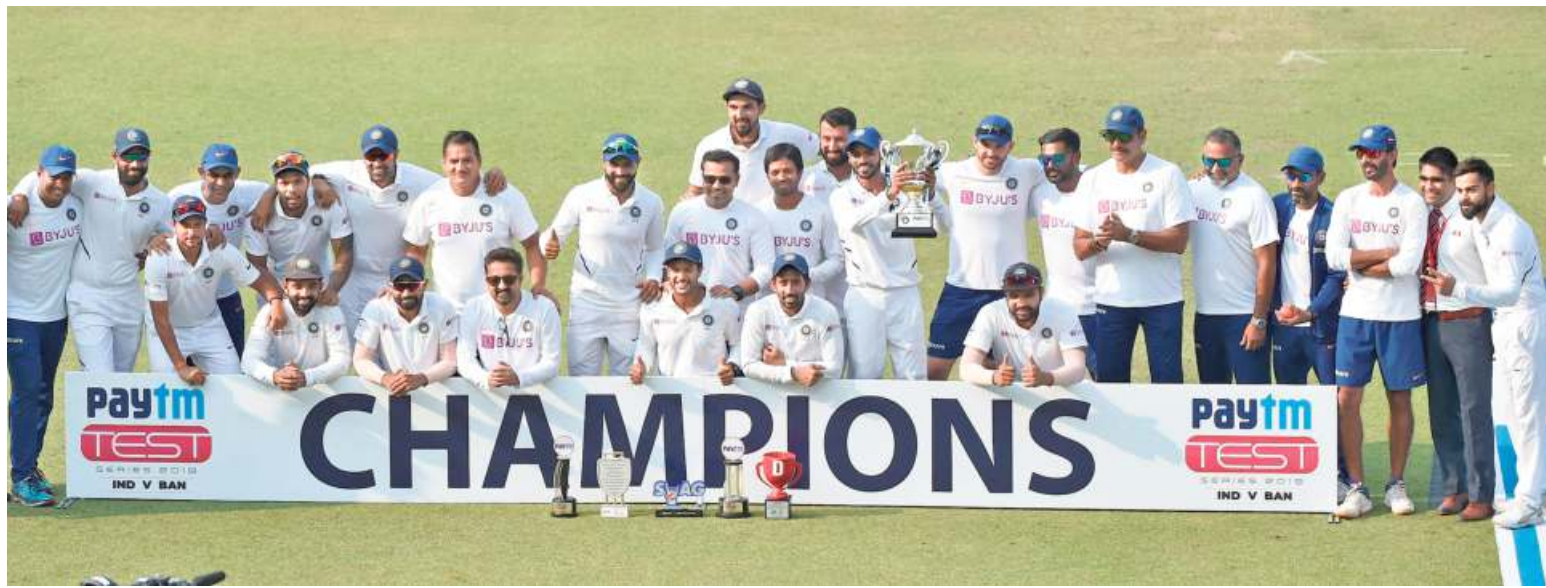


India completes another annihilation in quick time

Ishant and Umesh finish with a combined match-haul of 17 wickets as Bangladesh loses by an innings and 46 runs



Runaway winners: Team India has every reason to be proud of its overwhelming sweep of the Bangladesh series. ■K.R. DEEPAK

DAY-NIGHT TEST

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA
It took 47 minutes and 52 deliveries on day three for India to wrap up the Bangladesh second innings and win its first-ever day-night Test by an innings and 46 runs.

The 2-0 sweep of the series at the Eden Gardens here on Sunday has consolidated India's position at the International Cricket Council World Test Championship table, having reached 360 points.

The Virat Kohli-led Indian side touched a new high by winning its seventh straight

Test – its best-ever winning streak – and closed its home season on an encouraging note. India also became the first team in Test history to record four successive Test victories.

The match also underlined the might of the pacers – who claimed all 19 wickets to fall – as India won a home Test without any contribution from its spinners.

Facing the inevitable, Bangladesh, resuming at 152 for six, added 43 runs to close at 195 for nine as Mahmudullah, who had retired hurt the previous evening due to a hamstring issue, was unable to return.

