

= Bangladeshi cricket team in Australia in 2003 =

The Bangladesh national cricket team played two Test matches and three One Day International (ODI) matches on a mid @-@ year tour of Australia in 2003 . They were captained by all @-@ rounder Khaled Mahmud . The Australians were under a split captaincy ? Steve Waugh in the Tests and Ricky Ponting in the following ODIs . The series marked the first time a Test match had been played outside an Australian state capital city ; with matches played at Bundaberg Rum Stadium in Cairns , and the newly upgraded Marrara Oval in Darwin .

Australia easily won the two @-@ match Test series . Bangladesh 's performances ' did not get any better during the ODI series ? failing to score more than 147 in any innings ? as Australia completed a clean @-@ sweep .

= = Background = =

Bangladesh had struggled to come to terms with International cricket since becoming the tenth Test team in November 2000 . Before their 2003 tour of Australia , Bangladesh had only one Test draw , which came against lowly ranked Zimbabwe , and not a single test win . Their One Day International (ODI) form had also been poor since their historic victory over Pakistan in the 1999 Cricket World Cup . The victory subsequently paved the way for their admission to Test cricket . In Bangladesh 's last series before Australia , they were defeated by an innings in both matches by South Africa . Australia , however , had a 3 ? 1 away Test victory ? starting in April ? against the West Indies , and a 4 ? 3 ODI victory over the same opposition . Earlier in the year , they remained unbeaten (10 matches) in winning the 2003 ODI Cricket World Cup in South Africa . Led by Ricky Ponting , Australia defeated India in the final , despite losing leg @-@ spinner Shane Warne . Prior to the start of the World Cup , Warne ? Australia 's highest Test wicket @-@ taker ? was sent home from South Africa after a drug test during the recent one @-@ day series in Australia returned a positive result for a banned diuretic . He was consequently banned from International and first @-@ class cricket for a year .

The day before the first Test , former Australian batsman David Hookes said Bangladesh were not worthy of Test status . He also indicated that Australia could win either Test within a day .

= = Test series = =

= = = First Test = = =

Marrara Oval became the 89th Test venue ? and the eighth in Australia . On a slow and low drop @-@ in pitch airlifted from Melbourne a month before the match , Australia won the toss and elected to field . Bangladesh collapsed and were bowled out for 97 within three hours , with only Mohammad Ashraful (23) and Khaled Mahmud (21) providing resistance . All four Australian bowlers chimed in , as Glenn McGrath and Brett Lee took three wickets apiece . McGrath and Jason Gillespie surpassed the duo of Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall as Australia 's most successful opening @-@ bowling combination . Bangladesh 's shot selection did not impress coach Dav Whatmore who said , " A few players presented their wickets and that 's just the area we 're trying to improve . " Australia initially struggled to come to terms with the pitch , falling to 2 / 43 when Ricky Ponting was dismissed for 10 . Darren Lehmann started the carnage , scoring his second Test century (110) . Steve Waugh then became only the second player after Gary Kirsten to score a century against all Test playing nations . Upon reaching the milestone , he promptly declared Australia 's innings on 7 / 407 . Only Bangladesh 's fastest bowler , Mashrafe Mortaza proved threatening , taking three wickets for 74 runs (3 / 74) in 23 overs . After the days play , Lehmann said , " It was hard work out there . They stuck to their guns pretty well , they put it in the right areas and made it tough to score runs . " When asked about becoming only the second batsman to score a hundred against all nine Test @-@ playing nations , Waugh said :

If you play long enough you are going to reach milestones and records are going to be passed and I 'm sure someone down the track will beat those . But it is nice to achieve things and to score a hundred against every country is something I 'm proud of . I 'm not too concerned about records . I just want to go out there and play well and I 've said if I don 't think I can improve then I shouldn 't be there .

