# Lord's Test drawn after absorbing final day

Labuschagne and Head stand firm as Australia wards off an incisive spell from Archer & Co.

#### THE ASHES

REUTERS

The second Ashes Test was drawn as Australia, chasing 267 to beat England, ended on 154 for six after an absorbing final day at Lord's on Sunday.

Ben Stokes made a brilliant century and England declared on 258 for five before Jofra Archer claimed two early wickets to give the host the sniff of an unlikely

But Marnus Labuschagne, replacing Steve Smith as Test cricket's first substitute, made 59 and Travis Head an unbeaten 42 to lead the Australians to safety and keep them 1-0 up in the series.

Smith was ruled out of the final day suffering from concussion symptoms after being struck on the neck by an Archer bouncer on Saturday and Labuschagne was hit on

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Australia's Steve Smith

was ruled out of the last

day of the second Ashes

on the field as 12th man

when play resumed on

Sunday, hence became

substitute' in Test history

after Australia's request

was approved by match

the first 'concussion

Marnus Labuschagne,

Test with concussion.



Knocked over: Marnus Labuschagne, who made history as Test cricket's first concussion substitute, goes down after being hit by a Jofra Archer bouncer. • AFF

the first being played

concussion substitute

regulations, which allow

head or neck injuries to

be replaced fully by a

Labuschagne was

Smith's place, unlike

traditional substitutes

who were restricted to

eligible to bat or bowl in

substitute.

fielding.

players who have suffered

under ICC's new

the helmet by the second ball he faced from the Barbados-born fast bowler.

Courage and composure The 25-vear-old right-hander was able to continue batting,

referee Ranjan Madugalle.

Smith was felled by a

"Steve has been closely

Jofra Archer bouncer on

monitored by medical

staff overnight and this

morning reported that

after sleeping well, he

headache and a feeling of

spokesman. The series is

woke with 'a bit of a

grogginess," said an

Australian team

Labuschagne is first

'concussion' substitute

Saturday.

however, showing courage and composure under intense pressure to reach his second Test fifty in his sixth

Earlier, Stokes scored 115 not out, hitting three sixes

and 11 fours, as the host added 162 runs to its overnight score to give itself a chance of levelling the series.

After resuming on 96 for four following another rain delay, Stokes and Jos Buttler

#### **Concussion rule**

The 'concussion substitution' rule allows a side to replace a concussed player in the playing XI

A team can have a 'likefor-like' replacement in case of a concussion to any player during a match

 Labuschagne became the first player to be subbed under this rule, replacing

The match referees will determine who the concussion substitute is

dug in to take England to 157 for four at lunch.

Buttler fell for 31 but Stokes went on the attack and brought up his seventh Test century, adding a quickfire 97 with Jonny Bairstow who finished unbeaten on

Australia will head to Leeds for the third Test starting on Thursday with Smith's fitness being a matter of serious concern.

#### **SCOREBOARD**

England - 1st innings: 258. Australia - 1st innings: 250.

England - 2nd innings: R. Burns c Paine b Siddle 29, J. Roy c & b Cummins 2, J. Root c Paine b Cummins O, J. Denly c & b Siddle 26, B. Stokes (not out) 115, J. Buttler c Hazlewood b Cummins 31, J. Bairstow (not out) 30; Extras (b-5, lb-19, nb-1): 25; Total (for five wkts. decl. in 71 overs): 258.

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-9, 3-64, 4-71, 5-161.

Australia bowling: Cummins 17-6-35-3, Hazlewood 13-1-43-0, Siddle 15-4-54-2, 26-3-102-0

Australia - 2nd innings: C. Bancroft lbw b Leach 16, D. Warner c Burns b Archer 5, U. Khawaja c

Bairstow b Archer 2, M. Labuschagne c Root b Leach 59, T. Head (not out) 42, M. Wade c Buttler b Leach 1. T. Paine c Denly b Archer 4, P. Cummins (not out) 1; Extras (b-4, lb-18, nb-1, w-1): 24; Total (for six wkts. in 47.3 overs): 154.

