

Jadeja and pacers give India control

The allrounder’s half-century takes the visitors to 297; West Indies reduced to 82 for three at tea

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NORTH SOUND (ANTIGUA)

India took control of the first Test by taking three West Indies wickets after Ravindra Jadeja helped the visitors recover to 297 on day two here on Friday.

West Indies was struggling at 82 for three in its first innings at tea, trailing India by 215 runs. After scoring a fighting 58 off 112 balls, Jadeja removed debutant Shamarr Brooks (11) to leave the home team at 50 for three.

The left-arm spinner had Brooks caught at first slip after his attempted cut ricocheted off Rishabh Pant’s thigh to fall into the safe hands of Ajinkya Rahane.

The other West Indies batsmen to be dismissed were openers Kraigg Brathwaite (14) and John Campbell (23), dismissed by Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami respectively.

Providing stability

Darren Bravo (18 batting off 26 balls) and Roston Chase (10 batting off 26) provided the much-needed stability to the innings with a 32-run

partnership for the fourth wicket.

Earlier, Jadeja and Ishant frustrated West Indies with a timely 60-run stand for the eighth wicket before India was bowled out for 297 at the stroke of lunch.

Jadeja and Ishant (19 off 62) were able to ward off the threat posed by the potent pace duo of Shannon Gabriel (three for 71) and Kemar

Roach (four for 66) after losing Rishabh Pant (24) in the second over of the day.

Jadeja’s innings comprised six fours and a maximum before he became the last man to be dismissed in the Indian innings, leading to lunch.

India had resumed the day at 203 for six with Pant (20) and Jadeja being the overnight batsmen.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS

K.L. Rahul c Hope b Chase 44 (97b, 5x4), Mayank Agarwal c Hope b Roach 5 (13b, 1x4), Cheteshwar Pujara c Hope b Roach 2 (4b), Virat Kohli c Brooks b Gabriel 9 (12b, 2x4), Ajinkya Rahane b Gabriel 81 (163b, 10x4), Hanuma Vihari c Hope b Roach 32 (56b, 5x4), Rishabh Pant c Holder b Roach 24 (47b, 4x4), Ravindra Jadeja c Hope b Holder 58 (112b, 6x4, 1x6), Ishant Sharma b Gabriel 19 (62b, 1x4), Mohammed Shami c & b Chase 0 (1b), Jasprit Bumrah (not out) 4 (15b); Extras (b-9, lb-8, nb-2): 19; Total (in 96.4 overs): 297.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-5 (Mayank, 4.2 overs), 2-7 (Pujara, 4.6), 3-25 (Kohli, 7.5), 4-93 (Rahul, 34.2), 5-175 (Vihari, 54.5), 6-189 (Rahane, 59.4), 7-207 (Pant, 70.5), 8-267 (Ishant,

89.6), 9-268 (Shami, 90.2).
WEST INDIES BOWLING
Roach 25-6-66-4, Gabriel 22-5-71-3, Holder 20.4-11-36-1, Cummins 13-1-49-0, Chase 16-3-58-2.

WEST INDIES — 1ST INNINGS
Kraigg Brathwaite c & b Ishant 14 (51b, 1x4), John Campbell b Shami 23 (30b, 4x4), Shamarr Brooks c Rahane b Jadeja 11 (36b, 1x4), Darren Bravo (batting) 18 (26b, 2x4, 1x6), Roston Chase (batting) 10 (26b, 1x4); Extras (b-4, lb-1, nb-1): 6; Total (for three wkts. in 28 overs, at tea): 82.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-36 (Campbell, 7.6), 2-48 (Brathwaite, 17.5), 3-50 (Brooks, 20.3).

INDIA BOWLING

Ishant 8-2-32-1, Bumrah 8-2-11-0, Shami 7-3-17-1, Jadeja 5-2-17-1.



Good hand: Ravindra Jadeja’s responsible innings underscored his utility for Team India. ■ AFP

Bowlers put Australia on top

Hazlewood & Co. skittle out woeful England for 67

THE ASHES

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LEEDS

Australia was well-positioned to register a win, that will see it retain the Ashes, after opening up a 283-run lead over England, on day two of the third Test at Headingley on Friday.

The tourists ripped through England to bowl the host out for 67 in its first innings for its lowest Test innings total against Australia since 1948.

Jason Roy’s struggles continued as he fell early before Joe Root followed his golden duck at Lord’s by lasting one more ball on his home ground.

SCOREBOARD

Australia — 1st innings: 179.

England — 1st innings: Rory Burns c Paine b Cummins 9, Jason Roy c Warner b Hazlewood 9, Joe Root c Warner b Hazlewood 0, Joe Denly c Paine b Pattinson 12, Ben Stokes c Warner b Pattinson 8, Jonny Bairstow c Warner b Hazlewood 4, Jos Buttler c Khawaja b Hazlewood 5, Chris Woakes c Paine b Cummins 5, Jofra Archer c Paine b Cummins 7, Stuart Broad (not out) 4, Jack



Deadly: Josh Hazlewood’s five-for wrecked the England line-up on Friday. ■ REUTERS

Rory Burns went next while Ben Stokes edged to David Warner — one of four catches taken by the Australia

opener. Australia, led by Josh Hazlewood’s five for 30, made light work of the England tail.

