

## Errors cost Tigers control on Day 1

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After an eventful opening day of the Sylhet Test yesterday, Bangladesh find themselves in a vulnerable position against Sri Lanka, paying dearly for the on-field and tactical errors they made on the day.

The Tigers finished the day three wickets down for 32 runs, in response to Sri Lanka's first innings tally of 280.

Bangladesh lost Zakir Hassan (9 off 8), skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto (5 off 10), and Mominul Haque (5 off 7) in the final 10 overs of play as the visitors went into the dressing room at stumps the happier of the two sides.

The Bangladesh management had the chance of sending in Taijul after opener Zakir departed in the third over, which could've shielded the frontline batters against the new ball. But their decision to hold off sending the night-watchman allowed Sri Lanka to make further inroads, leaving the hosts in a difficult spot at the end of the first day.

The day that ended in a disappointing manner had started brilliantly for the Tigers as after winning the toss, Bangladesh had Sri Lanka tottering at 57-5 in just 16.2 overs.

With pacer Khaled Ahmed claiming the first three wickets quickly before Angelo Mathews was made run-out and Shoriful Islam also getting one scalp, everything was going swimmingly for Bangladesh. But then two dropped catches gave the visitors an opportunity to put their foot back in the contest.

Just the very next ball after Sri Lanka lost their fifth wicket, Shoriful induced an outside edge off the bat of new batter Kamindu Mendis. Unfortunately, Mahmudul Hasan Joy spilled at second slip.

Shoriful was once again let down by a fielder in the 21st over when Taijul Islam, despite a diving attempt, couldn't hold onto the catch off skipper Dhananjaya de Silva at deep backward square leg.

Kamindu and Dhananjaya took their side into lunch break without any further damage and then played out the entire second session where they added 125 runs at a run-rate of 4.63 per over. Their brilliant 202-run stand that brought Sri Lanka back into the match.

Both batters reached the three-figure mark before falling prey to debutant Nahid Rana, with each making an identical 102.

Once their partnership ended, Bangladesh cleaned up the tail very quickly, picking up the remaining four wickets for 21 runs.

But then, the Lankan pace duo of Vishwa Fernando and Kasun Rajitha also tested the Bangladesh batters with the new ball on the greenish Sylhet wicket and took two and one wicket respectively.



It was an exciting debut for Bangladesh's Nahid Rana as the young pacer put his raw pace on display and also had three crucial wickets to show for his efforts on Day 1 of the first Test against Sri Lanka in Sylhet yesterday. Before Rana removed the two Sri Lankan centurions (bottom) -- skipper Dhananjaya de Silva and Kamindu Mendis -- in the final session, it was (inset) Khaled Ahmed who scalped the first three Lankan wickets and gave Tigers a flying start.

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## Tigers' newest Speedster deals in raw pace

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The newest edition in Bangladesh's pace bowling repertoire Nahid Rana exhibited his biggest asset – raw pace – on debut yesterday and while he was on the expensive side, he made up for it with breakthroughs against the run of play.

Rana's first delivery in international cricket was at 146 km/h, a remarkable feat for a 21-year-old who picked up the cricket ball after turning 18.

Rana's family was against him playing cricket and set a condition that he could pursue cricket only after passing



into first-class cricket.

In just 15 first-class matches, Rana has picked up 63 wickets and caught the eyes of Bangladesh coach Chandika Hathurusingha, who called him up for a camp during the team's Test series against New Zealand last year.

Yesterday, he was handed the ball in the ninth over and he immediately impressed with his pace. However, his initiation was not entirely smooth as Dhananjaya de Silva and Kamindu Mendis punished him whenever he went short or wide.

Yet, when the Tigers had completely lost momentum following a 202-run sixth wicket stand between Dhananjaya and Kamindu, Nahid provided the breakthrough.

Nahid extracted extra bounce at consistent pace, something that Bangladesh have been missing since Ebadot Hossain's injury, and it helped

him pick up the wickets of Mendis and Dhananjaya in the third session following their tons.

