

Warrican picks up 3 wickets, to pose a strong challenge to hosts

Bangladesh hold firm against West Indies on Day 1

CHATTOGRAM, Bangladesh, Feb 3, (AP): After losing four wickets in the first two sessions, Bangladesh held firm at the end of the first day against the West Indies to score 242-5 on Wednesday.

Left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican picked up three wickets, conceding 58 runs, to pose a strong challenge to the hosts.

"I got three vital wickets. Hopefully I can benefit the team with

more wickets tomorrow," Warrican said. "It is a very good wicket for the batters right now. A typical Day 1 track in Bangladesh. We had to be very disciplined and bowl in the right areas."

Left-handed opener Shadman Islam was the best batsman for Bangladesh with 59 runs, his second fifty in test format.

"I was sticking to my plan," Shadman said. "We have got a

good start but we need a few big partnerships to post a big total on the board."

Najmul Hossain Shanto, Mominul Haque and Mushfiqur Rahim had

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managed solid starts by amassing 25, 26 and 38, respectively, but failed to come up with big scores. While Najmul was trapped run-out, Momi-

nul and Mushfiqur were removed by Warrican.

At lunch, Bangladesh was 69-2. Tamim Iqbal was out to Kemar Roach for nine runs within the first hour.

Roach, the most experienced West Indies bowler, delivered a full-length ball that sneaked between the bat and pad of Tamim and shattered his stumps.

In the second session, Bangladesh

added 71 runs while losing two more wickets. The hosts added 72-1 in the final session.

Liton Das (34) and Shakib Al Hasan (39) remained not out at the end of the day, scoring 49 in the sixth-wicket stand.

It was Bangladesh's first test since the start of the coronavirus nearly a year ago, while the West Indies has played five matches.

Shakib is making a return after

receiving a ban imposed by the ICC for failing to report corrupt approaches made to him by bookmakers.

The West Indies have three players making their test debuts - Nkrumah Bonner, Kyle Mayers and Shayne Moseley. While Bonner is a leg-spinner, Mayers and Moseley made it to the national side with their all-round performance in the domestic circuit.

Southampton slump to 9-0 record-tying loss to Man U

Palace recover to beat Newcastle

LONDON, Feb 3, (AP): Fifteen months later, it happened again to Southampton.

Ralph Hasenhuttl's team has another 9-0 loss to get over after Manchester United cleaned up at Old Trafford to tie the biggest margin of victory since the Premier League began in 1992.

There have been two other games finishing by that score line - and Southampton was on the wrong end of one of them, losing 9-0 at home to Leicester in October 2019 for a club-record defeat.

The other 9-0 in the record book also involved United, at home to Ipswich in 1995.

Southampton contributed to its own downfall by having two players sent off. The first red card came after just 82 seconds when 19-year-old midfielder Alexandre Jankewitz - making his first Premier League start and having yet to touch the ball - was dismissed for a high-lunge on United's Scott McTominay.

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By the time Jan Bednarek, who scored an own-goal in the first half, was sent off for a brushing against an already falling Anthony Martial in the 86th minute, Southampton was trailing 6-0 and hanging on grimly to avoid more humiliation.

Bruno Fernandes converted the penalty, and further goals by Martial and Dan James meant Southampton's players revisited a score they thought they had seen the back of.

There were seven different scorers for United - Aaron Wan-Bissaka, Marcus Rashford, Edinson Cavani, Martial (two), McTominay, Fernandes and James - to go along with Bednarek's own-goal. The team's record win is 10-0 against Anderlecht in the European Cup in 1956.

By being relentless in its search for goals, United's goal difference soared to +19, just five behind first-place Manchester City. That is all that's separating the two local rivals, who both have 44 points.

In 2012, City won the Premier League for the first time courtesy of a superior goal difference to United.

Remarkably, Southampton wasn't the only team to finish with nine men on Tuesday, with Arsenal also having two players sent off - defender David Luiz and goalkeeper Bernd Leno - in a 2-1 loss at Wolverhampton.

There were also wins for last-place Sheffield United and Crystal Palace as the Premier League started its third



Manchester United's Scott McTominay, (front), duels for the ball with Southampton's Che Adams during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Southampton, at the Old Trafford Stadium in Manchester, England, on Feb 2. (AP)

round of games in a week in explosive fashion.

Arsenal was leading 1-0 through Nicolas Pépé's 32nd-minute goal when Mikel Arteta's team imploded.

First, Luiz was given a straight red card for pulling back William José as Wolves' new signing burst into the penalty area. Ruben Neves converted from the spot in the fifth minute of first-half stoppage time.

João Moutinho then gave Wolves the lead when he collected the ball about 30 meters out, took a touch, and smashed a rising drive in off the post in the 49th.

Arsenal's evening then got worse when Leno came out of his area to clear the ball, but ended up bundling it out of play with his right arm. The German goalkeeper was re-carded for denying a goal-scoring opportunity.

The result ended Arsenal's seven-match unbeaten run in the league.

The great escape might just be on for last-place Sheffield United.

After going the first 17 games with-

out a win - a Premier League record - United has now won three of its last five after rallying to beat West Bromwich Albion 2-1 at home.