The Bangladeshis ? needing 310 runs to make Australia bat again ? counterattacked before the conclusion of day two . Despite losing Javed Omar , leg before wicket to McGrath for five , opening batsman Hannan Sarkar and their leading International run @-@ scorer , Habibul Bashar took the score to 89 . The pair scored at a run @-@ rate of 3 @.@ 98 runs per over , before the partnership was ended when Sarkar was caught behind for 35 . This sparked a collapse , with Bangladesh bowled out for 178 . Australian leg spinner Stuart MacGill took 5 / 65 ? his seventh Test five @-@ wicket haul ? as Australia won by an innings and 132 runs . Along with being named man of the match , Waugh overtook West Indian Clive Lloyd as the most successful captain in Test history , enjoying his 37th victory .

= = = Second Test = = =

Bundaberg Rum Stadium became the 90th Test venue ? and the ninth in Australia . According to Wisden , " ... Rain had left question marks about the quality of the pitch , which looked green and enticing for the Australian fast bowlers . " When Australia won the toss and sent Bangladesh into bat , there were fears Bangladesh would struggle to score 100 in either innings . On a surface which " played much better than expected , " and was a " much faster pitch than that in Darwin , " Sarkar scored 76 , hitting nine boundaries in the process . He and Bashar put on 108 for second wicket as the Australian bowlers lacked penetration . Omar (26) , Bashar (46) , Sanwar Hossain (46) and Khaled Mashud (44) all got starts , but could not continue their good work as Bangladesh were eventually bowled out for 295 early on the second morning . MacGill took another five @-@ wicket haul as the rest of the bowlers apart from Gillespie had limited success , with Waugh bowling himself for five overs in search of a breakthrough . Despite Langer (1) falling early , Hayden (50) and Ponting (59) both scored half @-@ centuries , taking Australia to 2 / 105 . Both Lehmann and Waugh continued with their Darwin form , scoring 177 and 156 respectively . This was Waugh 's 32nd Test century , taking him ahead of Sachin Tendulkar and behind only Sunil Gavaskar (34) . Lehmann 's innings included 105 runs between tea and the close of play on day two . When eventually dismissed , Martin Love compiled his first Test century . With 2 / 128 , Hossain was the only bowler who took more than one wicket . His suspect bowling action would later be reported to the International Cricket Council .

Sarkar scored another half @-@ century in Bangladesh 's second innings before succumbing to a ' wild swipe ' off MacGill . The leg @-@ spinner took his third five @-@ wicket haul in as many innings and Gillespie took three wickets in the space of eight balls . Despite being dismissed for 163 , Waugh thought Bangladesh 's batting was " a lot better than a lot of efforts by the West Indies in recent years and Pakistan in Sharjah . " Despite two centuries from Lehmann and Waugh , MacGill was named man of the series , with 17 wickets . Whatmore was also pleased with the Bangladesh improvement between Tests .

Well we stretched the game out to a day longer than we did in Darwin . I thought there was definite improvement . To fight back and get 295 in the first innings , I thought was excellent . Playing against that quality of opposition is not easy . Maybe against other opposition in future it might be just that little bit easier and we can progress . Most people were talking about the pace battery of the Australian team but the person who won man of the series and got the most wickets was the spinner [Stuart MacGill] . I think maybe we didn 't apply the same amount of effort against the slower bowler as we did against the quicks . "

= = Test squads = =

= = One Day series = =

= = = 1st ODI = = =

After putting Bangladesh into bat , the Australians soon took early wickets . On a pitch that was quicker than the Test strip , Bangladesh looked all at sea against the pace of Lee and Gillespie . They soon crashed to 4 / 19 and never recovered , eventually bowled out for 105 in the 34th over . Only three batsmen managed double figures as the pace duo took seven wickets between them . Andy Bichel also chimed in with 2 / 24 .

Because of Bangladesh 's meagre batting performance , the Australian innings began before lunch and opener Adam Gilchrist scored a typically quick @-@ fire 18 before he was caught behind from Mortaza . Hayden (46) and Ponting then got valuable batting practice as they shared a 74 @-@ run partnership . Ponting was eventually bowled by Rafique for 29 . Damien Martyn 's stay at the crease was cut short , in his first International match since breaking his finger in the 2003 Cricket World Cup , he faced just one ball before Australia won by eight wickets with more than 27 overs to spare . Along with the wicket of Ponting , Rafique conceded just seven runs in five overs .

