

Bumrah's fiery spell blows away the West Indies in opening Test

His five-for, supported by Ishant's three and Shami's two, helps India thrash the hosts by a whopping 318 runs inside four days

INDIA IN WI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NORTH SOUND (ANTIGUA)

Jasprit Bumrah led a devastating fast bowling assault as India shot out the West Indies for 100 and registered a crushing 318-run victory in the first Test at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Sunday.

Set an improbable target of 419 after Virat Kohli declared the visitors' second innings at 343 for seven, the hosts were dismissed in 26.5 overs for their lowest total against India, with Bumrah returning sensational figures of five for seven off eight overs.

Another dimension

Four of his victims were comprehensively bowled in an irresistible spell in which he displayed a previously unseen ability to swing the ball both ways.

"I've been working a lot on this aspect of my game and I am really happy to see how it worked today," he said. "I was a bit stiff in the first innings, but it all came out well today. I just have to keep on learning my craft."

Ishant Sharma supported Bumrah brilliantly with the new ball, taking three for 31 to finish with eight wickets in

Vihari got the nod because combination is important. He's an effective part-time bowler and helps us when we need to catch up with the over-rate

VIRAT KOHLI
On preferring Vihari over Rohit



Fast bowler's delight: Jasprit Bumrah sends Darren Bravo's stump cartwheeling. • AFP

the Test.

Mohammed Shami chipped in with two wickets as West Indies was reduced to 50 for nine. It took some big hitting from Kemar Roach, who top-scored with 38, to double the side's total.

It was Ishant who ended Roach's resistance and sealed victory, as wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant took a well-judged catch off a top-edged hook.

After Ajinkya Rahane completed his 10th Test hundred and Hanuma Vihari fell seven runs short of his maiden Test

Second Test
• Aug. 30 to Sept. 3, Kingston (Jamaica)

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS: 297
WEST INDIES — 1ST INNINGS: 222
INDIA — 2ND INNINGS: 343 for seven decl.
WEST INDIES — 2ND INNINGS: Kraigg Brathwaite c Pant b Bumrah 1 (4b), John Campbell b Bumrah 7 (15b, 1x4), Shamarrh Brooks lbw b Ishant 2 (5b), Darren Bravo b Bumrah 2 (10b), Shimron Hetmyer c Rahane b Ishant 1 (12b), Roston Chase b Shami 12 (29b, 1x4), Shai Hope b Bumrah 2 (17b), Jason Holder b Bumrah 8 (19b, 1x4), Kemar Roach c Pant b Ishant 38 (31b, 1x4, 5x6), Shannon Gabriel c Pant b Shami 0 (4b), Miguel Cummins (not out) 19 (22b, 2x4, 1x6); Extras (lb-7, nb-1): 8; Total (in 26.5 overs): 100.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-7 (Brathwaite, 1.4 ov), 2-10 (Campbell, 3.5), 3-10 (Brooks, 4.1), 4-13 (Hetmyer, 6.6), 5-15 (Bravo, 7.3), 6-27 (Hope, 11.1), 7-37 (Holder, 15.2), 8-50 (Chase, 19.2), 9-50 (Gabriel, 19.6).

INDIA BOWLING
Ishant 9.5-1-31-3, Bumrah 8-4-7-5, Jadeja 4-0-42-0, Shami 5-3-13-2.

Man-of-the-Match: Rahane.
India won by 318 runs and leads two match series 1-0.

century, prompting the declaration, Bumrah and Ishant were on fire.

Bumrah was the first to strike, extending Kraigg Brathwaite's protracted run of low scores. He also castled Brathwaite's opening partner John Campbell and senior batsman Darren Bravo.

Ishant trapped debutant

STAT SPHERE

1 Bumrah has become the first bowler from an Asian country to record five-wicket hauls in Tests in Australia, England, South Africa and West Indies. He has achieved this in only 11 Tests



1 Bumrah is the first Indian pacer to have four 'bowled' dismissals to his credit in a Test innings

5/7 His spell is the most economical for a five-wicket haul by an Indian in Tests

FIVE-FORS BY INDIANS
• Bumrah 5/7 vs WI, North Sound, 2019

• Raju 6/12 vs SL, Chandigarh, 1990

• Jadeja 5/12 vs SA, Mohali, 2015

• Harbhajan 5/13 vs WI, Kingston, 2006

• Gupte 5/18 vs Pakistan, Dhaka, 1955

• Srinath 6/21 vs SA, Ahmedabad, 1996

12 Number of victories under Kohli in Tests outside India, the most by a skipper. He edged past Ganguly (11 wins).

MOST 'AWAY' TEST WINS BY INDIAN CAPTAINS

12 Kohli (26 Tests)

11 Ganguly (28)

6 Dhoni (30)

5 Dravid (17)

18 Number of wickets the Indian pacers took in the match, the most for a subcontinent side in a Test in West Indies. India had also taken an identical number of wickets in Bridgetown, 1997

