

Sports

Pakistan fight back after S Lanka bowlers shine in second Test

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the second Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at National stadium yesterday:

Pakistan 1st innings

Shan Masood b Fernando	5
Abid Ali lbw b Kumara	38
Azhar Ali b Fernando	0
Babar Azam st Dickwella b Embuldeniya	60
Asad Shafiq c Fernando b Kumara	63
Haris Sohail lbw b Embuldeniya	9
Mohammad Rizwan b Kumara	4
Yasir Shah lbw b Kumara	0
Mohammad Abbas c de Silva b Embuldeniya	0
Shaheen Shah Afridi c Mathews b Embuldeniya	5
Naseem Shah not out	1
Extras: (b 4, lb 2)	6
Total: (all out; 59.3 overs)	191
Fall of wickets: 1-10 (Masood), 2-10 (Azhar), 3-65 (Abid), 4-127 (Azam), 5-167 (Sohail), 6-172 (Rizwan), 7-172 (Yasir), 8-179 (Abbas), 9-185 (Shafiq)	
Bowling: Fernando 13-3-31-2, Kumara 18-5-49-4, Karunaratne 1-0-11-0, Embuldeniya 20.3-3-71-4, Perera 7-0-23-0.	

Sri Lanka

O. Fernando c Rizwan b Shaheen	4
D. Karunaratne b Abbas	25
K. Mendis c Haris b Abbas	13
A. Mathews not out	8
L. Embuldeniya not out	3
Extras: (lb 6, w5)	11
Total: (for three wickets; 19 overs)	64
Still to bat: D. Chandimal, D. de Silva, N. Dickwella, D. Perera, V. Fernando, L. Kumara	
Fall of wickets: 1-28 (Oshada), 2-39 (Karunaratne), 3-61 (Mendis)	
Bowling: Shaheen 6-2-18-1, Abbas 8-3-21-2, Naseem 5-0-19-0 (w5).	

KARACHI: Pakistan fought back after being dismissed relatively cheaply yesterday as bowlers dominated the opening day of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Karachi. Lahiru Kumara and Lasith Embuldeniya grabbed four wickets each to dismiss Pakistan for just 191 before the home team had the visitors at 64-3 at stumps at the National Stadium.

Pacer Kumara took 4-49 while left-arm spinner Embuldeniya finished with 4-71 after Pakistan won the toss. But Pakistan staged a fightback with the wickets of Oshada Fernando (four), Dimuth Karunaratne (25) and Kusal Mendis (13) leaving Sri Lanka still 127 runs behind on the first innings.

Lanky pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi had Fernando caught behind before Mohammad Abbas removed Karunaratne and Mendis. At stumps, Angelo Mathews was eight not out and nightwatchman Embuldeniya unbeaten on three. Pakistan were well set at 127-3 with Babar Azam (60) and Asad Shafiq (63) involved in a 62-run stand for the fourth wicket, but once Azam fell the home side lost their last six wickets for just 24 runs.

Azam was shaping well after scoring his 13th half-century before Embuldeniya had him stumped off a well-disguised delivery. Shafiq hooked Kumara tentatively to deep square-leg, ending Pakistan's hopes of a big total in their bid to win the series after the first Test ended in a draw due to poor weather in Rawalpindi.

Kumara dismissed Mohammad Rizwan for four and Yasir Shah (nought) off successive deliveries in the first over after tea before Embuldeniya removed the tail. Earlier, Sri Lanka left-arm pacer Vishwa Fernando dismissed opener Shan Masood for five and skipper Azhar Ali for a duck to rattle Pakistan at 10-2 in the morning.

Fernando's new-ball partner Kumara dismissed first Test centurion Abid Ali for 38 to end a third-



KARACHI: Sri Lanka's wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella (R) makes a successful leg before wicket appeal against Pakistan's Haris Sohail (L) during the first day of the second Test cricket match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the National Cricket Stadium in Karachi yesterday. —AFP

wicket partnership of 55, which had lifted Pakistan from a precarious 10 for two. Fernando thought he had Azam leg-before on four, but TV referalls showed the ball hit the bat first.

Azam reached his fourth half-century in the last five innings with a crisp boundary to cover off-spinner Dilruwan Perera, but could not match his hundred in the first Test. Azam's 96-ball knock contained eight boundaries and a six while Shafiq's 126-ball stay had six boundaries.

It was Fernando who provided Sri Lanka with early breakthroughs. He angled one in to Masood to

hit his off stump before clean bowling skipper Azhar with a full-length delivery.

That left Azhar without a fifty in 13 innings, including nine scores of under 10. Pakistan brought in leg-spinner Yasir Shah for ailing pacer Usman Shinwari, while Embuldeniya came in for unfit Kasun Rajitha.

The two-match series is the first in Pakistan since a militant attack on the Sri Lankan team bus killed eight people in March 2009, leading to the suspension of international cricket in the country over security fears. —AFP

Europe dominates FINA Water Polo Championship

By Abdellatif Sharaa

KUWAIT: Competitions in FINA World Men's Junior Water Polo Championship, Kuwait 2019 being held in Kuwait at HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Swimming Pools Complex under the Patronage of National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem will come to an end tonight with the final match at 6 pm. This match will be preceded with third and fourth places match at 4:30 pm and fifth and sixth place at 3 pm while seventh and eighth match will be played at 1:30 pm.

Europe guaranteed its continued monopoly on all championships since its start in 1981 as four teams reached the semifinals: Serbia, Croatia, Italy and Greece.

Kuwait took 20th place after losing to Iran 4-12. Hungary took 9th place by beating Canada 15-6, Australia took 11th by beating New Zealand 9-8, Russia 13th by beating South Africa 20-10, Egypt 15th by beating China 14-9. Brazil took 17th after beating Uzbekistan 22-7.

Meanwhile the quarterfinals which was held Tuesday resulted in Serbia beating Montenegro 10-9, Croatia beat Spain 7-6, Italy beat Japan 17-5, title holders Greece beat USA 4-1 in penalty shots after



drawing 11-11 in regulations.

Meanwhile, FINA President Dr Julio Maglione said the championship saw the birth of more than a star that will have good future for many years to come. He added that the best 20 teams in the world, from various continents participated and competed in high standard games, and we saw the Europeans dominate and will continue their monopoly on the title, and all what we have to do is wait to know who is champion.

Maglione lauded the efforts of President of Asian and Kuwait Swimming Federations Sheikh Khalid Al-Bader, and first FINA Vice-president Hussein Al-Musallam as well as all committees involved, as everything went in a vital and dynamic way, and the

atmosphere was highly positive, and this is due to good work and experienced administrative staff, and this qualifies Kuwait to host the best world championships in the future, "everything was great including the opening ceremony."

Qatar's Swimming Federation Executive Director Mohammad Al-Sheeb said his federation's participation in the organizational side was to support the organizing committee due to the vast experience of Qatar Federation in organizing world championships.

Al-Sheeb commended the outstanding work of Kuwait Federation in Organizing the Championship which confirms that Kuwaitis can ensure the success of the most major championships.

On his part Italy's Coach Carlo Silibio found strange for Spain to exit from the quarterfinals and described it as a big surprise. He said his team prepared well for the championship starting in September.

Brazil's Coach Thiago Nascimento lauded HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Olympic Swimming Pools Complex, adding that it is an integrated sports facility.

He said his team gave good levels in the world championship specially against the reigning champions Greece as well Australia and New Zealand to whom losses were of small margins. He said Brazil aims at prepare a team that is able to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics to represent South America.