"He [Rana] is talented. He is fast. He bowled almost every ball at 145kph. He has a beautiful action. He is just so raw. He has a lot to learn but he is very talented," Bangladesh pace bowling coach Andre Adams said at the press conference yesterday at Chattogram.

"I am pretty excited. When you think about the young fast bowlers like Khaled [Ahmed] and [Tanzim Hasan] Sakib, who bowled very well in the ODIs and then got injured. I think they [pacers] are hungry to learn and hungry to do well. I am very happy with the crop we got," he added.

The pacers certainly made their presence felt in the first session, when Bangladesh picked up five wickets.

Khaled was the star of the show in the morning session, troubling the batters and picking up three wickets while Shoriful Islam, who ran hot and cold throughout the day, also picked up a wicket.

The lull in the second session was followed by Rana striking thrice in the third session which helped the hosts bundle out the visitors below 300.

The pace bowling coach was overall happy with the performance of the pacers but rued some missed chances.

"We created several chances in the first session, which was exceptional... Disappointing that we didn't grab two chances, which really could have spun the Test match. You have control if you take seven wickets at lunch."

## Shakib expected to play second SL Test

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All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan is expected to play the second Test of the ongoing two-Test series against Sri Lanka, slated to begin from March 30 in Chattogram.

If Shakib is fit enough to play, he would be available for the second Test, a top BCB official confirmed yesterday.

"We are expecting him [Shakib] to be available in the second Test and are now waiting for his call," said the official, who did not want to be named.

Sources said that Shakib was in favour of playing both Tests, but his fitness issues saw him opt to start in the Dhaka Premier League instead.

Shakib did not take part in the white-ball series against Sri Lanka after missing the New Zealand tour before he played for

Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club in the ongoing Dhaka Premier League. The last Test he played was in April last year against Ireland at home.

With Bangladesh missing Mushfiqur Rahim's batting in the Test series due to a finger injury, Shakib's return would bolster the batting unit and his all-round abilities will help with the make-up of the side.



## Brazil hope to avoid breaking ignominious record

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Brazil will hope not to break an ignominious 23-year-old record when they visit Wembley Stadium to square off against hosts England in a mouthwatering friendly on Saturday.

As Gareth Southgate's men ramp up preparations for Euro 2024, their South American visitors intend to snap a demoralising sequence of results in Dorival Junior's first game as head coach.

While England navigated 2023 without suffering a single defeat, Brazil's post-Tite era has got off to a largely disastrous start, as the five-time world champions arrive at Wembley on a three-game losing run in qualification for the 2026 World Cup.

A defeat for Brazil will see them lose four consecutive internationals for the first time since July 2001. Under interim coach Fernando Diniz, Brazil lost their last three World Cup qualifiers – 2-0 and 2-1 away to Uruguay and Colombia before losing 1-0 to archrivals Argentina at home last year in November.

Failling to regain winning momentum at Wembley will also compound new coach Dorival Junior's challenge of building decent form ahead of this summer's Copa America as Brazil face Spain next in what could be another difficult friendly.

Things will not at all be easy for the Selecao who are battling with a number of injuries – including Gabriel Martinelli, Joelinton, Eder Militao, Casemiro, Neymar, João Pedro, Edererson, Alisson and Marquinhos – and face an England side that have turned Wembley into a fortress, going unbeaten in 20 matches there, making it their longest undefeated streak at the national stadium since a 24-game run between 1984 and 1990.

## DISAPPOINTED CABRERA looking for answers

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Bangladesh coach Javier Cabrera was disappointed with the way his charges dropped their guard suddenly in a 5-0 thrashing by Palestine in a World Cup Qualifier in Kuwait on Thursday night, despite fighting toe to toe with the Middle East nation for a large portion of the game.

**This is the second defeat for Cabrera's charges in three matches of the qualifying campaign, having started it with a 7-0 drubbing away to Australia before holding Lebanon to a 1-1 draw.**

Despite having seen their defence exposed couple of times early in the first half, Jamal Bhuiyan and Co kept the 86-place-higher team at bay for the first 40 minutes before mistakes at the back started to creep in fast, seeing them concede four goals in the span of 12 minutes.