22 India's unbeaten run in Tests against the West Indies, its longest against any country. This is also Windies' biggest winless streak against any opponent

27 Number of Test wins for Kohli, equalling Dhoni's record

MOST TEST VICTORIES BY INDIAN SKIPPERS
27 Kohli (47 Tests)
27 Dhoni (60)
21 Ganguly (49)
14 Azharuddin (47)
9 Pataudi (40)
9 Gavaskar (47)

29 Number of innings Rahane had gone without a century before the second innings of the North Sound Test. His previous hundred was in 2017 at Colombo (SSC)

100 Number of wins notched up by Kohli in International matches (out of 152). He is the third Indian, and 12th overall,

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New Zealand dazzles in fading light

Registers an innings win over Sri Lanka, levels the two-match series 1-1

KIWIS IN SL

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
COLOMBO

New Zealand held its nerve to clinch a hard-fought and comprehensive victory against Sri Lanka in fading light in the second cricket Test here on Monday and level the two-match series 1-1.

Victory was achieved with an hour left on day five when Lasith Embuldeniya edged a short delivery from Trent Boult to Kane Williamson at gully. Sri Lanka was bowled out for 122 after New Zealand declared its second innings on 431 for six with a first-innings lead of 185.

The game went to the last hour of day five, and although 19.4 overs remained when tailender Embuldeniya was the last man dismissed, umpires could have called off play at any time with the light fast-deteriorating.

The Kiwi bowlers hurried through their deliveries knowing that they were racing against time.



Easy one: Dhananjaya de Silva's stay in the middle ends as he is caught by Tim Southee. • AP

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka — 1st innings: 244.
New Zealand — 1st innings: Jeet Raval c de Silva b Dilruwan O, Tom Latham lbw Dilruwan 154, Kane Williamson c Mendis b Kumara 20, Ross Taylor c de Silva b Embuldeniya 23, Henry Nicholls c de Silva b Dilruwan 15, B-J. Watling (not out) 105, Colin de Grandhomme c Kumara b Embuldeniya 83, Tim Southee (not out) 24; Extras (lb-4, w-3): 7; Total (for six wkts. decl. in 115 overs): 431.

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-34, 3-84, 4-126, 5-269, 6-382.

Sri Lanka bowling: Dilruwan Perera 37-4-114-3, de Silva 5-1-

10-0, Lakmal 11-2-32-0, Kumara 25-0-115-1, Embuldeniya 37-4-156-2.

Sri Lanka — 2nd innings: Lahiru Thirimanne (run out) O, Kusal Perera c Watling b Boult 0, Kusal Mendis b Somerville 20, Angelo Mathews c Taylor b de Grandhomme 7, Dhananjaya de Silva c Southee b Ajaz 1, Niroshan Dickwella c Latham b Ajaz 51, Dimuth Karunaratne lbw b Southee 21, Dilruwan Perera c Taylor b Southee 0, Suranga Lakmal c Latham b Somerville 14, Lasith Embuldeniya c Williamson b Boult 5, Lahiru Kumara (not out) 0; Ex-

tras (lb-2, w-1): 3; Total (in 70.2 overs): 122.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-4, 3-11, 4-22, 5-32, 6-73, 7-75, 8-115, 9-118.

New Zealand bowling: Boult 14.2-8-17-2, Southee 12-6-15-2, Ajaz 19-3-31-2, de Grandhomme 4-1-8-1, Somerville 21-6-49-2.

New Zealand won by an innings and 65 runs and shared the two-match series 1-1.

Player-of-the-match: Tom Latham; **Player-of-the-series:** B-J. Watling.

EXCLUSIVE

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

A one-page, hand-written note by P. Gopi Chand, the chief national badminton coach, long before he won the 2001 All England championship is the driving force behind his passion to keep producing champion shuttlers.

Gopi's mother, Subbaravamma, who is the livewire in the functioning of the two Gopi Chand Academies at Gachibowli, recalls the note in which her son states: "I am an Indian. I cannot dream of better facilities like the other big stars in world circuit.

"But, I have to train with whatever is available and still try to win at the highest level." That he won the All England later is now history!

Not found wanting
She says that this is exactly



Guiding light: P. Gopi Chand with his protégés Sai Praneeth and Sindhu after their exploits in Basel. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the reason Gopi ensures that none of his trainees are found wanting in terms of support on any front.

Gopi's mother feels that this is also the significant factor which helps him strike the near-perfect balance in training the two superstars of Indian badminton — London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Neh-

wal and the new World champion P.V. Sindhu. For Subbaravamma, it has been a different kind of challenge.

She — along with Gopi's wife, Lakshmi, and other family members — has to ensure that the chief coach is always fresh for the daily grind at the academy.

Even when the champion

shuttlers preferred to have separate training schedules, Gopi never went against either. His priorities were different — to see both of them in the race for an Olympic or a World championship medal.

Major difference

The one major difference now for Gopi is the induction of Korean Kim Ji Hyun, a former Asian Games gold medallist.

