

Hosts beat Windies by 67 runs

India's Kohli floors West Indies to secure T20 series win

Naseem leads fightback as Pak host 1st Test in decade

Sri Lanka reach 202 for five

LAHORE, Dec 11, (RTRS): Pakistan's teenage fast bowler Naseem Shah led the hosts' recovery against Sri Lanka on a riveting opening day as Test cricket returned to the country on Wednesday for the first time since a militant attack in 2009.

Sri Lanka started strongly but Pakistan fought back through their four-pronged pace attack as the visitors reached 202 for five when bad light brought an end to the day's play.

Dhananjaya de Silva was unbeaten on 38 with Niroshan Dickwella 11 not out for the island nation.

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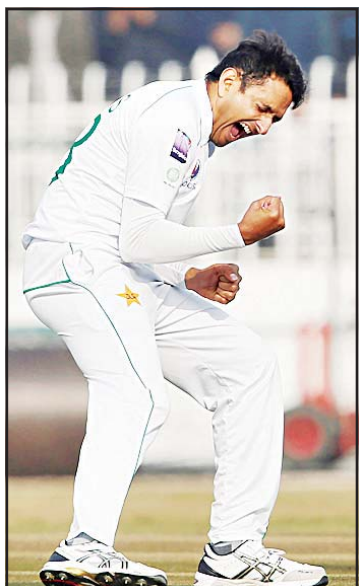
The two-match series marks Pakistan's first Tests on home soil since the attack on Sri Lanka's team bus in Lahore a decade ago and the current touring side have been promised watertight security during the visit.

In the presence of a small crowd at the Pindi Cricket Stadium, Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne won the toss and opted to bat under overcast skies.

Karunaratne and his opening partner Oshada Fernando gave them a solid start, adding 96 for the first wicket as Pakistan's fast bowlers toiled through a wicketless first session.

The Sri Lanka captain was lucky to survive while batting on 31 when an inswinger from debutant Usman Shinwari kissed his off-stump but failed to dislodge the bails.

Shaheen Afridi gave Pakistan the first breakthrough when he dismissed Karunaratne, who was also hit on the back of the neck by Naseem Shah, leg before for 59.



Pakistani pacer Mohammad Abbas celebrates after taking the wicket of Sri Lankan batsman Dinesh Chandimal during the first day of the 1st cricket Test match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi, Pakistan on Dec 11. (AP)



Sri Lankan batsman Dimuth Karunaratne plays a shot during the first day of the 1st cricket Test match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi, Pakistan on Dec 11. (AP)

Fernando, who played the last of his two Tests in February against South Africa, fell to Naseem after a well-made 40.

The 16-year-old Naseem, who played his maiden Test against Australia last month, also accounted for the experienced Angelo Mathews.

The former Sri Lanka captain scored 31 but added a crucial 62 for the fifth wicket with de Silva to steady Sri Lanka's innings after they had lost Kusal Mendis (10) and Dinesh Chandimal in quick succession to be reduced to 127-4.

Experienced middle order batsman Chandimal was back in the Sri Lanka side for the first time since losing the captaincy after their defeat by Australia in Canberra in February but managed to score only two.

Sri Lanka included one frontline spinner in Dilruwan Perera, dropped opening batsman Lahiru Thirimanne

Pakistan vs Sri Lanka Scoreboard

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Dec 11, (RTRS): Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of 1st Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Wednesday.

SRI LANKA 1st innings
D. Karunaratne lbw Afridi.....59
O. Fernando c Sohail b Shah.....40
K. Mendis c Rizwan b Shinwari.....10
A. Mathews c Shaqif b Shah.....31
D. Chandimal b Abbas.....2
D. de Silva not out.....38
N. Dickwella not out.....11
Extras: (5b, 3lb, 3nb).....11
Total: (68.1 overs, 5 wkts).....202

and brought in Oshada. Opening batsman Abid Ali was the other debutant for the hosts who

dropped Imam-ul-Haq, while there was no place for experienced leg-spinner Yasir Shah.

Fall of Wickets: 1-96 (Karunaratne), 2-109 (Fernando), 3-120 (Mendis), 4-127 (Chandimal), 5-189 (Mathews)
To Bat: D. Perera, V. Fernando, Rajitha, Kumara
Bowling: Abbas 20.1-7-50-1, Afridi 16-6-37-1, Shinwari 14-4-47-1, Shah 16-4-51-2, Sohail 1-0-9-0, Masood 1-1-0-0
Match Situation: Sri Lanka are 202 for 5
Umpires: Michael Gough, Richard Kettleborough
Video: Richard Illingworth
Match Referee: Andrew Pyrcroft

Al-Batal Stable clinch Class 2 trophy

Rayan Al-Owayed wins Hussain Mezyad Cup

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 11: Under the sponsorship of ex-MP Hussain Mezyad Al-Mutairi, represented by his brother Mubarak Mezyad, the horse Rayan ridden by Rayan from Al-Owayed Stable succeeded in

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demystifying opponents by breaking all speculations and nominations to pick Class 1 trophy when it covered 1050 meters in 1.4 hour and 5 seconds in a race. The event was witnessed by a large number of spectators.