Bangladesh lost its seventh wicket off the 10th ball of the day. Ebadot Hossain, who joined Mushfiqur Rahim, offered an easy catch to Virat Kohli at third slip off an Umesh Yadav bouncer without a run being added to the overnight total.

The home pacers peppered the tailenders with short ones even as Mushfiqur presented a mixed bag of composure and frustration to gather 25 runs.

Bangladesh's slim hopes of avoiding an innings defeat ended when Mushfiqur (74) stepped out against Umesh and scooped a slower one to Ravindra Jadeja at cover.

Al-Amin – who was hit by an Umesh delivery that deflected off the batsman's hand onto his helmet and scared the visiting camp of another concussion – swung his bat wildly to gather a few runs before being caught behind.

He completed Umesh's third five-wicket haul and the first in more than a year.

Ishant, who had taken five wickets in the first innings and scalped 12 in the series, grabbed the Man-of-the-Match and Man-of-the-Series awards.

It was a rare occasion when two Indian pacers, Ishant and Umesh, returned

five-fors and finished with nine- and eight-wicket match hauls.

Crowd support

After all the hype, the match turned out to be a lop-sided contest, a poor advertisement for the longer version of the game. Nevertheless, the BCCI's pink-ball experiment provided some encouraging signs.

Spectators filled the stands in large numbers for the third successive day and the Indian team took a victory lap around the ground to acknowledge the support for the five-day game in its new avatar.

STAT SPHERE

1 Sunday marked the first ever Test win by India at home where the spinners took no wickets. It is only the second instance ever, with its pacers capturing all the wickets, after the victory against South Africa at Johannesburg in 2018

5 Kohli's 33 Test victories as captain places him fifth on the all-time list. He is only behind Graeme Smith (53), Ricky Ponting (48), Steve Waugh (41) and Clive Lloyd (33)

12 India's successive Test series wins at home

95 Wickets captured by India's pace bowlers in Tests in 2019. They have accomplished this at an impressive average of 15.16 and a strike rate of 31.06, the latter the best ever for a team's fast bowlers in a calendar year



Team	M	W	L	D	Pts
India	7	7	0	0	360
Australia	6	3	2	1	116
New Zealand	2	1	1	0	60
Sri Lanka	2	1	1	0	60
England	5	2	2	1	56
Pakistan	1	0	1	0	0
West Indies	2	0	2	0	0
Bangladesh	2	0	2	0	0
South Africa	3	0	3	0	0

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SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH – 1st innings 106
INDIA – 1st innings 347 for nine decl.

BANGLADESH – 2nd innings
Shadman Islam lbw b Ishant 0 (5b), Imrul Kayes c Kohli b Ishant 5 (15b), Mominul Haque c Saha b Ishant 0 (6b), Mohammad Mithun c Shami b Umesh 6 (12b), Mushfiqur Rahim c Jadeja b Umesh 74 (96b, 13x4), Mahmudullah ret'd. hurt 39 (41b, 7x4), Mehidy

Hasan c Kohli b Ishant 15 (22b, 2x4, 7x6), Taijul Islam c Rahane b Umesh 11 (24b, 1x4), Ebadot Hossain c Kohli b Umesh 0 (4b), Al-Amin Hossain c Saha b Umesh 21 (20b, 5x4), Abu Jayed (not out) 2 (2b); Extras (b-8, lb-9, w-5): 22; Total (in 41.1 overs): 195.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Shadman, 0.5 overs), 2-2 (Mominul, 2.5), 3-9 (Mithun, 5.2), 4-13 (Kayes, 6.4), 5-133

(Mehidy, 25.6), 6-152 (Taijul, 32.3), 7-152 (Ebadot, 34.1), 8-184 (Mushfiqur, 39.3), 9-195 (Al-Amin, 41.1)

INDIA BOWLING
Ishant 13-2-56-4, Umesh 14.1-1-53-5, Shami 8-0-42-0, Ashwin 5-0-19-0, Jadeja 1-0-8-0.

Man-of-the-match and series: Ishant Sharma.

