

Taskin, Mominul included as Tigers opt to bat in last Test

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The Daily Morning Voice Online Desk: Bangladesh have won the toss and elected to bat first against India in their second and last game of the two-match Test series at Shere Bangla National Stadium, Dhaka. The match kicks off at 9:30 am, Thursday. Tigers have made two changes in this game where pacer Taskin Ahmed and left-handed batter Mominul Haque replace Ebadot Hossain and Yasir Ali Rabbi.

Bangladesh (Playing XI): Najmul Hossain Shanto, Zakir Hasan, Mominul Haque, Litton Das, Mushfiqur Rahim, Shakib Al Hasan(c), Nurul Hasan(w), Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam, Khaled Ahmed, Taskin Ahmed.

India (Playing XI): KL Rahul(c), Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant(w), Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel, Ravichandran Ashwin, Jaydev Unadkat, Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Siraj.

India lead the series 1-0 with a victory in the first game.

Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh): We will bat first. It will be challenging for the first two hours. If we can manage that, we can score well. Fast bowlers get some help here but it is generally good for batting. Two changes – Mominul is playing for Yasir, and Taskin in for Ebadot.

KL Rahul (India): We'd have done the same. To be honest, on seeing the surface, not sure what to make of it. There is some grass that you can see, but it's generally good to bat here. There is generally some bounce here and some help for both pacers and spinners. We'd have wanted to bat first but we aren't sure what to expect. Just need to play good cricket. Need to bowl well in the first innings. It does seem damp and we need to get early wickets. We made one change – Kuldeep misses out and Unadkat comes in. An unfortunate decision for us to leave him (Kuldeep) out but it's an opportunity for Unadkat.