

England vow to stick with ‘Bazball’

AFP, MANCHESTER

England captain Ben Stokes has insisted there will be no let-up in the team's attacking approach as they look to bounce back in the second Test against South Africa starting Thursday.

The hosts have arrived at Manchester's Old Trafford 1-0 down in a three-match series following a chastening innings and 12-run defeat inside three days by the Proteas at Lord's last week.

That was their first defeat under the new leadership duo of Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum following a run of four successive wins with an aggressive approach dubbed 'Bazball', characterised by attacking batting that saw England chase down stiff fourth innings targets against New Zealand and India during the past two months.

All-rounder Stokes, who took over as captain after close friend Root had presided over just one win in 17 Tests, was in no mood to change tack after just one loss.

"Absolutely not," he said. "We know well that when we perform to the capabilities that we're capable of, then we can go out and put on an incredible performance, like everybody's seen in the four games before."

Former New Zealand captain McCullum said England's problem at Lord's had been a lack of attack rather than too much cavalier cricket.

"I think they were perhaps a touch timid," he said. "We approach the game with a clear mentality about the way we want to play."

"It's not always going to work. As we said at the time, you've got to buckle up for the ride. It's not nice at times like this but we'll come back strong."



England captain Ben Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum lounge inside the field at Old Trafford and discuss their plan of action for the second Test against South Africa on Thursday, following an innings defeat in the first Test last week. PHOTO: REUTERS

Kerber to miss US Open

AFP, Paris

Former women's world number one Angelique Kerber announced on Wednesday that she is pregnant and has withdrawn from next week's US Open joking "two against one just isn't a fair competition."

The 34-year-old German added that Flushing Meadow holds great memories for her. She won the title there in 2016 and, as a result, became world number one.

"I really wanted to play the @usopen but eventually I decided that two against one just isn't a fair competition," tweeted Kerber, who is ranked 52.

"For the next months, I will take a break from traveling the globe as a tennis player but then again, I believe it's for the best possible reason!"

"New York has often been a turning point in my career and it feels like this year will be no different in some way!"

"From restarting my career in 2011 (ranked 92 she reached the semi-finals) to winning the title in 2016 and becoming #1 in the world."

Real and rivals await CL draw

AFP, Istanbul

Title holders Real Madrid and the rest of Europe's elite clubs will be able to start plotting their route to Champions League glory when the draw for this season's group stage is made in Istanbul on Thursday from 10pm (BST).

All going to plan, the journey will end back in the Turkish city on June 10 next year for the final at the Ataturk Olympic Stadium, the same venue where Liverpool defeated AC Milan on penalties in 2005.

The Spanish giants have now been crowned kings of Europe 14 times, twice as many times as the competition's next most successful club, AC Milan, and they started this season by defeating Europa League winners Eintracht Frankfurt in Helsinki to lift the UEFA Super Cup.

"The joy and satisfaction you get after such wins tends to stick around, making you feel like no one should ever take your place. And that's a pretty strong motivation to keep winning," coach Carlo Ancelotti told UEFA.com in a recent interview when asked about the chances of a repeat triumph for his side.

Their success is likely to be recognised elsewhere on Thursday, with goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois and Karim Benzema nominated alongside Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne for the UEFA Men's Player of the Year prize for last season.

Ancelotti is nominated alongside City's Pep Guardiola and Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp for the coaching gong.

The final places for the draw will be decided in this midweek's play-off round ties, with Bodo/Glimt aiming to become the first Norwegian team to feature in the group stage in 15 years.

The draw for the Europa League – featuring the likes of Manchester United and Arsenal – takes place on Friday, with the Europa Conference League draw just after.



Uniqueness the ‘edge’ for Bangladesh

NABID YEASIN

Despite recent abysmal form, turmoil in the leadership and the fact that Bangladesh need to 'start taking baby steps in 'T20s' as skipper Shakib Al Hasan admitted, the Tigers are still one of the contenders going into the upcoming Asia Cup in the UAE.

And they ought to be. The Tigers possess one weapon in their arsenal that no other team competing in the Asia Cup, nay, no other team in the cricketing world have.

It is true that Bangladesh have already set a unique precedent by going to the UAE without a head coach in their T20 set-up, but this unique approach is where the edge lies for Bangladesh.

"We do not have anyone as head coach this time," Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Nazmul Hassan Papon had said last Monday while talking to the media.

Asked who would be guiding the coaching staff – which consists of pace and spin-bowling coaches, a fielding coach, and the newly-appointed technical consultant for T20s Sridharan Sriram – Hassan revealed the deadly weapon that Bangladesh were set to unleash on the grand stage.