One of the favorite horses in the race, Rabeh, ridden

by Jones from Batal Stable came second and Zahoum ridden by Anderson from Bin Thariya Stable followed in the third place. Mubarak Al-Mutairi presented the trophy to Dean of Al-Owayed Stable with his family members amid pomp and fanfare.

In the second cup sponsored by Al-Mutairi, the horse Meraj ridden by Rayan from Al-Batal Stable won the Class 2 category covering 1600 meters distance within 1 hour 41 minutes and 52 seconds. It was followed in the second position by Al-Houm ridden by Srato from Al-Adhilah Stable, while Okash ridden by Faisal from Al-Hamoud Stable occupied the third position.

MUMBAI, Dec 11, (RTRS): India captain Virat Kohli led a six-hitting fest against West Indies during a blistering unbeaten knock of 70 off 29 balls, guiding his team to a 67-run series-clinching victory in the third and final Twenty20 international on Wednesday.

Asked to set a target in the decider at Wankhede Stadium, the hosts batted the Caribbean side out of the contest with an imposing total of 240 for three from their 20 overs.

In reply, the twice world champions in the format finished on 173 for eight with captain Kieron Pollard top-scoring with 68 from 39, his innings studded with six sixes and five fours.

Hard-hitting West Indies opener Evin Lewis suffered soft tissue damage to his right knee while fielding and was unable to bat, dealing them a blow before their chase even started.

Once India's seamers reduced the tourists to 17 for three at the start of the fourth over, it was too much to ask even for the Caribbean power-

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hitters to turn the match around.

Shimron Hetmyer, who made 41 off 24, and Pollard added 74 for the fourth wicket to give West Indies some hope before left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav dismissed the former.

Kuldeep also dismissed the dangerous Jason Holder while Pollard holed out at wide long-on off seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar after an entertaining knock at the stadium, which is the home to his Indian Premier League franchise Mumbai Indians.

Earlier, K.L. Rahul had top-scored with 91 from 56 balls and set the platform for India's massive score with an opening stand of 135 with Rohit Sharma, who made 71 from 34 deliveries.

Kohli smashed seven sixes, two more than his deputy Rohit, while Rahul went over the boundary ropes on four occasions.

The dismissal of Rohit and Rishabh Pant, who fell without scoring, in quick succession brought a temporary lull in India's scoring rate before Rahul and Kohli went on the attack.

The duo added 95 for the third wicket and provided the late flourish before Rahul fell in the final over.

The sides will next play three one-day internationals, beginning with the first match at Chennai on Sunday.

Scoreboard

INDIA 1st Innings
R. Sharma c Walsh b Williams.....71
L. Rahul c Pooran b Cottrell.....91
R. Pant c Holder b Pollard.....0
V. Kohli not out.....70
Extras: (1b, 2lb, 1nb, 4w).....8

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India captain Virat Kohli bats during the third Twenty20 international cricket match between India and West Indies in Mumbai, India on Dec 11. (AP)

Total: (3 wkts, 20 overs).....240
Fall of Wickets: 1-135 (R. Sharma), 2-138 (Pant), 3-233 (Rahul)
Did Not Bat: Iyer, Dube, Sundar, K. Yadav, Kumar, Shami, D. Chahar
Bowling: Cottrell 4-0-40-1, Holder 4-0-54-0, Pierre 2-0-35-0, Williams 4-0-37-1, Walsh 4-0-38-0, Pollard 2-0-33-1

WEST INDIES 1st Innings
L. Simmons c Iyer b Shami.....7
B. King c Rahul b Kumar.....5
S. Hetmyer c Rahul b K. Yadav.....41
N. Pooran c Dube b D. Chahar.....0
K. Pollard c (sub) b Kumar.....68
J. Holder c (sub) b K. Yadav.....8
H. Walsh b Shami.....11
K. Pierre c (sub) b D. Chahar.....6
K. Williams not out.....13
S. Cottrell not out.....4
Extras: (5b, 5w).....10
Total: (8 wkts, 20 overs).....173

Fall of Wickets: 1-12 (King), 2-17 (Simmons), 3-17 (Pooran), 4-91 (Hetmyer), 5-103 (Holder), 6-141 (Pollard), 7-152 (Walsh), 8-169 (Pierre)
Did Not Bat: D. Chahar 4-0-20-2, Kumar 4-0-41-2, Shami 4-0-25-2, Dube 3-0-32-0, K. Yadav 4-0-45-2, Sundar 1-0-5-0

Match Result: India win by 67 runs
Umpires: Nitin Menon, C. Nandan
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Match Referee: David Boon



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