

Slowly but steadily India extends lead

West Indies bowled out for 222 after Holder and Cummins frustrate the visitors; Ishant scalps five

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NORTH SOUND (ANTIGUA)

India extended its lead to 173, but the West Indies stayed well in the game with three wickets in the second session of day three of the first Test here on Saturday.

Roston Chase took the wickets of the Indian openers, while Kumar Roach got the big wicket of Cheteshwar Pujara as India went to tea with the score reading 98 for three.

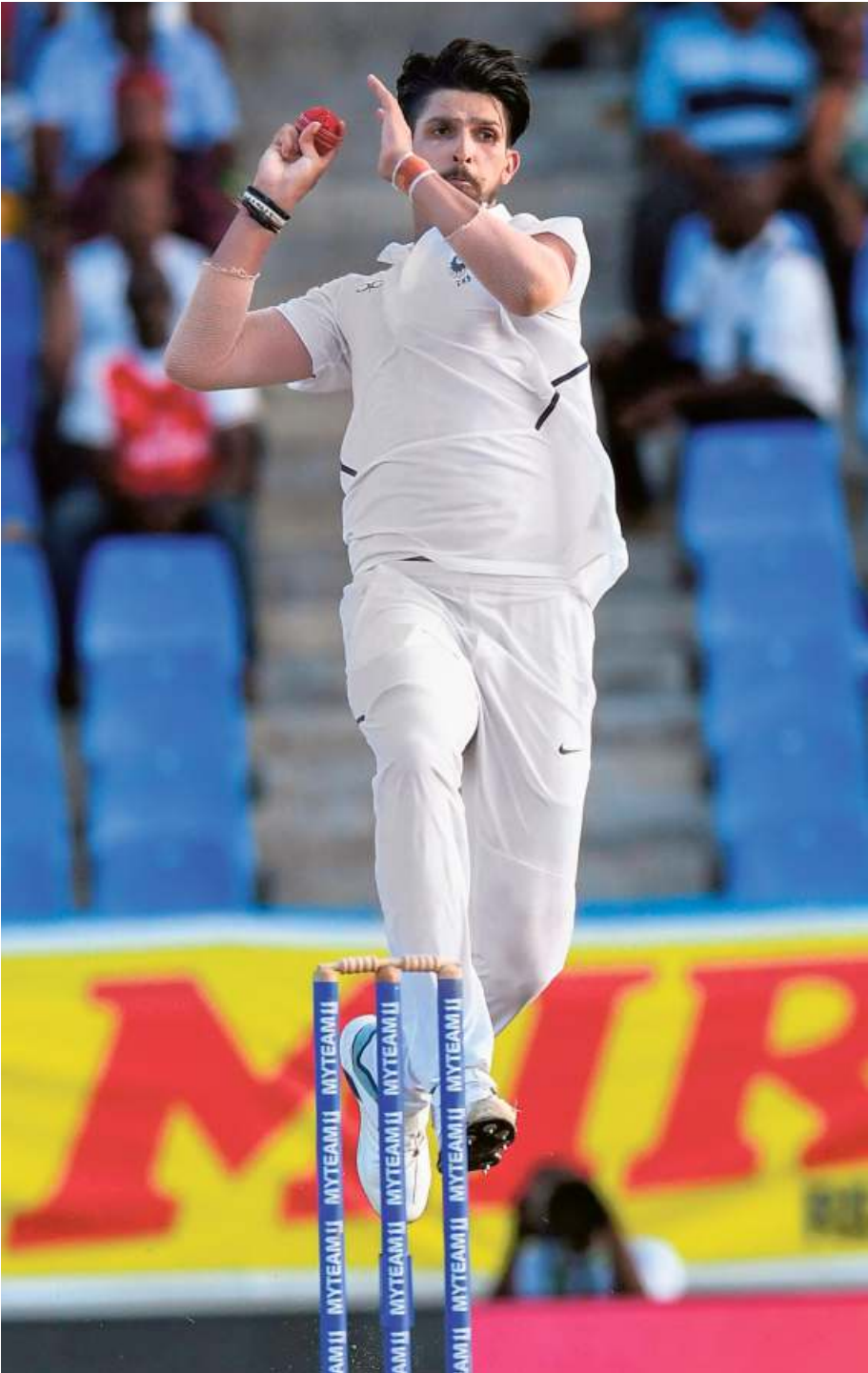
India, however, is very much in the driver's seat in the context of the match with captain Virat Kohli and deputy Ajinkya Rahane in the middle. Kohli was on 14 off 28 balls while Rahane was on five off 13 when the umpires called for tea.

