

# Bangladesh level series

Taylor heroics in vain as the hosts ease past Zimbabwe with Hasan's five-for

AFP | Dhaka

Zimbabwe's Brendan Taylor fought valiantly with his second century of the Test but Bangladesh won the final match by 218 runs to end the series at 1-1 yesterday.

Needing a mammoth 443 to win, Zimbabwe were bowled out for 224 in the second session on the fifth day in Dhaka with Taylor remaining unbeaten on 106.

Taylor's knock of patience and controlled aggression came from 167 balls and featured ten fours. He had hit 110 in Zimbabwe's first essay of 304.

Off-spinner Mehidy Hasan was the wrecker-in-chief on the final day as he returned bowling figures of 5-38 -- his fifth five-wicket haul in Tests.

Mehidy denied Zimbabwe any chance of repeating their clinical performance of the first match that they won by 151 runs in Sylhet.

Taijul Islam added two more wickets to his five in the first innings and finished the series with a career-best haul of 18 scalps in two matches. He was named the player of the series.

The home side declared the first innings on 522 for seven



Zimbabwe cricketer Brendan Taylor plays a shot during the fifth day of the second Test cricket match between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe

with Mushfiqur Rahim hitting an unbeaten 219 -- the first time a wicketkeeper hit two double tons in Test cricket.

The visitors' hopes of securing a draw rested on the pairing of Taylor and Peter Moor, whose 139-run sixth wicket stand in the first innings took the visitors

past the 300 mark.

But once Moor departed after a 79-ball vigil for a paltry 13 runs, smartly caught at short leg by Imrul off Mehidy, the Zimbabwe batting fell flat.

Mahmudullah Riyad, who stood in for regular captain Shakib Al Hasan, hailed his

**224**  
runs were scored by Zimbabwe before being bowled out half way through the second session

team's fighting spirit.

"I think the boys were determined enough and showed their character. They stuck to their task. (On the top order) We are working hard and you may not see the results on the pitch yet," he said.

"With Mushy (Mushfiqur) and Mominul (Haque), we built up the partnership, and they gave us some good runs in the first innings. Taijul was brilliant with the ball," Mahmudullah added.

Mominul Haque made 161 in the first innings.

Resuming the fifth and final day at 76 for 2, Zimbabwe lost another key man Sean Williams for 13 after pace bowler Mustafizur Rahman provided Bangladesh with the day's first breakthrough.

# Stubborn Silva inches Sri Lanka past England

AFP | Kandy, Sri Lanka

Roshen Silva hit a stubborn 85 to guide Sri Lanka to a 46-run first innings lead over England in the second Test yesterday.

The hosts, down 1-0 in the three-match series, were bowled out for 336 in reply to England's 290. England's Rory Burns and tail-ender Jack Leach had to see out one nervy over before the end of the second day in Kandy.

After Adil Rashid struck twice to England's tourists' hopes of securing a lead on the turning pitch, Silva built crucial partnerships including a 56-run ninth wicket stand with Akila Dananjaya as the hosts edged past England's total.

Dananjaya frustrated England's spinners before falling

to Moeen Ali leg before for 31. Stand-in skipper Suranga Lakmal was unbeaten on 15 at the end.

The visitors were yet to open their account after night-watchman Jack Leach faced six balls from Dilruwan Perera in the final over of the day. Rory Burns was accompanying Leach at close of play.

"We had a chat upstairs -- a little bit disappointed that they've got a little bit of a lead," said Leach, who also took three wickets in Sri Lanka's innings.

"We're very much feeling good about the fact that we're bowling last on that wicket. We feel if we can put pressure on tomorrow with our batting and get a good total, we feel that we can win the game," he said.



Ben Stokes takes a sharp catch to dismiss Sri Lanka's Kusal Mendis as Ben Foakes looks on

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