She now takes more care of the women's singles players with Gopi chipping in only with critical inputs.

For someone whom it was a distant dream even to hold a foreign racket during his hey days, Gopi's shopping list now when on tour means buying badminton rackets and other gear which he gives it to the needy on his return.

"The joy on his face in giving them to the young talent is perhaps what keeps all of us going," concludes Subbaravamma.

Medvedev proves too good for Prajnesh

Indian fails to maintain the intensity after beginning aggressively

US OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW YORK

Prajnesh Gunneswaran got a taste of high-level tennis in his first-round exit from the US Open, losing to World No. 5 Daniil Medvedev in straight sets, here on Monday.

The gulf between Prajnesh and top-10 players was apparent as he lost 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 to the Russian, who had



Steaming ahead: Daniil Medvedev had the measure of Prajnesh Gunneswaran in straight sets. • AP

recently beaten Novak Djokovic.

The Indian left-hander began aggressively but could not maintain the intensity after losing the well-fought first set at Louis Armstrong Stadium.

The pressure induced unending unforced errors from Prajnesh, who was trying too hard.

He had the heart to fight but lacked the experience of playing at this level against the best in the business.

Prajnesh's body language was aggressive while Medvedev largely remained calm; the Russian served big and his solid returns in long rallies helped him take those extra points.

"I can't say I'm feeling amazing about my game but to win by that score in the first round is great," Medvedev said. "I hope I can continue to play well."

Kerber out

In an early upset on the opening day, the 2016 women's champion Angelique Kerber was bundled out by Kristina Mladenovic 7-5, 0-6, 6-4.

Reigning French Open women's champion Ashleigh Barty shook off a horrid first set to defeat Kazakhstan's Zarina Diyas, third seed Karolina Pliskova struggled into the second round while the 2014 men's runner-up Kei Nishikori of Japan needed only 47 minutes to advance.

THE RESULTS

Men: 5-Daniil Medvedev (Rus) bt Prajnesh Gunneswaran (Ind) 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

27-Dusan Lajovic (Srb) bt Steve Darcis (Bel) 7-5, 6-3, 6-3; Jensen Brooksby (USA) bt Tomas Berdych (Cze) 6-1, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; Bradley Klahn (USA) bt Thiago Monteiro (Bra) 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; 7-Kei Nishikori (Jpn) bt Marco Trungelliti (Arg) 6-1, 4-1 ret'd.

Women: Kristina Mladenovic (Fra) bt 14-Angelique Kerber (Ger) 7-5, 0-6, 6-4; Rebecca Peterson (Swe) bt Monica Puig (Pur) 6-3, 6-3; Ons Jabeur (Tun) bt 27-Caroline Garcia (Fra) 7-6 (8), 6-2; 3-Karolina Pliskova (Cze) bt Tereza Martincova (Cze) 7-6(6), 7-6(3); Ana Bogdan (Rom) bt Harriet Reid (GBR) 6-3, 6-1; 12-Anastasija Sevastova (Lat) bt Eugenie Bouchard (Can) 6-3, 6-3; 2-Ashleigh Barty (Aus) bt Zarina Diyas (Kaz) 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; 16-Johanna Konta (GBR) bt Daria Kasatkina (Rus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; Ekaterina Alexandrova (Rus) bt Samantha Stosur (Aus) 6-1, 6-3; 22-Petra Martic (Cro) bt Tamara Zidansek (Slo) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

PKL

ANANT KAUR
NEW DELHI

Haryana Steelers won a raid riot against the Bengal Warriors 36-33 in a tightly-contested match at Thyagaraj Stadium here on Monday.

Vikas Kandola was again the star for the Steelers. After two empty raids, he earned the first two points in a do-or-die situation.

Two minutes into the game, teammate Vinay successfully carried out a Super Raid, taking out three defenders Viraj Landge, Jeeva Kumar and Rinku Narwal.

Warriors' K. Prapanjan then removed Kandola, Sunil, Ravi Kumar and Vinay in a Super Raid to help his side lead 8-7.

After Warriors had inflicted an All-Out in the 11th minute, the first half score settled at 17-18 after Kandola's raid had ousted Baldev Singh and Landge.



Hero! Vikas Khandola, trying to get back to safety, was the stand-out performer for Haryana Steelers against Bengal Warriors. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

In the second half, Steelers inflicted an All-Out in the 22nd minute as Kandola took down Nabibabakhsh.

With this Super raid, Kandola registered 300 raid points in the PKL and also reached the milestone of ten Super 10s.

Crucial contributions were made by the raiders of both teams with Warriors' Maninder Singh earning 15

points and Kandola getting 11. In the process, Maninder also registered 600 raid points in the the league.

In the last 70 seconds, the match decisively turned in Haryana's favour. Dharmaraj Cheralathan, the 44-year-old stalwart, steadied the defence to secure an important win for the Steelers.

The results: Haryana Steelers bt Bengal Warriors 36-33; UP Yodha bt Puneri Paltan 35-30.