"It was quite tough, especially the result. I think we were able to



those things that happened suddenly in the half-time. It was difficult for us to come back in the second half and we were completely outplayed by a strong team and that is the reality," admitted the Spaniard, adding that he could not wrap his head around the fact that his charges did not play with the same intensity in the second half.

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With the marauding Palestinians again slated to face Bangladesh on March 26 in Dhaka, Cabrera wants to look forward and root out the mistakes.

"As a team, we have to look at ourselves and try to find out the solution to be a better team," the 38-year-old coach said. "There were good things in the game, even though it was difficult to understand the final score but there are things that we can give continuity and for sure there is going to be some positive outcome in the next game. Now it is time to analyse, time to get ready to compete against Palestine at home."

be very competitive for the first 40 minutes of the game and were able to compete face-to-face against a strong team like Palestine but the way we dropped (our guard) in the first half...we should not have," Cabrera said after the game.

Having survived a few scares, Bangladesh created a couple of opportunities of their own in the first half. Had it not been for a wayward shot in front of goal from midfielder Mohammad Sohail Rana or an ill-timed pass inside the box from Rakib Hossain, Bangladesh might have even been in front. However, they had to pay heavily for those missed chances as the sharp-shooting Palestinians spared no opportunity to pounce on the opposition's mistakes with Oday Dabbagh slamming a hattrick and Shaheb Qunbar bagging a brace.