India won by an innings and 46 runs to sweep the series 2-0.

'Day-night Test a step in the right direction'

I am sure the buzz will be created again in different parts of the country: Kohli

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

The concept of day-night Test has been well received by the Indian team and captain Virat Kohli wished that there were more such matches to bolster the future of Test cricket in India.

Kohli appreciated the way the BCCI "aggressively marketed" the first such match on Indian soil which saw a total turnout of over 1,50,000 spectators in the three days that the match lasted.

"The pink-ball Test is the beginning and I am sure it is going to happen more often and the buzz will be created again in different parts of the country," said Kohli.

Acknowledging the "vision" of the new BCCI president and the former India



As a team we have not been able to play well, be it batting or bowling. We have to learn from this as it will help us in the coming years. Struggle makes one perfect. It is about learning rather than feeling disappointed

MOMINUL HAQUE, BANGLADESH CAPTAIN

captain Sourav Ganguly, Kohli said he has taken a step in the right direction. "Dada [Ganguly] has been open and welcoming about all the points that I expressed. I found that his vision is also in sync in the way he is trying for the betterment of Test cricket," said the India captain.

"I think we are walking in the right direction. And under his [Ganguly's] leadership we will see lot more pos-

itive changes which will be cricket-specific and priority will be given to Test cricket," Kohli added.

To question on marketing strategy for Tests, Kohli said, "It is very crucial to market Test cricket like we do for T20 or One-Day cricket. It is matter of understanding both for the management and the broadcasters that if you create excitement only around T20 cricket then you are creating a template in the

psyche of a fan."

Kohli also said he felt that the teams needed to make some strategic changes to do well in the pink-ball format. "The afternoon session was relatively easier and when I spoke to Sachin Paaji [Tendulkar] on the evening of the first day, he had an interesting point to make, saying one needs to take the second session as the first session of a regular Test. It is the time when the ball starts to swing and seam," he said.

"A set batsman will be experiencing different things as it starts to become dark. Luckily I went in when the lights were on and I was spared of the transition. This suggests that you need to change your strategic planning in the new format."

Innings win for Australia



Fighter: Babar Azam made the Australians work for their victory. ■AP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BRISBANE

Australia went one-up in the two-Test series against Pakistan when it won the first Test by an innings and five runs at the Gabba in Brisbane on Sunday.

Beginning the second innings 340 runs behind Australia and then losing three cheap wickets in the afternoon session on Saturday, the Pakistanis put up stern resistance on Sunday before finally succumbing late in the final session.

Babar Azam scored a magnificent century and Mohammad Rizwan fell five runs short of his first as Pakistan was dismissed for 335 late on the fourth day.

Leg-spinner Yasir Shah also made his highest Test score with a fighting 42 to allow the Pakistanis to head to the second Test in Adelaide with some momentum despite the loss.

But there was to be no denying an Australian attack on Sunday which probed and struck at vital moments,

SCOREBOARD

Pakistan – 1st innings: 240.
Australia – 1st innings: 580.
Pakistan – 2nd innings: Shan Masood c Paine b Cummins 42, Azhar Ali lbw b Starc 5, Haris Sohail c Paine b Starc 8, Asad Shafiq c Smith b Cummins 0, Babar Azam c Paine b Lyon 104, Iftikhar Ahmed c Paine b Hazlewood 0, Mohammad Rizwan c Lyon b Hazlewood 95, Yasir Shah c Wade b Hazlewood 42, Shaheen Afridi c Cummins b Hazlewood 10, Imran Khan c Wade b Starc 5, Naseem Shah (not out) 0; Extras (b-9, lb-9, nb-1, w-5): 24. Total (in 84.2 overs): 335.

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-25, 3-25, 4-93, 5-94, 6-226, 7-305, 8-324, 9-331.

Australia bowling: Starc 16.2-1-73-3, Cummins 21-6-69-2, Hazlewood 21-3-63-4, Lyon 21-3-74-1, Labuschagne 5-0-38-0.

Man-of-the-Match: Marnus Labuschagne.

Australia won by an innings and five runs.