= = = 2nd ODI = = =

The Bangladeshis won the toss and elected to bat . Their openers put on a steady opening partnership , before Sarkar (who was now playing as a wicket @-@ keeper in the absence of Khaled Mashud) was caught behind off Ian Harvey for 19 , with the score at 37 after 14 overs . His opening partner , Javed Omar , fell nine runs later , for 11 . Hossain also came and went quickly , as Bangladesh were restricted to 3 / 52 , despite surviving Lee 's spell . Only Bashir (31) offered any sort of resistance , as the middle order crumbled under the spin of Brad Hogg , who took 3 / 31 . Alok Kapali provided some lower @-@ order entertainment , striking 34 from 44 balls . Lehmann finished off the tail , collecting 3 / 16 , as Bangladesh were dismissed for 147 in the 46th over .

In the absence of Bangladesh 's opening bowler , Mortaza , Australia opened the innings with Andrew Symonds and Michael Bevan ? giving the usual middle @-@ order batsmen time at the crease . The Symonds experiment did not last long , as he was dismissed by Hasibul Hossain for seven . Martyn joined Bevan at the crease and quickly put the bowlers on the back foot with aggressive batting . Despite returning in the series for the first time since the 2003 Cricket World Cup because of a broken finger , he scored Australia 's second fastest ODI half @-@ century ? 22 balls ? and was on track to overtake Gilchrist 's and Allan Border 's record for the fastest Australian ODI century ; 78 deliveries . Together they added 131 runs from 91 balls , seeing Australia home by nine wickets . Named man of the match , Martyn finished with 92 from 51 balls , dominating the partnership with Bevan , who scored 40 from 62 balls . Martyn was especially severe on Bangladeshi captain Khaled Mahmud , hitting three fours and a six from successive balls in Mahmud 's second over . The captain finished with the unflattering figures of 0 / 34 from three overs .

= = = 3rd ODI = = =

The series finished in Darwin , with Australian skipper Ricky Ponting winning the toss and electing to bat . They were restricted to 4 / 114 ? partly due to the tight bowling of Rafique who picked up two wickets ? before the Australian captain stabilised the innings . He scored a composed century , as he and Bevan put on a run @-@ a @-@ ball 127 run stand . Strangely , Ponting 's 14th ODI century , included only two fours , despite hitting four sixes . Australia finished on 7 / 254 from their 50 overs . On return , Mortaza took two late innings wickets ; however , the rest of the bowling (apart from Rafique and Kapali) again lacked penetration .

Thanks to some tight bowling , Bangladesh slumped to 5 / 36 . Both Bashir (2) and Mohammad Ashraful (4) were dismissed charging Bichel and Harvey respectively , before Kapali compiled a determined 49 in a 66 run sixth @-@ wicket partnership with Hossain . These shots were possibly

caused by tight bowling from Jason Gillespie , who took 1 / 16 in 10 overs . Bangladesh were bowled out for 142 in the 48th over , with Ian Harvey taking four for 16 . Ponting received the man of the match and series awards , as Australia won by 112 runs . According to cricket historian Gideon Haigh , " Almost a quarter of the combined populations of Cairns and Darwin attended the cricket " during the Test and ODI series .

= = Aftermath = =

Australia 's next assignment was a home series against Zimbabwe in October 2003 . Australian opener Matthew Hayden scored the then highest Test score of 380 in the First Test at the Western Australia Cricket Association Ground (WACA) . Australia swept the series 2 ? 0 , after comfortably winning the Second Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) in Sydney . They then drew a four @-@ Test series at home against India in December and January . The Fourth Test was captain Steve Waugh 's last , and it was played at his home ground the SCG . Australia won the following VB one @-@ day series that included India and Zimbabwe .

= = One Day International squads = =