Ramprakash tipped for NCA batting coach job

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

Jonty Rhodes didn’t make the cut in the top three for the fielding coach’s post but Mark Ramprakash did when it came to the batting coach.

While the No. 1 choice in all the categories was recommended for the post of the national men’s team’s support staff, the second- and third-ranked candidates would be considered for India-A and at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru. “There is no point in looking at second and third positions except in one case where we brought in Mark Ramprakash, otherwise I don’t really see taking them (foreigners). We will be using them for India-A and we might use them for NCA also,” said chief selector M.S.K. Prasad.

What next for Bangar?

However, the shortlist for

batting coach’s post is intriguing since Sanjay Bangar has been placed second, sandwiched between the new batting coach Vikram Rathour and Ramprakash, former England batsman.

Does this mean that Bangar would be considered for the post that’s been vacant? *The Hindu* understands that the selection panel listed Bangar at No. 2 primarily as a mark of respect for his contribution.

The selection panel doesn’t really expect Bangar to take up the NCA role.

That would make Ramprakash — who has expressed desire to work with India’s fringe players after doing the same with England U-19 and England Lions for six years — a prime contender for the NCA batting coach position.

But as Prasad stressed, the final call will be taken by Rahul Dravid, the Head of Cricket at the NCA.

Dream 11, Hyundai, ACC get BCCI’s partners’ rights

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NEW DELHI

The BCCI on Friday announced that Sporta Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (Dream11), LafargeHolcim (ACC Cement and Ambuja Cement) and Hyundai Motor India Ltd. have acquired the official partners’ rights for its international and domestic

matches.

“The consolidated winning bids were at a price of ₹222.74 crore to be paid for the 2019-23 home season.

“The consolidated winning bid was ₹2.59 crore per match, which is at 72% incremental value in comparison to the previous value of ₹1.5 crore,” the BCCI said.

S. DINAKAR
CHENNAI

In a serene setting on a quaint ground circled by trees that swayed in the evening breeze and a lovely pavilion with a clock tower which overlooked the arena, Ambati Rayudu appeared at peace with himself.

The storms that ravaged his mind following the harsh World Cup snub appeared far behind.

It was in this setting on Friday that Rayudu made a significant announcement.

Formal letter soon

“I would be playing in the IPL. I would also be coming back into white ball [domestic] cricket as soon as possible. I will be sending them [the Board] a formal letter soon,” he said.

Even as the World Cup was on in England, Rayudu had announced retirement from all forms of the game.

Although he denies it now, it was an emotional decision from a man who had seldom got his due despite averaging a laudable 47.05 in 55 ODIs.

And here, he was at the IIT-Chemplast ground on Friday, stroking the ball fluently during his 47 for Grand Slam against Jolly Rovers in the VAP Trophy. Rayudu was back.

Asked what forced him to leave the game, Rayudu replied, “I worked for four years for the last World Cup. Then I was not picked. I felt maybe it was time.”



Ambati Rayudu. ■ FILE PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Why then did he change his mind? The 33-year-old Rayudu, who appeared fit and ready, said “I had some time to think. CSK has always been extremely supportive of me, they spoke to me about playing cricket again. I still loved the game, wanted to enjoy it.”

Rayudu said, “My top priority is to get physically fit, to the level I was earlier. But I will not play in the different leagues abroad.”

The man with different strokes is open to the idea of representing India again. “Right now I am taking it as it comes, step by step. I haven’t thought about it [playing for India] so far. But I cannot say no to India if the offer comes.”

After a mental switch, a refreshed Rayudu is back in the hunt.

WADA suspends NDTL accreditation

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has suspended the National Dope Testing Laboratory’s (NDTL) accreditation for a period of up to six months due to non-conformities with the International Standard for Laboratories (ISL).

The flaws, including in relation to the laboratory’s isotope ratio mass spectrometry analytical method as regulated by the relevant technical document, were identified by WADA during a site visit.

The disciplinary proceedings were initiated by WADA’s Laboratory Expert Group (LabEG) in May last.

The process was subsequently carried out by an independent disciplinary committee.

“The suspension, which took effect on August 20, prohibits the NDTL from carrying out any anti-doping activities, including analyses of urine and blood samples,” WADA said in a statement on Friday.

“During the period of suspension, samples that have not yet been analysed by the NDTL; samples currently undergoing a confirmation procedure; and any samples for which an adverse analytical finding has been reported, must be securely transported to another WADA-accredited laboratory.

Decision based on old data: Julaniya

43 of 47 issues raised by WADA have been addressed, says Sports Secretary

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

Reacting to the suspension of NDTL, Union Sports Secretary Radhey Shyam Julaniya denied the WADA charges on Friday.