New Zealand has England on the mat

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOUNT MAUNGANUI

England was battling for survival after Mitchell Santner took three quick wickets following a match-turning double century by B-J. Watling in the first Test against New Zealand here on Sunday.

After New Zealand declared at 615 for nine on day four, England was 55 for three at stumps, needing a further 207 on the final day to make the Black Caps bat again.

Turning the tables

Watling swung the match firmly New Zealand's way with his Test best 205 and a record-breaking partnership with Santner, who scored a maiden century and then capped his remarkable day by taking three



Mitchell Santner. ■GETTY IMAGES

wickets for six runs.

England wicketkeeper Jos Buttler blamed scoreboard pressure for the tourists' predicament after they had held the upper hand when New Zealand was 197 for five before Watling's marathon effort kept them in the field for a tiring 201 overs.

SCOREBOARD

England – 1st innings: 353.
New Zealand – 1st innings: J. Raval c Denly b Leach 19, T. Latham lbw b Curran 8, K. Williamson c Stokes b Curran 51, R. Taylor c Pope b Stokes 25, H. Nicholls lbw b Root 41, B-J. Watling c Buttler b Archer 205, C. de Grandhomme c Sibley b Stokes 65, M. Santner c Pope b Curran 126, T. Southee c & b Leach 9, N. Wagner (not out) 11, T. Boult (not out) 1; Extras (b-22, lb-9, w-21, nb-2): 54. Total (for 9 wks decl. in 201 overs): 615.

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-72, 3-106, 4-127, 5-197, 6-316, 7-577, 8-598, 9-603.

England bowling: Broad 33-13-64-0, Archer 42-15-107-1, Curran 35-7-119-3, Leach 47-7-153-2, Stokes 26-5-74-2, Root 18-3-67-1.

England – 2nd innings: R. Burns c de Grandhomme b Santner 31, D. Sibley c Watling b Santner 12, J. Denly (batting) 7, J. Leach c Latham b Santner 0; Extras (b-4, lb-1): 5. Total (for 3 wks in 27.4 overs): 55.

Fall of wickets: 1-48, 2-53, 3-55.
New Zealand bowling: Southee 4-0-18-0, Boult 5-4-2-0, de Grandhomme 4-1-8-0, Santner 8.4-4-6-3, Wagner 6-1-16-0.



Stellar show: Umesh Yadav accounted for all the three wickets to fall on Sunday to return a five-for. ■K.R. DEEPAK

Sheffield holds United in dramatic match

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SHEFFIELD

Manchester United and Sheffield United shared the spoils after a dramatic 3-3 draw at Bramall Lane on Sunday, with the home side scoring a late equaliser after three goals from the visitors in seven minutes.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team, outplayed for 70 minutes by the promoted side, trailed 2-0 after a first-half goal from John Fleck and a second-half effort from Lys Mousset. But from nowhere

United got back in the game, with 19-year-old Brandon Williams scoring in the 72nd minute.

Just five minutes after Williams' strike, substitute Mason Greenwood equalised, finishing from close range after Rashford's cross. With the home side rocking badly, United poured forward again and Rashford swept home.

But the drama was still not over, with Oliver McBurnie controlling the ball and firing past David de Gea to level at 3-3. The goal stood after a VAR check.

Important results: Premier League: Sheffield United 3 (Fleck 19, Mousset 52, McBurnie 90) drew with Manchester United 3 (Williams 72, Greenwood 77, Rashford 79).

Serie A: Bologna 2 (Palacio 40, Dzemalovic 90+5) drew with Parma 2 (Kulusevski 17, Iacoponi 71); Roma 3 (Smalling 49, Mancini 57, Dzeko 67) bt Brescia 0; Sassuolo 1 (Caputo 45) lost to Lazio 2 (Immobile 34, F. Caicedo 90+1).

La Liga: Espanyol 1 (Wu 45) drew with Getafe 1 (Mata 3); Osasuna 1 (Avila 76) lost to Athletic Bilbao 2 (Williams 21, Kodro 79).