Mayank Agarwal and K.L. Rahul gave India a steady start with a 30-run opening stand. The partnership was broken when Mayank fell leg before to Chase. His partner told him not to review the decision as it looked plumb, but replays surprisingly showed that the ball would have missed leg-stump.

Pujara and Rahul added 43 runs for the second wicket and were looking strong when the latter ended up missing everything while attempting to sweep Chase.

In the very next over, Pujara was done in by a peach from Roach. The delivery was pitched at length and moved in instead of going the other way. It breached Pujara's defence and knocked down the stumps. Kohli and Rahane have since kept the bowlers at bay.

India dismissed the West Indies for 222 after host skipper Jason Holder and Miguel Cummins provided resistance for much of the first session, managing a first-innings lead of 75 runs. Ishant Sharma's late burst broke the



Breathing fire: Ishant Sharma broke the back of the West Indies batting with his five-for. • AFP

back of the West Indies batting.

India was frustrated by Holder and Cummins.

India got the breakthrough an over later, when Mo-

ammed Shami got Holder to nick to wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant.

A dubious record
The West Indies innings did

not last long after that, with Jadeja dismissing Cummins off the first ball of the next over. Cummins fell for the fifth longest duck in terms of balls faced in Test history.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA - 1ST INNINGS: 297.
WEST INDIES - 1ST INNINGS
Kraigg Brathwaite c & b Ishant 14 (51b, 1x4), John Campbell b Shami 23 (30b, 4x4), Shamar Brooks c Rahane b Jadeja 11 (36b, 1x4), Darren Bravo lbw b Bumrah 18 (27b, 2x4, 1x6), Roston Chase c Rahul b Ishant 48 (74b, 5x4, 1x6), Shai Hope c Pant b Sharma 24 (65b, 1x4), Shimron Hetmyer c & b Ishant 35 (47b, 3x4), Jason Holder c Pant b Shami 39 (65b, 5x4), Kumar Roach c Kohli b Ishant 0 (3b), Miguel Cummins b Jadeja 0 (45b), Shannon Gabriel (not out) 2 (5b); Extras (b-4, lb-1, nb-2, w-1): 8; Total (in 74.2 overs): 222.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-36 (Campbell, 7.6 ov), 2-48 (Brathwaite, 17.5), 3-50 (Brooks, 20.3 ov), 4-88 (Bravo, 29.1), 5-130 (Chase, 42.2), 6-174 (Hope, 53.6), 7-179 (Hetmyer, 55.3 ov), 8-179 (Roach, 55.6), 9-220 (Holder, 73.1).

INDIA BOWLING
Ishant 17-5-43-5, Bumrah 18-4-55-1, Shami 17-3-48-2, Jadeja 20-2-4-64-2, Vihari 2-0-7-0

INDIA - 2ND INNINGS
K.L. Rahul b Chase 38 (85b, 4x4), Mayank Agarwal lbw b Chase 16 (43b, 2x4), Cheteshwar Pujara b Roach 25 (53b, 1x4), Virat Kohli (batting) 14 (28b, 1x4), Ajinkya Rahane (batting) 5 (13b); Total (for three wickets, in 37 overs): 98.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-30 (Mayank, 13.2), 2-73 (Rahul, 29.2), 3-81 (Pujara, 30.5).

WEST INDIES BOWLING
Roach 7-2-13-1, Gabriel 5-1-18-0, Chase 15-3-42-2, Holder 7-1-16-0, Cummins 2-0-5-0, Campbell 1-0-4-0.