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-19, 3-47, 4-132, 5-138, 6-149.

England bowling: Broad 7-0-29-0, Archer 15-2-32-3, Woakes 3-0-11-0, Leach 16.3-5-37-3, Stokes 3-1-16-0, Root 1-0-7-0, Denly 2-2-0-0.

Man-of-the-Match: Stokes.

Match drawn, Australia leads five-Test series 1-0.

Third Test: August 22 to 26,

## Pujara comes to India's rescue

Ishant, Umesh and Kuldeep bundle out West Indies-A



In his element: Pujara was into his stride rightaway, doing what he does best. • COURTESY BCCI

A hoax!

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The BCCI on Sunday

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High Commission here

"We have informed

the security agencies

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a BCCI official said.

that it was a hoax mail,"

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#### INDIA IN WI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COOLIDGE (ANTIGUA)

Cheteshwar Pujara struck form with a fine century, while Rohit Sharma hit 68 as India shrugged off an initial wobble to declare at 297 for five against West Indies-A in the three-day warm-up game here on Saturday. In reply, the hosts were skittled out for 181 at tea on day two.

Ishant Sharma (three for 21 off eight overs), Umesh Yaday (three for 19 in 10 overs) and Kuldeep Yadav (three for 35 off 9.1 overs) ran through the West Indies-A line-up. Only Kavem Hodge (51) offered some resistance.

#### Solid stand

On day one, Pujara and Rohit stitched a 132-run partnership for the fourth wicket to rescue India after it was

reduced to 89. Test specialist Pujara got going in his first competitive match of the West Indies tour and retired after making 100 off 187 balls

with eight fours and a six.

Rohit fell after making 68 off 115 balls, hitting eight 4s and a six.

#### Pant, Vihari come good

After Pujara retired in the final session, Rishabh Pant and Hanuma Vihari further pushed the Indian total. Stumps were drawn just after Pant was out for a 53-ball 33 which he made with the help of four 4s and a 6.

For West Indies-A, pacer Jonathan Carter took three for 39 from his 13.5 overs. and Keon Harding and Akim Frazer took one wicket each. The scores: India 297 for five decl. in 88.5 overs (C. Pujara 100 retd., Rohit Sharma 68, Rishabh Pant 33, Hanuma Vihari 37 n.o., Jonathan Carter three for 39) vs West Indies 181 in 56.1 overs at tea (Kavem Hodge 51, Ishant Sharma three for 21, Umesh Yadav three for 19, Kuldeep Yadav three for 35).

### Rain plays spoilsport

#### **DULEEP TROPHY**

ASHWIN ACHAL

Play was abandoned without a ball being bowled on the second day of the Duleep Trophy match between India Green and India Blue, at Just Cricket ground here on Sunday.

The first session was lost due to a wet outfield caused by overnight rain.

Shortly after Lunch, it began to drizzle, putting an end to all hopes of witnessing some on-field action. India Blue remain on 112

## NADA tests from next Duleep game

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The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) will start testing the players during the next Duleep Trophy game in Bengaluru from August 23, having agreed to BCCI's demands for qualified medical practitioners as Lead Dope Control Officers (LDCO)

"The Duleep Trophy has already started and they will probably be coming for the later matches. They haven't specified whether they are planning target-

testing or random-testing. NEW DELHI There will be a few tests on match days (incompetition)," said Dr. Abhijit Salvi, head of the anti-doping unit.

> The BCCI carried out around 275 tests last season with the International Doping Tests and Management of Sweden (IDTM) for sample collection, and it remains to be seen how many tests NADA will carry out this season, considering that only 11 months are left for the Tokyo Olympics.

