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> I expect more [investment]. I expect more from our technical director [Jason Wilcox]. I have to be honest, as players, we have to do more but it is also important when you make a strong squad to be ready for this kind of night.
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> **LISANDRO MARTINEZ**, Manchester United defender

Lessons only matter if Bangladesh learn

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's historic first-ever tour of Australia ended as expected, with the visitors swept 3-0 in the three-match WODI series following an eight-wicket thrashing in the final game in Brisbane yesterday.

Each game exposed the gulf in quality between Australia, the top-ranked side with seven World Cup titles, and Bangladesh, who are still striving to establish themselves at the highest level.

Australia, chasing in all three matches, finished each contest with more than 20 overs to spare. Even yesterday, the hosts romped to their 173-run target in just 22.3 overs.

Despite the glaring difference in results, however, Bangladesh skipper Nigar Sultana Joty found positives to take away from the tour.

"Each and every game, one of the players came up for the team. We have taken a lot of positives, and will try to improve in the future," Joty said after yesterday's game.

Joty's assessment holds true to an extent, as the series saw Sobhana Mostary steal the limelight with a superb 118 off 134 balls in the second ODI – the highest individual score by a Bangladeshi batter in women's ODIs.

She also shared a record-breaking 195-run partnership with Joty, who remained unbeaten on 74 in the same match.

Sharmin Akhter Supta and Shorna Akter also scored half-centuries in the final ODI, while Ritu Moni contributed 45 in the series opener. However, Bangladesh struggled with the ball and in the field throughout the series, shortcomings that ultimately proved costly.

"We have seen a lot of young players who played very well. It was challenging, but still, they were here and giving their 100 percent. A lot of learnings we can take from here," Joty added.

With women's cricket continuing to evolve, however, Bangladesh need to do more than simply treat such tours as learning experiences. While individual milestones and exposure against top opposition are valuable, the real measure of progress will be whether the Tigresses can turn those lessons into tangible improvements.



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Barca keep on rolling

STAR SPORTS DESK

The first half of the Champions League's Matchday 2 fixtures delivered a night of major scares and stunning results yesterday. While Barcelona survived a hostile trip to Istanbul and Arsenal cruised at home, European giants Bayern Munich, Manchester United, and Inter Milan all stumbled.



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Barcelona overturned a first-half deficit to thrash Galatasaray 4-1 at a hostile Ali Sami Yen Stadium. After Alexey Batrakov scored for Galatasaray in the 28th minute, Lamine Yamal pulled the strings with two assists, while Joao Cancelo leveled the score on the stroke of half-time. Second-half strikes from Fermin Lopez, Anthony Gordon, and Karim Adeyemi comfortably sealed the away win.

Bayern Munich were held to a wild 3-3 draw in Norway by newcomers Viking, who went 2-0 up at half-time. Harry Kane then sparked Bayern's revival with a 54th-minute penalty and a header six minutes later. The brace marked Kane's ninth consecutive Champions League game with a goal, trailing only Cristiano Ronaldo's record of 11. Luis Diaz gave Bayern a 71st-minute lead, but Michael Olise's red card three minutes later left the visitors exposed, allowing Herman Johan Haugen to snatch a dramatic stoppage-time equaliser.

Atletico Madrid needed just 50 seconds to punish Manchester United's high line, with Pablo Barrios scoring the opener.
United saw Lenny Yoro see a red in the 74th minute, and five minutes later, Ademola Lookman tapped in a rebound to secure a polished 2-0 home victory.

Club Brugge pulled off a spectacular 4-3 upset at Inter Milan, fueled by Nicolo Tresoldi's hattrick. After Tresoldi's 30th-minute penalty was canceled out by Lautaro Martinez, a defensive mix-up gifted Tresoldi his second. He completed his treble in the 74th minute. Though Martinez struck again to give Inter hope, Romeo Vermant added Brugge's fourth, rendering Ange-Yoan Bonny's stoppage-time goal a mere consolation for the San Siro crowd.

Arsenal finally broke Lille's resistance in the 64th minute through a Jurrien Timber strike. Substitute Bukayo Saka then set up Eberechi Eze before adding a 71st-minute goal of his own to cap a 3-0 home win.

Notun Kuri Sports returns with 10-fold rise in entries

SPORTS REPORTER

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman is expected to inaugurate the second edition of Notun Kuri Sports at Khulna Stadium on November 5, state minister for youth and sports Aminul Haque told reporters during a view-exchange meeting at the National Sports Council on Wednesday.

"Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has given his nod to declare Notun Kuri Sports Season-2 open across 503 upazilas on November 5. The opening ceremony at Khulna Stadium will also be shown at upazila-level venues," said Aminul, adding that the sports carnival is expected to conclude in late April or early May next year.

"We are going to organise Notun Kuri Sports from 4,599 unions, followed by upazilas, districts, divisions and the final stage in Dhaka."

He further informed that around 16 lakh 23 thousand participants aged 10 to 14 have registered across 10 disciplines this time. The inaugural edition had featured eight disciplines, with around 1 lakh 68 thousand youngsters registering and 306 athletes selected for advanced training.

"Some 306 athletes are currently undergoing a 40-day training camp at BKSP, after which the outstanding performers will be admitted there for further development, with all expenses covered by the government.

"Previously, athletes left after each competition or talent hunt, but this initiative aims to develop them into professional athletes. If we can continue this for the next three to four years, we can create a strong pipeline of players for the national teams."

A question of balance beyond Abu Dhabi

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI

Bangladesh have often relied on spin to run through opponents in home Tests, where surfaces, particularly in Mirpur, have traditionally favoured slow bowling. But the Tigers have become a more balanced unit, with pace proving an effective weapon against Pakistan at home and Australia away.

Their decision to field only two pacers in the one-off Test against Afghanistan in Abu Dhabi, despite their recent progress, raises questions over whether they are trusting their greatest strength enough.

Spin has traditionally done better at the Zayed Cricket Stadium, but only marginally. In Tests over the past 10 years, spinners have taken 142 wickets there, compared to 125 for pacers. Bangladesh backed their three frontline spinners for the match, who boast more than 500 Test wickets between them. However, the limitations of spin on flatter surfaces were exposed in Abu Dhabi.

The Tigers have previously seen the same trio of Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam and Nayeem Hasan taken apart by Kyle Mayers in Chattogram. They also fell into their own spin trap in 2023, when New Zealand's spinners outperformed their Bangladesh counterparts to win the second Test in Mirpur.

Did Bangladesh once again focus too heavily on conditions at the expense of their own strengths?

Hasan Mahmud and Ebadot Hossain certainly made their presence felt in Abu Dhabi. Hasan claimed a historic hattrick and finished with six wickets in the match, while Ebadot took seven, including three in the second innings when the other bowlers struggled for breakthroughs. Of Afghanistan's 18 wickets to fall across the match, the two pacers claimed 13.

Captain Najmul Hossain Shanto faced questions over whether Bangladesh had misread the pitch by opting for three spinners instead of an additional pacer. Shoriful Islam and Khaled Ahmed were available as alternatives.

West Indies squad for Bangladesh series

Following an extended run across all three formats, West Indies rested white-ball captain Shai Hope for their upcoming two-Test series against Bangladesh. The series will begin in Mirpur on October 28, with the second Test scheduled to start in Sylhet on November 5.

SQUAD:

Roston Chase (captain), Jomel Warrican (vice-captain), Joshua Bishop, John Campbell, Tagenarine Chanderpaul, Joshua Da Silva, Justin Greaves, Kavem Hodge, Amir Jangoo, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King, Keemo Paul, Kemar Roach, Jayden Seales, Kevin Wickham.



"Regarding the pitch, I think we could take another seamer. But I think looking at the condition and the weather, I think it's very difficult to judge," Shanto acknowledged after the match on Tuesday.

"I don't think the wicket and the combination is the thing. I think we didn't take those opportunities, especially in the field," he added.

Spin coach Mushtaq Ahmed had said after the second day that Shoriful was 'underbowled' before the match, suggesting he might not have been fit enough to play. Khaled, however, was available after a successful county stint but remained on the bench.

The management's plans appear to have revolved around spin, with the extreme Abu Dhabi heat expected to place an additional burden on the pacers.

Bangladesh now face important home Tests against the West Indies later this month as they pursue their World Test Championship (WTC) ambitions. Team management sources have hinted at sporting pitches, where pacers could exploit extra bounce while spin would remain relevant.

Yet Abu Dhabi showed the risks of moving away from pace despite its recent success. With the West Indies Tests approaching, Bangladesh's biggest lesson should be to trust their pace strength before seeking an advantage through spin.

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