Indians players wear black armbands

The Indian cricket team wore black armbands as a mark of respect for former union minister and veteran cricket administrator Arun Jaitley, who passed away on Saturday after prolonged illness

BCCI condoles Jaitley's demise

Tributes pour in from former players and administrators

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The BCCI on Saturday condoled the demise of Arun Jaitley, describing him a "remarkable statesman" and an "able and respected" cricket administrator.

"A remarkable statesman, Jaitley was a passionate cricket follower and will always be remembered as one of the most able and respected cricket administrators," BCCI said in a press release.

The BCCI also lauded the former DDCA president for bringing in change in the State cricket's administration.

"The BCCI shares the pain and grief of the Jaitley family and prays for the departed soul," the Board said.

Father figure

Former India opener Gautam Gambhir said: "A father teaches u to speak but a father figure teaches u to talk. A father teaches u to walk but a father figure teaches u to march on. A father gives u a name but a father figure



Arun Jaitley. • PTI

gives u an identity. A part of me is gone with my Father Figure Shri Arun Jaitley Ji. RIP Sir," Gambhir tweeted.

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju termed it a personal loss. "Extremely saddened to learn the passing away of @arunjaitley ji. Arun ji was a brilliant lawyer and a great parliamentarian. He will be missed & remembered for his warmth & wit. My heartfelt condolences to his family and supporters," Rijiju tweeted.

"Shocked & saddened to hear about the passing away

of Shri Arun Jaitley ji. He was always willing to help others. He took out his precious time back in 2006 when my father passed away to come to my home & pay his condolences. May his soul rest in peace," Kohli tweeted.

Also expressing their grief were Virender Sehwag, Shikhar Dhawan, Yuvraj Singh, Mithali Raj and R. Ashwin, among others, through a series of tweets.

Special Correspondent reports from Mumbai

Sanjay Patel, former BCCI secretary said: "One of the finest persons involved in the BCCI administration. He was a great trouble shooter. When my name was suggested for BCCI secretary's post and when I was reluctant he told me that in crisis one should not run away.

Ratnakar Shetty, former BCCI Jt. secretary and CAO and GM, Game Development said: "Jaitley was the BCCI vice-president for five years. His advice and guidance was always sought on different matters. His contribution as

member of the IPL GC in the formative years was important. He was a part of the BCCI disciplinary committee that found Lalit Modi guilty.

"Unfortunately he was not a part of the BCCI when the Justice Lodha Committee was constituted because he would have certainly given proper advice. It was he who advised Shashank Manohar to become the president again in 2015.

Sports Reporter reports from Chennai

Former BCCI president N. Srinivasan condoled the demise of Jaitley on Saturday.

"Shri Arun Jaitley's passing away leaves a void difficult to fill. Not only was he a great lawyer and a successful finance minister, he was also, through his abiding interest in cricket, a stalwart of the BCCI for over two decades. A personal friend, I shall miss him," said Srinivasan.

The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association and other State associations also condoled the demise.

Sindhu in third successive final

Holder Momota ends Praneeth's impressive run



Great going: P.V. Sindhu was a picture of perfection as she outclassed Chen Yu Fei. • AFP

BADMINTON WORLDS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BASEL (SWITZERLAND)

India's P.V. Sindhu is one victory away from an elusive World badminton championships gold after storming into her third successive final with a 21-7, 21-14 victory in 40 minutes over World No. 3 and All England champion Chen Yu Fei of China here on Saturday.

Sindhu set up a pulsating summit clash with Japan's World No. 4 Nozomi Okuhara, who beat Ratanchook Inatton of Thailand 17-21, 21-18, 21-15.

Meanwhile, B. Sai Praneeth's impressive run ended as he lost 21-13, 21-8 to defending champion and World No. 1 Kento Momota of Japan in a lop-sided semifinal and finished with a bronze. Praneeth's attacking game couldn't dent the defence of an in-form Momota as he lost in 41 minutes.

Praneeth also became the first Indian man in 36 years to win a medal in the prestigious tournament. Prakash Padukone was the first to win a men's singles World Championships medal - a bronze - in the 1983 edition.