"We have our team director [Khaled Mahmud Sujon] and [BCB cricket operations committee chairman] Jalal [Yunus] bhai," Hassan began, before emphasising the rest of his statement. "And I, myself, will be there [with the team] this time. What else do you need?"

Isn't Hassan right? Why would there be a need for a head coach when the head of the organisation is present with the team?

Although the worldwide practice is the polar opposite, Hassan keeping a close eye on players right there in the UAE is, in fact, the greatest edge that Bangladesh have.

The BCB president has never shied away from making strategic decisions, whether it is questioning a captain's choice in the toss or playing an active role in deciding the



playing eleven.

Going to the continental tournament without a head coach, however, is not the only unique approach taken by the Tigers' team management this time. Paying no heed to the conventional wisdom of having a set plan for a tournament as big as the Asia Cup, Bangladesh's team management simply decided to wing it.

Both skipper Shakib and team director Khaled Mahmud Sujon spoke about not having made their minds up about what the opening combination in the tournament would be. As they said, it will be decided just a day or two before the match. More importantly, it will depend on conditions and the opposition's probable line-up and strengths, meaning last-minute adjustments to the opening slots is no longer merely a response to emergency situations but rather a tactical ploy.

What a unique and flexible approach from Bangladesh! Such an approach will not only help Bangladesh fix their long-existing opening problems, but will also keep their opponents guessing till the final minute.

With so many unique aspects to the team, one thing that can be guaranteed is that this Asia Cup campaign will turn out to be an equally unique experience for the players and fans alike, regardless of where the three-time finalists end up this time.

Mabia takes the weight off her shoulders

SPORTS REPORTER


Two-time South Asian Games gold medalist Mabia Aktar Simanta has made weightlifting popular in Bangladesh. But despite overcoming social and economic barriers and decorating her cabinet with achievements, her list of discontents is long.

In a video podcast [Amader Star] with The Daily Star, Mabia said that she could have scaled greater heights had she received adequate facilities and a planned structure.

"I am the most decorated weightlifter in the country. I won the most of medals despite the very limited facilities that I was provided with. Without proper long-term planning, I'm expected to win medals at the Olympics and Commonwealth Games. And when I fail, all the fingers are pointed at me, not those behind the scenes."

"My point is, before asking why Mabia failed to win medals at big events, they [the authorities] should question themselves. You expect Mabia to win medals, but have you ever provided Mabia with the things she expected from you, things that would help her prepare for the medals? So Mabia won't give you what you expect from her."



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যেহেতু, নিম্ন তফসিলে উল্লেখিত আসামীর বিরুদ্ধে গ্রেফতারী পরোয়ানা জারী রহিয়াছে এবং যেহেতু ফৌজদারী কার্যবিধি ১৮৯৮ এর ৮৭ ধারা এবং ৮৮ ধারার বিধান মোতাবেক উক্ত আসামীর বিরুদ্ধে কার্যক্রম গ্রহণ করা হইয়াছে। এবং অত্র আদালতে বিশ্বাস করিবার কারণ রহিয়াছে যে, অত্র আদালতে বিচারার্থে উক্ত আসামী সোপর্দ/গ্রেফতার এড়াইবার জন্য পলাতক রহিয়াছে বা আত্মপোষন করিয়াছে এবং উক্ত আসামীকে শীঘ্রই গ্রেফতার করিবার সম্ভাবনা নাই।	
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McEnroe wants Djokovic at US Open

REUTERS

Four-times U.S. Open winner John McEnroe said it would be "a joke" if Novak Djokovic is unable to compete at the U.S. tournament starting later this month due to his COVID-19 vaccination status.

Djokovic has refused to take the vaccine and appears set to miss out on the year's last Grand Slam due to current U.S. rules that require travellers to show proof of full vaccination to board flights to and enter the United States.

The Serbian previously said he was prepared to miss Grand Slam tournaments that require participating players to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Djokovic remains on the entry list for the Aug. 29-Sept. 11 tournament in New York.

"I don't think it's fair," McEnroe told reporters on Tuesday. "I think it's a joke."

"I would have had the vaccine and gone and played but he's got very strong beliefs and you have to respect that."

"At this point, in the pandemic, we're two-and-a-half years in, I think people in all parts of the world know more about it, and the idea that he can't travel here to play, to me is a joke."

Djokovic was unable to defend his Australian Open crown this year after being deported from the country over his vaccination status in January.



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