### Klaasen for Second

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA JOHANNESBURG

Wicketkeeper Rudi Second has been ruled out of South Africa's Test tour of India in October due to an injury and Heinrich Klaasen will take his place in the squad, Cricket South Africa has

CSA said Second, one of the new caps in the Proteas squad to play three Tests in India in October, suffered an injury while practising with the South Africa-A side. He will require surgery and has consequently been ruled out. Second's place with be taken by wicketkeeper-batsman

## Karunaratne takes Sri Lanka to victory

Involved in record stand with Thirimanne

### KIWIS IN LANKA

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Captain Dimuth Karunaratne scored 122 as Sri Lanka chased down 268 for the loss of four wickets to win the first Test against New Zealand on Sunday and take a 1-0 lead in the two-match

Karunaratne posted his ninth Test century and a record-equalling opening partnership of 161 with Lahiru Thirimanne, who made 64, as Sri Lanka collected its



Karunaratne. • GETTY IMAGES

first points of the World Test Championship. ratne faced 245 balls and hit six fours and a six.

### SCOREBOARD

New Zealand - 1st innings:

Sri Lanka - 1st innings: 267. New Zealand - 2nd innings: 285.

Sri Lanka - 2nd innings: D. Southee 122, L. Thirimanne lbw b Somerville 64, K. Mendis c Raval b Ajaz 10, A. Mathews (not out) 28, K. Perera c Santner b Boult 23, D. de Silva (not out) 14: Extras (b-6. lb-1): 7. Total (for four wkts. in 86.1 overs): 268

Fall of wickets: 1-161, 2-174, 3-218. 4-250.

New Zealand bowling: Boult 9.1-1-34-1, Southee 12-2-33-1, Somerville 31-6-73-1, Ajaz 18-0-74-1, Santner 13-2-38-0, Williamson 3-0-9-0. Man-of-the-Match: Karunar-

Sri Lanka won by six wickets.

Viswanathan

Anand

posts win

SPORTS BUREAU

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emerged as the lone winner on the opening day of the prestigious Sinquefield Cup chess tournament after conquering Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in 77 moves here. Other results (first round):

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Magnus Carlsen (Nor) drew with Anish Giri (Ned): Hikaru Fabiano Caruana (USA); Ding Liren (Chn) drew with Wesley So (USA); Sergey Karjakin (Rus) drew with Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze); Levon Aronian (Arm) drew with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave

### Lampard's first home match ends in a draw

Lundstram wins it for Sheffield United



Happy times: Sheffield United's John Lundstram celebrates with George Baldock. • REUTERS

#### **EURO LEAGUES**

REUTERS MANCHESTER

Chelsea manager Frank Lampard had to settle for a 1-1 draw against Leicester City in his first home match in charge on Sunday as a second-half header by Wilfred Ndidi cancelled out Mason Mount's early goal on his home debut.

Chelsea raced into a quick lead when the 20 year-old Mountstole the ball from a dallying Ndidi and left Kasper Schmeichel with no chance with his shot in the seventh minute.

But Leicester grew into the game and equalised in the 67th minute when Ndidi atoned for his first-half error by heading home a James Maddison corner.

In another match, John Lundstram's second-half goal gave Sheffield United a 1-0 win over Crystal Palace on Sunday.

The results: Premier League: Sheffield United 1 (Lundstram 47) bt Crystal Palace O; Chelsea 1 (Mount 7) drew with Leicester 1 (Ndidi 67).

Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Hinteregger 1) bt Hoffenheim O; Union Berlin O RB Leipzig 4 (Halstenberg 16, Sabitzer 31, Werner 42, Nkunku

Saturday: La Liga: Valencia 1 (Gameiro 58) drew with Real Sociedad 1 (Oiarzabal 90+11pen). Villarreal 4 (Cazorla 35pen, Moises 53, Gerard 65, Chukwueze 73) drew with Granada 4 (Fede Vico 45+6-pen, Peũa 62-og, Soldado 75, Puer-

### Titans put on a towering performance

Thalaivas bounce back to hold Paltan to a tie

### PKL

S. PRASANNA VENKATESAN

Siddharth Desai top-scored with 18 points as Telugu Titans posted an emphatic 40-29 win over Haryana Steelers in the ProKabaddi League here on Sunday.