Earlier, Sindhu, who had claimed successive silver in the last two editions beside two bronze medals, was a picture of perfection as she

outclassed Chen.

Sindhu, who came into the match with a 5-3 head-to-head record against Chen, grabbed the initiative quickly.

Angled returns

She dished out a compact game, producing angled returns to push Chen to the corners. Sindhu retrieved well and punished any weak return from her rival to dominate the rallies.

In the men's section, Praneeth's attacking game

couldn't dent the defence of an in-form Momota.

The results (semifinals):
Men: Kento Momota (Jpn) bt B. Sai Praneeth 21-13, 21-8.
Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Chen Yu Fei (Chn) 21-7, 21-14; Nozomi Okuhara (Jpn) bt Ratanchook Inatton (Tha) 17-21, 21-18, 21-15.

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'Very special' for Praneeth

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

B. Sai Praneeth, pitchforked himself into the World championship semifinal for the first time in his career. But, faltered on Saturday against defending champion, Kento Momota.

"Yes, unlike the Super Series titles (he was champion in the 2017 Singapore and Thailand Opens), a World championship medal stands out as an everlasting memory and I am proud to be the first Indian after the great Prakash Sir to win another one for country

(in men's section)," said a visibly elated Praneeth in a chat with *The Hindu*.

"This Worlds is a very special for me for I finally got a medal at this level and I should cherish this for long," said Praneeth.

"Definitely, disappointing to lose this way in Worlds semifinal but credit to Momota for the way he played. He was on a different plane altogether," the Indian said.

"In the Olympic qualifying year for next year's Tokyo Games, the bronze in Worlds should mean a lot to me," he concluded.

Root digs deep to keep Australia at bay

England requires another 203 runs with seven wickets for victory

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Captain Joe Root ensured England did not repeat its first innings collapse. With an unbeaten 75 he ensured the host had a chance at redemption. At the end of day three of the third Ashes Test at Headingley, England was 156 for three. Giving Root company was Ben Stokes who faced 50 balls for just two runs. Earlier, Joe Denly and Root put on 126 runs for the third wicket.

Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood dismissed the England openers within the first seven overs of the innings. Rory Burns' jab off the last ball of the sixth over ended up flying to the razor sharp David Warner at first slip.

In the next over, Jason Roy's horror run as England's Test opener continued when he was left clueless to a snorter from Pat Cummins and lost his off

stump. Roy was dismissed for eight.

It looked like England might be in for another collapse but Root and Denly managed to stem the rot. Hazlewood and Cummins consistently tried to get an edge off the pair but the two dug in and that meant that Australia got only two wickets from the session.

Earlier, it was a decent start to the morning session for the English bowlers as they picked up the remaining four wickets for 75 runs. Marnus Labuschagne stole the show with a gritty 80 off 187 balls.



Holding fort: Joe Root, unbeaten on 75 at stumps, is the key to England's chances of pulling off victory. • GETTY IMAGES

SCOREBOARD

Australia - 1st innings: 179.
England - 1st innings: 67.
Australia - 2nd innings: Marcus Harris b Leach 19, David Warner lbw b Broad 0, Usman Khawaja c Roy b Woakes 23, Marnus Labuschagne run out 80, Travis Head b Stokes 25, Matthew Wade c Bairstow b Stokes 33, Tim Paine c Denly b Broad 0, James Pattinson c Root b Archer 20, Pat Cummins c Burns b Stokes 6,

Nathan Lyon b Archer 9, Josh Hazlewood (not out) 4; Extras (b-5, lb-13, nb-7, w-2): 27; Total (in 75.2 overs): 246.
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-36, 3-52, 4-97, 5-163, 6-164, 7-215, 8-226, 9-237.

England bowling: Archer 14-2-40-2, Broad 16-2-52-2, Woakes 10-1-34-1, Leach 11-0-46-1, Stokes 24-2-7-56-3.

