action for up to three weeks, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) said in a press release yesterday.

Liton, who was unbeaten on 81, had to be stretchered off the field in the 34th over retired hurt in the first ODI at Harare which the Tigers lost by five wickets. Liton underwent a scan during the game which revealed a muscle strain.

"Opener Liton Das suffered an injury to his hamstring while batting today and we sent him out for a scan during the match we sent him out for a scan. The scan revealed a grade two muscle strain," Bangladesh's physio Muzadded Alpha Sany said during a video message to the media.

"We will not be getting him for the rest of the series," he added.

"Recovery from such injuries usually require about three to four weeks. He will be assessed further in the coming days and will be put on a rehab plan," Sany was quoted as saying in a press release by BCB.

Sany informed that there are injury concerns to batter Mushfiqur Rahim and pacer Shoriful Islam as well but the physio was hopeful the duo will recover.

"Mushfiqur bhai also suffered an injury to his thumb while batting today but it doesn't appear to be something big at the moment so we're hoping we will get him in the next match. Shoriful was feeling some numbness after the initial injury but hopefully we will be able to give some good news regarding his injury tomorrow."

U-20s fall at the final hurdle

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Bangladesh again had to be content yet again with a second-place finish in the SAFF U-20 Championship after suffering a 5-2 defeat to India in the final at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Friday night.

In quest of getting rid of their frustration from the previous two finals, the boys in red and green initially put on a good show by coming from behind to take a 2-1 lead at one stage. However, the regulation 90 minutes ended with a 2-2 draw as unstoppable forward of India, Gurkirat Singh, shattered Bangladesh's dream by scoring four goals – two each in regulation and extra time.

The charges of Paul Smalley looked tired in the dying minutes of the match and India capitalised on the opportunity of tiring Bangladesh backline to kill off the match by scoring three goals within the first five minutes of the first-half of the extra-time.

Bangladesh, who came into the final with an unbeaten record and a good memory of 2-1 win over India in the group-stage match, started on the backfoot from the onset, with India getting a chance to score from a penalty kick. Gurkirat made no mistake as he easily sent goalkeeper Mohammad Asif on the wrong side from the spot



to give the home side a second-minute lead.

Afterwards, Bangladesh played some possession-based football to press for the equaliser but they could hardly break the Indian backline while India kept countering to defend their lead and Bangladesh survived a couple of close calls, courtesy of some good goal-keeping from Asif.

Bangladesh levelled the margin in the 45th minute with Rajon Howlader finding the back of the net with a drive following a scramble that led to a cut-back from Rajon.

Two minutes after the interval, Bangladesh took the lead when defender Shahin Mia drove a left-footer inside the box following a couple of exchanges inside the box. However, the boys could hold the lead for only 12 minutes as Gurkirat levelled the margin for India with a powerful drive from outside the box at the half-hour mark.

India once again came close to taking the lead but defender Azizur Haque made a nice goal-line clearance after goalkeeper Asif was beaten by Himanshu Jangra in the 67th minute.

The match rolled into extra time and India came strongly to score three goals within the first five minutes. Himanshu Jangra, after availing a defence-splitting through pass from Manesson Sing, beat Asif with an angular shot in the second minute while Gurkirat made it 4-2 in next minute with a dipping shot from outside the box.

Gurkirat struck again and killed off the match with another strike in the eighth minute to raise his tournament-goal tally to eight in the eighth minute of the first-half extra time and buried Bangladesh's dream of taking the trophy home.

SCORES IN BRIEF	BANGLADESH	Raza 135 not out, Mustafizur 1-57
	303/2 in 50 overs (Tamim 62, Liton 81 ret. hurt, Anamul 73, Mushfiqur 52; Raza 1-48)	RESULT
	ZIMBABWE	Zimbabwe won by 5 wickets
	307/5 in 48.2 overs (Kaia 110, Sikandar Raza	PLAYER-OF-THE-MATCH

dropped Raza on 43 in the 27th over of the game. Had that been taken, things would have been significantly harder for Zimbabwe as they would have needed to score at a rate closer to 7.5 runs an over with just six wickets in hand to assail Bangladesh's 304-run target.

But Raza stayed till the end, scoring an unbeaten 135 off 109 deliveries and taking Zimbabwe over the line with a massive six – his sixth of the innings – in the penultimate over.

Bangladesh also dropped the other centurion of the game, Kaia, on 74 and 70. In fact, Shoriful Islam injured

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