Saturday: La Liga: Real Betis 2

(Joaquin 37, Canales 90+4) bt Valencia 1 (Gomez 32); Granada 1 (Sanchez 67) drew with Atletico Madrid 1 (Lodi 60); Real Madrid 3 (Benzema 37, Valverde 48, Modric 74) bt Real Sociedad 1 (William Jose 2).

Serie A: AC Milan 1 (Bonaventura 29) drew with Napoli 1 (Lozano 24); Torino 0 lost to Inter Milan 3 (Lautaro Martinez 12, De Vrij 32, Lukaku 55).

Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt 0 lost to Wolfsburg 2 (Weghorst 19, Joao Victor 65); Werder Bremen 1 (Osaka 80) lost to Schalke 04 2 (Harit 43, Raman 53); Fortuna Dusseldorf 0 lost to Bayern Munich 4 (Pavard 11, Tolisso 27, Gnabry 34, Coutinho 70).

Agut gives Spain lead

DAVIS CUP

REUTERS
MADRID

Roberto Bautista Agut gave host Spain a flying start in the Davis Cup final against Canada when he beat Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-6(3) 6-2 on Sunday, the day after the death of his father.

The 31-year-old left the camp for his home town of Castellon on Wednesday after father Joaquin's health deteriorated rapidly. Agut returned to support his teammates during Saturday's thrilling 3-2 semifinal win against Britain.

With a partisan capacity crowd inside La Caja Magica roaring his every winner, the World No. 9 responded with a clinical performance, dominating the contest once he had pocketed a tense opener.



Roberto Bautista Agut. ■AP

The results:
Final: Spain leads Canada 1-0 [Roberto Bautista Agut bt Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-6(3), 6-2].
Semifinal: Spain bt Britain 2-1 [Feliciano Lopez lost to Kyle Edmund 6-3, 7-6(3)]; Rafael Nadal bt Dan Evans 6-4, 6-0; Nadal & Lopez bt Jamie Murray & Neal Skupski 7-6(3), 7-6(8)].

Carlsen marches on; Anand suffers another blow

TATA STEEL CHESS

RAKESH RAO
KOLKATA

Relentless and resolute, Magnus Carlsen marches on. Following his monumental streak of six wins and three draws in the nine-round rapid leg of the Tata Steel chess tournament, the rest of the contenders in the year's strongest field of the Grand Chess Tour were left to battle for lesser honours.

Before the title gets decided after 18 rounds of blitz over the next two days, Carlsen equalled his Tour record of 15 out of 18 points, set in Abidjan, in Ivory Coast in May.

An obviously happy Carlsen made no secret of his delight when reminded of his feat. "In Abidjan, I had good



Unstoppable: Magnus Carlsen, right, during his win over Liren Ding on Sunday. ■RAJEEV BHATT

results in rapid and I was considerably less happy with my play in blitz. This time, I'll try to keep it up and there is no reason why I cannot keep up the same level in blitz."

Carlsen started the day by

coming out stronger against Viswanathan Anand in their first clash in India following the 2013 World title match. Like in the game against Anand, he warded off early pressure and gained a winning position against P. Hari

Krishna but the Indian was lucky to get away with a draw.

The results: Ninth round: Viswanathan Anand drew with P. Hari Krishna; Magnus Carlsen (Nor) bt Ding Liren (Chn); Anish Giri (Ned) drew with Wesley So (USA); Hikaru Nakamura (USA) drew with Ian Nepomniachtchi (Rus); Levon Aronian (Arm) bt Vidit Gujrathi.

Eighth round: Vidit drew with Anand; Hari drew with Carlsen; So lost to Nakamura; Liren drew with Giri; Nepomniachtchi drew with Aronian.

Seventh round: Carlsen bt Anand; Giri drew with Hari; Nepomniachtchi bt Vidit; Aronian drew with So; Nakamura drew with Liren.

Points (win - 2; draw - 1; loss - 0): 1. Carlsen (15 points), 2. Nakamura (11), 3-5. Giri, Aronian, So (9 each), 6-8. Liren, Anand, Hari (8 each), 9. Vidit (7), 10. Nepomniachtchi (6).