

Shami and Umesh put India on the brink of series sweep

The two pacers, along with the wily Jadeja and debutant Nadeem, have the visitors in all sorts of trouble with some incisive bowling



A ripper! Zubayr Hamza was left defending shadows after a Mohammed Shami special pitched on a good length and straightened to hit the top of off-stump. ■ RAJEEV BHATT

SA IN INDIA

SHREEDUTTA CHIDANANDA RANGHI

Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav sliced through South Africa twice on the same day to send India hurtling towards a 3-0 series sweep in the third and final Test. A total of 16 South African wickets tumbled on Monday, with India's pace duo accounting for half of them, as the touring side reached the brink of another embarrassing innings-defeat. While it may be true that India enjoyed the best of the batting conditions at the JSCA Stadium, Shami and Umesh looked more threatening on a wearing pitch than their counterparts had on the opening morning. From

9 for 2 in the first innings overnight, South Africa was bowled out for 162. India duly enforced the follow-on, before reducing the opponent to 132 for eight – still 203 runs in arrears – when bad light brought an end to an extended final session.

Ready to fly
Ahead of the third Test, Dean Elgar was confident that South Africa would not play this match with “one foot on the plane”. The procession in the second innings, though, seemed to suggest that the Proteas had both feet and one arm on board, and were merely waiting for one last suitcase to arrive. Quinton de Kock was the first to fall in the second innings, Umesh producing a beauty that beat the outside

edge and sent the off-stump cartwheeling. Zubayr Hamza, South Africa's top-scorer in the first essay, received a near-unplayable delivery from Shami, the ball pitching on a good length before straightening to hit the top of off-stump. Faf du Plessis was consumed by one that kept slightly low, before Shami found Temba Bavuma's outside edge.

When Heinrich Klaasen was trapped LBW by Umesh, South Africa had sunk to 36 for five. Theunis de Bruyn, who came in to bat as a concussion substitute for Elgar after the latter had been struck on the helmet by Umesh, remained unbeaten on 30 to take the game into a fourth day.

South Africa's resistance on the third morning lasted

all of five balls, when Umesh castled du Plessis with the sort of delivery mental-conditioning coaches might ask fast bowlers to visualise. It pitched on middle and off before seaming away sharply to clip the top of off-stump. du Plessis stood transfixed, still holding his defensive pose, while around him India's fielders erupted. The South African captain walked off with a shrug, as if to suggest that he had simply had no answer.

If a collapse had been expected, it did not materialise immediately. Hamza, playing in only his second Test match, scored a fluent, attacking 62. He and Bavuma added 91 runs for the fourth wicket, before both fell in the space of five balls. Hamza was bowled by Jadeja, the ball hurrying through with

STAT SPHERE

2 Umesh becomes the second fast bowler to claim three or more wickets in five successive innings in India, after Walsh. The Indian's returns: 6/88, 4/45, 3/37, 3/22 and 3/40

3 de Bruyn (for Elgar) is the third concussion substitute, after Labuschagne (for Smith vs Eng, Lord's) and Blackwood (for Darren Bravo vs Ind, Jamaica)

3/4 Umesh has struck in his first over in three of the four innings he has bowled in this series

4.83 Average opening partnership for South Africa in this series. It has managed just 14 & 4, 2 & 0 and 4 & 5 in the three Tests

8 Number of times Kohli has enforced the follow-on, the most among Indian captains, ahead of Azharuddin (7), Dhoni (5) and Ganguly (4). The last time South Africa followed-on twice in a series was against England at home in 1964-65

MOST WICKETS TAKEN BY INDIA IN A DAY'S PLAY AT HOME

20 vs Afg, Bengaluru, 2018

17 vs Pak, Delhi, 1952-53

16 vs SA, Ranchi, 2019

15 vs SL, Bengaluru, 1993-94

14 vs WI, Rajkot, 2018-19

SCOREBOARD	
INDIA – 1ST INNINGS 497 for nine decl.	SOUTH AFRICA – 2ND INNINGS (FOLLOWING ON) Quinton de Kock b Umesh 5 (6b, 1x4), Dean Elgar (retired hurt) 16 (29b, 3x4), Zubayr Hamza b Shami 0 (6b), Faf du Plessis lbw b Shami 4 (10b), Temba Bavuma c Saha b Shami 0 (3b), Heinrich Klaasen lbw b Umesh 5 (24b), George Linde run out 27 (55b, 5x4), Dane Piedt b Jadeja 23 (73b, 2x4, 1x6), Theunis de Bruyn (sub) (batting) 30 (42b, 4x4, 1x6), Kagiso Rabada c Jadeja b Ashwin 12 (16b, 3x4), Anrich Nortje (batting) 5 (12b, 1x4); Extras (b-5); 5; Total (for eight wkts. in 46 overs): 132.
FALL OF WICKETS 1-4 (Elgar, 0.2), 2-8 (de Kock, 1.6), 3-16 (du Plessis, 5.5), 4-107 (Hamza, 27.4), 5-107 (Bavuma, 28.2), 6-119 (Klaasen, 31.4), 7-129 (Piedt, 36.4), 8-130 (Rabada, 37.5), 9-162 (Linde, 55.1), 10-162 (Nortje, 56.2).	FALL OF WICKETS 1-5 (de Kock, 1.1), 2-10 (Hamza, 2.3), 3-18 (du Plessis, 6.6), 4-22 (Bavuma, 8.3), 4-26 (Elgar, retd. hurt), 5-36 (Klaasen, 16.1), 6-67 (Linde, 28.3), 7-98 (Piedt, 37.4), 8-121 (Rabada, 42.5).
INDIA BOWLING Shami 10-4-22-2, Umesh 9-1-40-3, Nadeem 11-2-4-22-2, Jadeja 14-3-19-2, Ashwin 12-1-48-0.	INDIA BOWLING Shami 9-5-10-3, Umesh 9-1-35-2, Jadeja 13-5-36-1, Nadeem 5-0-18-0, Ashwin 10-3-28-1.