“The decision is based on their inspection in September 2018 and comes at a time when all compliances have been done. They had pointed out 47 action points, of which on 43 they have accepted the NDTL’s compliance satisfactory.

“On the remaining four, work is near completion. The question is, have they taken into account the fresh developments during the

last visit,” Julaniya told *The Hindu*.

Claiming that a lack of representation on the WADA Board was hurting India — something the government plans to rectify with Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju filing his nomination — Julaniya reiterated that the country was fully compliant to anti-doping rules.

“We were supposed to do 3000 tests (in a calendar year) and we have already done so. But now we will have to send samples out of India. The cost of testing here is less than 25 percent compared to other labs. The government would not want

I have taken cognisance of the issues and a source correction initiated. It is disheartening that WADA has taken this stance. We will appeal against the ban and the process is under way

KIREN RIJIJU
Union Sports Minister

“This is in order to ensure continued high-quality sample analysis, which also helps preserve athletes’ confidence in this process and the wider anti-doping system,” the statement said. NDTL can appeal this de-

cision in the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 21 days of receipt of notice.

During its suspension, NDTL “shall address all non-conformities” in any request for corrective action or otherwise, as well as any additional non-conformities identified during any follow-up WADA site visit.”

If NDTL satisfies the LabEG about these requirements, it can apply for reinstatement prior to the expiry of the six-month suspension period.

In case it does not address the non-conformities by the end of six months, WADA may extend the suspension for up to an additional six months.

Sai Praneeth ends a 36-year-long wait

First Indian male since Padukone to be assured of a medal; Sindhu, too, makes semifinals

BADMINTON WORLDS

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B. Sai Praneeth became the first Indian male shuttler in 36 years to grab a medal in the World Championships while P.V. Sindhu secured her fifth medal following a stunning comeback here on Friday.

On a day of double delight for India, Sindhu staged a come-from-behind victory over Chinese Taipei’s Tai Tzu Ying, before Praneeth ended an agonising wait with a straight-game win over Indonesia’s Jonatan Christie.

Sindhu edged past World No. 2 and Asian Games gold medallist Tzu Ying 12-21, 23-21, 21-19 in a pulsating contest that lasted 71 minutes, inching closer to an elusive gold medal at the Worlds.

World No. 19 Praneeth,



Closer to glory: P.V. Sindhu is ecstatic after bouncing back to best Tai Tzu Ying. ■ REUTERS

who got the Arjuna Award this year, notched up a 24-22, 21-14 win over Asian Games gold medallist Christie of In-

donesia in a 51-minute battle, joining Prakash Padukone in the medal list at the tournament. Padukone had won

bronze in the 1983 edition.

In the opening game, the Indian jumped to an 8-4 lead, but the Indonesian

clawed back at 10-10 before Praneeth managed a slender 11-10 advantage at the break. The duo continued its battle before Praneeth grabbed a game point at 20-19 with a cross-court smash but Christie turned the tables to enjoy a game point himself.

Praneeth had the last laugh with a powerful smash which the Indonesian hit wide and then his rival’s weak return got buried at the net.

The second game turned out to be a one-way traffic as Praneeth came out with all cylinders blazing to, first surge to a 7-1 lead, and then a massive 11-3 advantage at the break.

Christie narrowed the gap to 12-15 but the Indian stepped up to grab six match points, punishing a weak return and then shutting the door on the former which went wide.

PKL

S. PRASANNA VENKATESAN
CHENNAI

Tamil Thalaivas lost its last home match 29-24 to U Mumba in the ProKabaddi League (PKL) here on Friday.

Rahul Chaudhari top-scored with six points for Thalaivas, while M.S. Athul scored a maximum of seven for U Mumba.

Rahul appeared to be in pain, taking an unintended blow to the head as Fazel Atrachali made a particularly rough tackle on him. Rahul, who had managed to touch a defender, was rushing to his side of the court when Fazel dashed at and tried to hold him. Thalaivas led 9-6.

Thalaivas’ Mohit Chhillar pulled off a remarkable tackle on Athul, as he got to the front of the raider who had made the touch and was returning, and locked him into



Pinned down: U Mumba players come up with a successful tackle against Tamil Thalaivas’ Ajay Thakur. ■ R. RAGU

a hold. Thalaivas was up 10-6. Abhishek Singh and Harendra Kumar came up with a super tackle on Rahul for U Mumba to get to 9-12 from 7-12.

Earlier, Gujarat Fortune-giants beat Patna Pirates 29-26.

Captain Pardeep Narwal, again, top-scored for Pirates with nine points, and the

team’s second best raider Mohammad Maghsoudlou managed only four points. Whereas, Gujarat’s best raiders Rohit Gulia (10) and G.B. More (6) shared 16 points among them.

The results: Gujarat Fortune-giants 29 (Rohit Gulia 10) bt Patna Pirates 26 (Pardeep Narwal 9); U Mumba 29 (M.S. Athul 7) bt Tamil Thalaivas 24 (Rahul Chaudhari 6).