Billy Sharp scored the 74th-minute winner, which lifted Chris Wilder's team onto 11 points - one behind West Brom but still 10 behind the side just



United States' Mikaela Shiffrin competes during an alpine ski, women's World Cup giant slalom, in San Vigilio di Marebbe, Italy, on Jan 26. (AP)

above the relegation zone, fourth-from-last Brighton.

Palace also came from behind to beat Newcastle 2-1, with Gary Cahill grabbing the winner in the 25th to become - at 35 years and 45 days - the club's oldest scorer in the Premier League.

Shiffrin to return to speed skiing at worlds in Cortina

ROME, Feb 3, (AP): Mikaela Shiffrin's long-awaited return to speed skiing will come at the world championships starting next week.

The American standout announced that she plans to enter four events at the worlds in Cortina d'Ampezzo: combined, super-G, giant slalom and slalom. It's the biggest program that Shiffrin has ever embarked on at a major championship - worlds or Olympics.

Before her father died last year, Shiffrin had expanded from her favored technical disciplines of slalom and giant slalom to also race - and excel in

- the speed disciplines of super-G and downhill. So much so that she won the gold medal in the super-G at the last worlds in Are, Sweden, two years ago.

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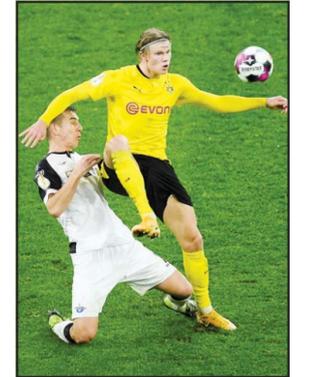
Since her extended break and her return to the World Cup circuit in November, though, Shiffrin has not entered a single speed race. But she has spent several days training super-G this week.

"I feel comfortable on the skis and it's super fun, so I'm really going into

the speed section of world champs with the intention almost trying to take it as an opportunity for training," Shiffrin said.

"Obviously it's a race and it's world championships so I'm going to be trying to ski as fast as I can and I think that I'll be able to have a pretty good result."

Still, Shiffrin acknowledged that she probably won't be the favorite for the super-G, with that status belonging to Lara Gut-Behrami, the Swiss racer who has won four straight super-Gs this season.



Werder blank Fürth 2-0

Dortmund survive VAR drama as Leverkusen upset in German Cup

BERLIN, Feb 3, (AP): Borussia Dortmund survived late VAR drama to reach the quarterfinals of the German Cup, while Bayer Leverkusen was stunned by fourth-tier team Rot-Weiss Essen.

Dortmund endured a nervy finale before Erling Haaland finally sealed a 3-2 win in extra time over second-division Paderborn.

The Norwegian thought he'd sealed the victory in normal time when he made it a 3-1 for Dortmund on a counterattack.

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But referee Tobias Stieler was alerted to a possible foul by Felix Passlack on Paderborn captain Sebastian Schonlau at the other end. Stieler consulted video replays and awarded the penalty. Haaland's goal was duly chalked off and Paderborn forward Prince Osei Owusu equalized from the spot in the seventh minute of injury time to send the game to extra time.

As if in defiance of the call, Haaland raced back to score another goal in similar fashion to make it 3-2 in the fifth minute of extra time.

There was another lengthy delay for the next VAR check to see if the Norwegian had been offside. This time the goal was allowed, though Stieler felt the need to personally explain why to Paderborn coach Steffen Baumgart as it had been such a marginal call. It proved to be the winning goal.

Emre Can opened the scoring in the ninth minute when Paderborn's defense failed to deal with Jadon Sancho's corner. The ball kept coming back before falling kindly for Can to let fly with his left boot to score.

Haaland sent Sancho on his way to score Dortmund's second in the 16th and it looked like Dortmund would go on to another stroll after a 5-0 win over Duisburg and 2-0 win over Eintracht Braunschweig in the previous rounds.

But Paderborn improved and a mistake from goalkeeper Marwin Hitz allowed Julian Justvan to pull one back with just over 10 minutes of normal time remaining.

Owusu's penalty sent it to extra time and Dortmund finished the match

holding on for the final whistle as Justvan fired over with the last kick of the game.

Rot-Weiss Essen struck twice in extra time to knock Leverkusen out with a 2-1 defeat.

Leverkusen, last year's beaten finalist, struck the post four times while missing a host of chances before Leon Bailey finally broke the deadlock in the 105th minute. The Jamaican forward stayed cool and side-footed inside the far post.

However, Essen midfielder Oğuzhan Kefkir equalized three minutes later and Simon Engelmann completed a remarkable turnaround when he netted the winner in the 117th.

Leverkusen complained that new signing Timothy Fosu-Mensah was fouled in the buildup, but hopes of a last-minute reprieve were thwarted when the goal was cleared by the video referee.

Holstein Kiel, which knocked out defending champion Bayern Munich in the previous round, defeated second-division rival Darmstadt 7-6 in a penalty shootout after their third-round game ended 1-1 with extra time.

Werder Bremen defeated second-division Greuther Fürth 2-0.

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