England - 2nd innings: Rory

Burns c Warner b Hazlewood 7, Jason Roy b Cummins 8, Joe Root (batting) 75, Joe Denly c Paine b Hazlewood 50, Ben Stokes (batting) 2; Extras (b-4, lb-6, nb-1, w-3): 14; Total (for three wkts. in 72 overs): 156.

Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-15, 3-141.
Australia bowling: Cummins 15-3-33-1, Hazlewood 18-6-35-2, Lyon 21-3-42-0, Pattinson 13-3-23-0, Labuschagne 5-0-13-0.

Liverpool dispatches Arsenal yet again thanks to a Salah brace



Super finish: Salah left the Arsenal defence for dead to score Liverpool's third. • GETTY IMAGES

EURO LEAGUES

REUTERS
LIVERPOOL

Liverpool made it three wins out of three as Mohamed Salah scored twice in a convincing 3-1 victory over Arsenal on Saturday to take control at the top of the Premier League.

Arsenal had won its opening two games and the Gunners' record signing, winger Nicolas Pepe, could have opened the scoring three times as he threatened on the counter-attack.

Yet four minutes before the break, the European champion, who dominated

the early possession, broke the deadlock with Joel Matip rising to power home a header from a Trent Alexander-Arnold corner.

Liverpool doubled its lead just four minutes after the restart as David Luiz blatantly pulled Salah's shirt in the box and the Egyptian hammered home the resulting spot kick.

Luiz's bad day continued when he was left for dead by Salah, who burst goalwards and then superbly buried the ball in the far bottom corner to make it 3-0.

Earlier, a stoppage-time goal by defender Patrick van Aanholt gave Crystal Palace a memorable 2-1 win at Man-

chester United.

Van Aanholt powered a shot past United keeper David De Gea following a howler by Paul Pogba after Daniel James scored in the 89th minute to cancel out a first-half opener by Jordan Ayew.

Ayew scored against the run of play in the 32nd minute as Palace punished United's lack of creativity in midfield and bite up front, with Marcus Rashford missing a 70th-minute penalty for the home side.

Frank Lampard celebrated his first victory as Chelsea manager with Tammy Abraham's double inspiring their 3-2 win over Norwich City in a pulsating encounter at Car-

row Road.

The results:
Premier League: Norwich 2 (Cantwell 6, Pukki 31) lost to Chelsea 3 (Abraham 3, 68, Mount 17); Brighton 0 lost to Southampton 2 (Djenepo 55, Redmond 90+1); Manchester United 1 (James 89) lost to Crystal Palace 2 (Ayew 32, Van Aanholt 90+3); Sheffield United 1 (McBurnie 62) lost to Leicester 2 (Vardy 38, Barnes 70); Watford 1 (Gray 17) lost to West Ham 3 (Noble 3-pen, Haller 64, 73).

Liverpool 3 (Matip 41, Salah 49-p, 58) bt Arsenal 1 (Torreira 85).
La Liga: Levante 2 (Marti 68-p, 73-p) bt Villarreal 1 (Moreno 3).

Serie A: Parma 0 lost to Juventus 1 (Chiellini 21).

Bundesliga: Fortuna Duesseldorf 1 (Morales 82) lost to Bayer Leverkusen 3 (Baker 6-og, Aranguiz 33, Bellarabi 39); Mainz 1 (Quaison 18) lost to Borussia Monchengladbach 3 (Lainer 31, Plea 78, Embolo 79); Augsburg 1 (Vargas 59) drew with Union Berlin 1 (Andersson 80); Paderborn 1 (Mamba 3) lost to Freiburg 3 (Waldschmidt 21-pen, Petersen 40, Kwon 90+1); Hoffenheim 3 (Bicakcic 54, Bebout 59, Kaderabek 87) bt Werder Bremen 2 (Fuellkrug 42, Osako 81).

Schalke 0 lost to Bayern Munich 3 (Lewandowski 20-p, 50, 75).

Friday: Premier League: Aston Villa 2 (Wesley 22, El Ghazi 90+5) bt Everton 0.

La Liga: Granada 0 lost to Sevilla 1 (Jordan 52).