The first half belonged to Titans as the tall Siddharth secured eight points from nine raids. A bonus point in a do-or-die attempt in the third minute helped him achieve 50 raid bonus points in the

Siddharth put out two of the three defenders – Dharmaraj Cheralathan and Vinay – in the 15th minute to help Titans lead 15-9. Titans then

inflicted an all out, holding the lone raider Naveen.

Fine tackle

In the Titans' defence, Suraj Desai and Arun pulled off a particularly fine tackle on Prashanth Kumar Rai in the seventh minute.

On its part, Steelers came up with good tackle in the 10th minute on Suraj, as Cheralathan and Vikas Kale pinned the raider after he had kicked Vikas Kandola seemingly hard and tried to return home for a point.

Steelers had trailed 8-9 then. This was after Kandola made a kick touch on Amit Kumar in the far right corner, for Steelers to reach 7-9 in the ninth minute. Kandola was

for Steelers with nine points. Steelers, which trailed Titans 13-21 at the break, managed to score 16 points against Titans' 19 in the second half.

In the second match, Ta-

mil Thalaivas pulled off a

thrilling 31-31 tie with Puneri Paltan. The key moment, a singular piece of play, was V. Ajith Kumar's super raid. As the lone raider, he put out three defenders, who tried to prevent him from touching the midline, to help

Thalaivas draw level 29-29

from 25-29 with only three

minutes left. The results: Thalaivas 31 (V. Ajith Kumar 8, Rahul Chaudhari 8) tied with Paltan 31 (Surjeet Singh 7, Pankaj Mohite 7); Titans 40 (Siddharth Desai 18) bt



Made it! Thalaivas' Ajith Kumar pulls off a super raid, in spite of three Paltan players trying to stall him, in the exciting second match on Sunday. • M. VEDHAN

## 'Indian crop strongest in the world'

Six youngsters to train with Vladimir Kramnik

#### CHESS

RAKESH RAO NEW DELHI

In the chess world, India's teen talent has been making waves. The current crop, led by R. Praggnanandhaa, is clearly the most promising bunch seen in a long time. And what more, the endorsement of this fact has come from none other than former World champion Vladimir Kramnik.

"I think the current Indian chess crop is the strongest generation in the world now, maybe the strongest ever in one country." This observation from the now-retired Russian wizard only reinforces the growing belief in the global chess fraternity.

Impressed by available Indian talent, Kramnik agreed to hold a training session for six youngsters. The group includes Grandmasters, Praggnanandhaa (born in 2005) D. Gukesh (2006), P. Iniyan (2002), Prithu Gupta (2004) and International Masters Ranuak Sadhwani (2005) and Leon Mendonca (2006). They are training at Chens Sur Leman, France, close to Geneva, where Kramnik

Intially, GMs Nihal Sarin and Arjun Ergaisi were part of the six-player list. However, Nihal pulled out due to prior commitments and Arjun had to undergo an knee-



The lucky ones: Vladimir Kramnik poses with Leon Mendonca, Prithu Gupta, R. Praggnanandhaa, D. Gukesh, P. Iniyan and Raunak Sadhwani. • courtesy: chessbase india

surgery following an accident. Sharing the details of Kramnik-Microsense Chess India Program, scheduled from August 14 to 25, Kramnik said, "The idea of training the young talented Indian kids came during my conversation with Frederic Friedel, my good friend from ChessBase. One of the young Indian talents was at Frederic's home and I shared my high opinion about Indian youngsters. India's got some really very talented kids with a potential of being top players, maybe even World Champions in

Talking about the blueprint for the camp, Kramnik said, "In the first session I would like to get to know the players personally, to talk to them, to answer the questions that they have on their

mind. We will be touching upon all the aspects of the game including opening, middle-game and the endgame. I am going to prepare very seriously for the camp. I will give my insights of how I prepare psychologically and professionally for chess tournaments and I would share with them my views on many issues of professional chess. "I will also be sharing se-

crets which only top players

are aware of because of their

experience of playing chess

at the highest level. I will al-

so prepare some specific lectures for the camp and allow the kids to play with each other and then later analyse these games in detail. "I am pretty sure that this

camp will be very useful for the young talents," said Kramnik.