"I think it was too hard to afford

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যে আইটেম/সেবার জন্য তালিকাভুক্ত করা হবে তার নাম	গ্রুপ-এ : ব্র্যান্ড (Brand) ডেজটপ কম্পিউটার, ল্যাপটপ কম্পিউটার, সার্ভার, প্রিন্টার, স্ক্যানার। গ্রুপ-বি : ক্লোন (Clone) ডেজটপ কম্পিউটার। গ্রুপ-সি : নেটওয়ার্কিং ইকুইপমেন্ট-এক্সপেরিস এন্ড ল্যান (LAN) ইকুইপমেন্ট। গ্রুপ-ডি : ফটোকপিয়ার মেশিন, ফ্যাক্স মেশিন, পেপার প্রোভার মেশিন। গ্রুপ-ই : ইউপিএস, আইপিএস, ভোল্টেজ স্ট্যাবিলাইজার। গ্রুপ-এফ : মাল্টিমিডিয়া প্রজেক্টর, মাল্টিমিডিয়া স্ক্রীন ও সাউন্ড সিস্টেম। গ্রুপ-জি : এয়ার কন্ডিশনার এবং রেফ্রিগারেটর, মাইক্রোওয়েভ ওভেন। গ্রুপ-এইচ : অফিস ও ক্লাসরুম চেয়ার। গ্রুপ-আই : ফুল অর ইন্টিগ্রেটেড এন্ড কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স-এর ল্যাব কম্পোনেন্ট ও ইকুইপমেন্ট: EEE/CSE. গ্রুপ-জকে : মাথমেসিঞ্জ এন্ড নাচারাল সায়েন্স (এএনএস), মাইক্রোবায়োলজী, বায়োটেকনোলজি, এ্যপ্লাইড বিজিনিং এন্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রিয়াল, মিডিয়া, ফার্মেসী ডিপার্টমেন্ট-এর ল্যাব রাসায়নিক দ্রব্য/পদার্থ, গ্লাসওয়ার এবং ইকুইপমেন্ট। গ্রুপ-কে : মুদ্রণ ও বাধাই কার্ড (প্রিন্টিং সেল)। গ্রুপ-এল : বিজ্ঞাপন এজেন্ট। গ্রুপ-এম : ব্র্যান্ড অফিস ফার্নিচার (উভেদ ও স্টীল)। গ্রুপ-এন : নন-ব্র্যান্ড অফিস ফার্নিচার, রিপেয়ার ও রেনোভেশন (কার্পেট)। গ্রুপ-ও : এয়ার কন্ডিশনার এক্সপেরিস (কম্পেন্ডার/গ্যাস ইত্যাদি)। গ্রুপ-পি : ইলেক্ট্রিক এবং ইলেক্ট্রনিক্স আইটেম। গ্রুপ-কিউ : কম্পিউটার/আইটি এক্সপেরিস। গ্রুপ-আর : সিনিটিটি, মোটর ড্রিভস্ট্রিং/সিকিউরিটি ইকুইপমেন্ট। গ্রুপ-এস : ফ্যাব্রিক ফাইটিং এন্ড সেফটি ইকুইপমেন্ট। গ্রুপ-টি : ইভেন্ট ম্যানেজমেন্ট ও প্রডাকশনিং এন্ড প্রোডাকশন। গ্রুপ-ইউ : কম্পিউটার/আইটি এন্ড অফিস ইকুইপমেন্ট সার্ভিস ও রিপেয়ার। গ্রুপ-ভি : ট্রাফেল এজেন্ট। গ্রুপ-ডব্লিউ : পিফট এন্ড মার্কেটিং/আইটেম। গ্রুপ-এক্স : গ্যেজসাইট ডিজাইন ও ডেভেলপমেন্ট। গ্রুপ-ওয়াই : ডিজিটাল প্রিন্টিং (পিডিসি ব্যানার, ফেস্টুন ইত্যাদি)। গ্রুপ-জেড : অফিস ইন্টেরিয়র।
তালিকাভুক্তির সময়সীমা	০২ (দুই) বছর (জুলাই-২০২৪ হতে জুন-২০২৬)।
সিডিউল সজ্ঞাহের স্থান সময়সীমা এবং মূল্য	উপরোক্ত সংশ্লিষ্ট গ্রুপে যে সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের উল্লেখিত কাজে কমপক্ষে ০৪ (চার) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা আছে শুধুমাত্র সে সকল প্রতিষ্ঠান আপাদী মার্চ ২৫, ২০২৪ থেকে এপ্রিল ০৪, ২০২৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালে (সকাল ৯:০০ থেকে বিকেল ২:৩০ টা পর্যন্ত) প্রতি সেট সিডিউল ১,৫০০/- (এক হাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা মাত্র (অনেকেরতম্যে) নগদে জমা দিয়ে হিসাব বিভাগ, ব্র্যাক ইউনিভার্সিটি, টিকানা: ৯-২২৪ বীর উত্তম রফিকুল ইসলাম এ্যাভিনিউ, মেরুল বাজা, ঢাকা-১২১২ থেকে সজ্ঞাহ করতে পারবে। একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান সর্বোচ্চ ০৩ (তিন) টি গ্রুপের জন্য তালিকাভুক্ত হতে পারবে।
নিরাপত্তা জামানত	তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য চুক্তিবদ্ধকাবে নির্বাচিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত গ্রুপ বিভিন্ন নিরাপত্তা জামানত পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে ব্র্যাক ইউনিভার্সিটি-র অনুদানের জন্য নিতে হবে যা তালিকাভুক্তির মোদদ শেষ হলে আবেদনের প্রেক্ষিতে ফেরত প্রদান করা হবে।
আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের স্থান ও তারিখ	নামের উপর "গ্রুপের নাম" লিখে নিম্নোক্ত ঠিকানায় রফিক বক্সে জমা দিতে হবে: প্রকিউরমেন্ট ডিপার্টমেন্ট, ব্র্যাক ইউনিভার্সিটি সেভেল-০৪, ৯-২২৪ বীর উত্তম রফিকুল ইসলাম এ্যাভিনিউ মেরুল বাজা, ঢাকা-১২১২। এপ্রিল ১৬, ২০২৪ হতে এপ্রিল ১৮, ২০২৪। সকাল ৯:০০ টা হতে বিকাল ৪:০০ টা পর্যন্ত।