De Bruyn subs for Elgar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT RANCHI

Dean Elgar was diagnosed with concussion after being struck on the head by an Umesh Yadav bouncer during South Africa's second innings. Elgar, on 16, was struck flush on the helmet as he took his eyes off the ball. The opener walked off, and was replaced by Theunis de Bruyn, who was approved by the match referee as a concussion substitute. “The opening batsman will be closely monitored over the next 24 hours, followed by reassessment

every 24 hours until signs and symptoms resolve. The soonest he can return to play is in six days' time,” said a CSA press release.

Wriddhiman Saha, meanwhile, had to walk off after being struck on his right ring finger. The incident occurred in the 27th over, when Saha was keeping wicket to R. Ashwin. Rishabh Pant came on as a substitute. Saha “is being treated and is doing well”, a statement from the Indian team said. He is set to be assessed on Tuesday morning.

It's a dream to play in front of home crowd on debut, says Shahbaz Nadeem

SHREEDUTTA CHIDANANDA RANGHI

Shahbaz Nadeem enjoyed himself at the JSCA Stadium on Monday. He claimed his maiden Test wicket with a ripper, finished with two for 22 in the first innings, and later ran George Linde out with a superb throw from square-leg. When he was sent to the boundary's edge to field, Nadeem received a hero's welcome from the crowd, thrilled to cheer for one of their own. It hasn't been a bad Test debut. “After watching cricket on TV for so long, I had dreamt that even I would appear on TV one day, so people could see how I performed,” he said. “You cannot ask for a

better debut than to play your first international match on your home ground, where you have played since your childhood. It's a dream debut.” Nadeem had to wait a while for his India cap. He had played 110 First-Class games over 15 years before the call finally came. He was performing Namaaz at home in Kolkata, where he now lives, when the phone rang. “It was around 2:30 p.m. on Friday and I was reading Namaaz when my phone kept ringing. I completed my prayers and saw that I was being called for the Test. When you've played cricket for so many years, you're ready to play at 6 a.m. in the

morning after getting a 4 a.m. call,” he said. Nadeem finished with more than 50 wickets in two successive Ranji Trophy seasons (2015-16 and 2016-17), but received no India call-up. How had he motivated himself during those years of waiting, he was asked. “This was my motivation, that if something happened to someone, I might get a chance,” he laughed. “Because our spinners are doing well. As a cricketer you have to be realistic and see whether the spot you're fighting for is vacant. Otherwise you have to keep hoping... *ke kabhi mil jaayega* [that you will get it someday].” If Nadeem was nervous, it

did not show. He was on target from the beginning, and conceded under two runs an over in the first innings. “When you play 110 matches, you gain that experience,” he said. “The 15 years I have put in playing for Jharkhand and recently India-A helped me make a smooth transition.” He may have been awaiting that India call-up, but playing for Jharkhand was no less enjoyable, Nadeem stated. “I've known my teammates since our junior days; we have a lot of fun playing for Jharkhand,” he said. “It's a different feeling. No matter where I'm playing, if a Jharkhand game is going on, I feel like going there and playing too. Because there's not just

the match; there's also the friendship of people, there's *hansi-mazaak*.”

Poor
South African Zubayr Hamza, also spoke after the day's play. He said, “To have almost been bowled out twice in just less than two days, it's pretty poor from our side. We struggled in terms of in our defences, and they bowled pretty attacking lines. We haven't been good enough to keep those good balls out.

“I wouldn't say we were under-prepared against their seamers. Maybe we should have prepared more mentally in terms of playing them in whatever conditions.”



Wicket No. 1: Shahbaz Nadeem celebrates the dismissal of South Africa's Temba Bavuma. ■ RAJEEV BHATT

Substitute... no way!

P.K. AJITH KUMAR KOZHIKODE

In a bizarre turn of events, the ousted fielding coach of the Indian women's cricket team, Biju George, was approached to accompany the players for the tour of the West Indies starting next month. It is reliably learnt that the newly appointed fielding coach had travel issues that could not be resolved in time. *The Hindu* has learnt that Biju declined the offer to function as the substitute fielding coach for the Caribbean tour where the Women in Blue will play three ODIs and five T20Is.

Criticism
The way the new support staff of the women's team was chosen was criticised by former India captains Diana Eduljee and Shanta Rangaswamy a couple of days ago.

BFC finds NEUFC a tough nut to crack

The contest ends in a goalless draw

ISL

N. SUDARSHAN BENGALURU
Defending champion Bengaluru FC was left to endure a frustrating start to its ISL campaign, following a tame 0-0 draw against NorthEast United FC at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Monday. On a rain-soaked evening, it was the away side's marquee signing Asamoah Gyan who came the closest to breaking the deadlock, when his left-footed curler six minutes into the second period bounced off the bar. But for that, the two goalkeepers had very little to do. The home side lined up without sure-shot starters in defensive midfielder Erik Paartalu and centre-back Albert Serran, both out due to injuries. There were debuts for Raphael Augusto, Ashique Kuruniyan and Manuel Onwu. It didn't take much time for Augusto to get involved, as he drove through the length of the pitch and played a perfectly weighted through ball to Udanta Singh on 26 minutes. But the India international didn't even hit the target from point-blank



Agony: Udanta Singh's frustration says it all during BFC's match against NEUFC. ■ K. MURALI KUMAR

range. Minutes later, Sunil Chhetri came close, his fierce hit from inside the six-yard box blocked on the goaline by Dutchman Kai Heerings. Even as BFC drove forward in hordes, it lacked a reference point, with forward Onwu having a forgettable first outing. On the one occasion when he found himself in space near the goal, he took an unnecessary extra touch and fluffed the opportunity. Much then depended on Chhetri and Udanta creating chances from the flanks but they were kept largely quiet by the NorthEast defenders.

Today's match

■ Jamshedpur vs Odisha FC, Jamshedpur, 7.30 p.m.

In the 64th minute, Nishu Kumar drove one powerfully from long range but the visitors' goalkeeper Subhasish Roy Chowdhury was up to the task. Coach Carles Cuadrat's final roll of the dice was the introduction of creative midfielder Eugeneson Lyngdoh with 10 minutes left. But there was little he could do to change the course of the game. **The result:** Bengaluru FC 0 drew with NorthEast United FC 0.

Bangladesh PM to attend second Test

Y.B. SARANGI KOLKATA

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's confirmation that she will attend the second India-Bangladesh Test at the Eden Gardens here on November 22 has reduced the uncertainty over the series, arising out of a strike called by the leading Bangladesh cricketers. Even as the strike put a question mark over the team's tour of India next month, BCCI president-designate Sourav Ganguly on Monday informed that Hasina would attend the match. “We had invited Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina and she has confirmed that she will be here. Now I will look at (West Bengal Chief Minister) Mamta didi's confirmation. I will write to the centre. I have not written (to the Indian PM Narendra Modi) as we have not got the PM's permission,” said Ganguly. “I will request the BCB president to invite the players of the team which played in the first Test (against India in Dhaka in 2000). I will invite our players,” said Ganguly.

A special day for Federer

Plays his 1500th career match

TENNIS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE BASEL
Roger Federer opened his bid for a 10th title at the ATP Swiss indoors on Monday, crushing German qualifier Peter Gojowczyk 6-2, 6-1 in the opening round. This was a landmark 1,500th career match for the 38-year-old Swiss legend as he chases his 103rd title. United States' Jimmy Connors is the only other player to have figured in more than 1500 matches. The American's final tally was 1556. Federer is defending the title at his hometown event.



Reaching a landmark: Apart from Federer, only Connors has played in 1500 career matches. ■ AFP

Sevilla beats Levante

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCIES MADRID
Sevilla striker Luuk de Jong scored his first goal for the club to give it a deserved 1-0 win at home to Levante on Sunday in *La Liga* to go level on points with fourth-placed Real Sociedad. The Dutchman had failed to score in his previous seven starts for Sevilla since his move from PSV Eindhoven. **The results:** **Bundesliga:** Hoffenheim 2 (Kramaric 72, Bebout 85) bt Schalke 04 0. **La Liga:** Alaves 2 (Magallon 50, Lucas 82) bt Celta Vigo 0; Real Sociedad 3 (Javi Garcia 22-og, William Jose 36, Portu 58) bt Real Betis 1 (Moron 12); Espanyol 0 lost to Villarreal 1 (Tokio Ekambi 17); Athletic Bilbao 1 (Williams 33) drew with Valladolid 1 (Martinez Berridi 71-og); Sevilla 1 (L. de Jong 86) bt Levante 0. **Serie A:** Udinese 1 (Okaka 42) bt Torino 0; Cagliari 2 (Nainggolan 9, Farago 67) bt SPAL 0; Parma 5 (Kucka 38, Cornelese 42, 45+1, 50, Kulusevski 79) bt Genoa 1 (Pinamonti 52); AC Milan 2 (Calhanoglu 20, Piatek 81) drew with Lecce 2 (Babacar 62, Calderoni 90+2).