

# He's done it

## Anderson seals England's fifth Test win over India

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James Anderson became the most successful fast bowler in Test history when he sealed England's 118-run win over India at the Oval yesterday.

With just one wicket to fall, and Anderson needing one more to break the record of 563 he had shared with retired Australia great Glenn McGrath, the 36-year-old Lancashire paceman bowled Mohammed Shami to give England victory in the fifth Test and a 4-1 series win.

India, set a mammoth 464 to win, collapsed to two for three on Monday, with Anderson striking twice.

But a sixth-wicket partnership of 204 between KL Rahul (149) and Rishabh Pant (114) on Tuesday gave them hope of an unlikely victory.

Leg-spinner Adil Rashid, however, removed both century-makers in a burst of two wickets for three runs in two overs after tea to leave India struggling at 328 for seven.

The scale of India's task could be seen from the fact that no side have made more in the fourth innings to win a Test than the West Indies' 418 for seven against Australia at St John's, Antigua in 2002/03.

India resumed yesterday on 58 for three. Rahul was 46 not out and Ajinkya Rahane unbeaten on 10.

All eyes were on Anderson as he bowled yesterday's first over, with the overcast conditions seemingly in his favour. Rahul though clipped his sixth delivery of the day legside for four to complete a fifty -- the first by an India opening batsman this series.

But a stand of 118 ended when Rahane (37) miscued a sweep off Moeen Ali to Keaton Jennings at midwicket.

India's 120 for four was soon transformed into 121 for five when Ben Stokes had Test debutant Hanuma Vihari, who made 56 in India's first innings, caught behind for a duck.

But Rahul slapped Stokes over extra-cover for six to go into the 90s in extraordinary fashion before his top-edged pull for four off the all-rounder took him to 97.

The 26-year-old Rahul then pulled the paceman through mid-



England's Alastair Cook (L) and England's captain Joe Root pose with the Pataudi trophy (L) and the series trophy

off, another remarkable boundary, to complete his fifth hundred in 29 Tests off 118 balls including 16 fours and a six.

At lunch he was 108 not out in a total of 167 for five. Left-hander Pant, who

had hit off-spinner Ali for a one-handed six before lunch, gave Rahul superb support on an increasingly flat pitch as runs flowed freely.

Anderson came back on for a sec-

ond spell but could not break through, with England captain Joe Root's occasional off-spin also failing to yield a wicket.

Wicket-keeper Pant, who hoisted Rashid for six to go into the 90s, went to his maiden Test hundred in just his third match at this level when he repeated the shot off the Yorkshireman, the ball soaring high over long-on.

The 20-year-old had then faced a mere 117 balls, including 14 fours and three sixes.

At tea, India were 298 for five, needing 166 more runs to win.

But Rashid, a peripheral figure for much of the series, then took centre stage.

He turned one sharply out of the rough outside Rahul's leg-stump to clip the top of the right-hander's off-stump.

And his next over saw Pant, going for another big hit, hole out to Ali at long-off.

Anderson was denied the wicket he craved when diving wicket-keeper Jonny Bairstow dropped a low left-handed chance to reprieve Ravindra Jadeja.

But Sam Curran struck twice with the new ball when the left-arm paceman had both Ishant Sharma and Jadeja caught behind to leave India on the brink of defeat at 345 for nine.

Anderson then gave England the finish they wanted, bowling Shami middle stump.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> TEST SCOREBOARD

**England 1st Innings 332** (J Buttler 89, A Cook 71, M Ali 50; R Jadeja 4-79, I Sharma 3-62, J Bumrah 3-89)

**India 1st Innings 292** (R Jadeja 86 no, H Vihari 56)

**England 2nd Innings 423-8 dec** (A Cook 147, J Root 125; H Vihari 3-37, R Jadeja 3-179)

**India 2nd Innings** (target 464, overnight: 58-3)

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| KL Rahul b Rashid                            | 149        |
| S. Dhawan lbw b Anderson                     | 1          |
| C. Pujara lbw b Anderson                     | 0          |
| V. Kohli c Bairstow b Broad                  | 0          |
| A. Rahane c Jennings b Ali                   | 37         |
| H. Vihari c Bairstow b Stokes                | 0          |
| R. Pant c Ali b Rashid                       | 114        |
| R. Jadeja c Bairstow b Curran                | 13         |
| I. Sharma c Bairstow b Curran                | 5          |
| M. Shami b Anderson                          | 0          |
| J. Bumrah not out                            | 0          |
| Extras (b10, lb16)                           | 26         |
| <b>Total (all out, 94.3 overs, 411 mins)</b> | <b>345</b> |

**Result:** England won by 118 runs

**Man-of-the-match:** Alastair Cook (ENG)

**Series:** England win five-match series 4-1

James Anderson

# 564

Wickets make Anderson the most successful fast bowler in Test history

## Australian cartoonist under fire for Serena sketch

AFP | Sydney, Australia

An Australian cartoonist faced withering criticism yesterday for portraying tennis superstar Serena Williams using -- what Harry Potter author JK Rowling described as -- "racist and sexist tropes".

Mark Knight's caricature, published in Melbourne's Herald Sun newspaper on Monday, showed a butch and fat-lipped Williams throwing a temper tantrum at the US Open.

In the midst of losing Saturday's final, the 23-time Grand Slam champion smashed her racquet and called the umpire a "thief" and a "liar".

She was deducted a point and received a US\$17,000 fine, stirring the tennis world and sparking a broader debate about double standards toward men and women in the sport.

In Knight's cartoon, Williams was seen jumping up and down having spat out a dummy as the umpire asks Haitian-Japanese tournament winner Naomi Osaka "can't you just let her win?".

Knight, who has a reputation for controversial cartoons, was pilloried from far and wide for his portrayal -- including by a member of the US Congress and a large portion of the 22,000 people who commented on his Twitter post showing the draw-



This handout obtained on September 11, 2018 from the Herald Sun shows a cartoon published on September 10 of US tennis player Serena Williams in the controversial final of the US Open women's singles final

ing.

The detractors included author JK Rowling, who said: "Well done on reducing one of the greatest sportswomen alive to racist and sexist tropes and turning a second great sportswoman into a faceless prop."

Knight responded to the criticism by pointing out that he had drawn an unflattering portrayal of Australian male tennis star Nick Kyrgios "behaving badly".

"Don't bring gender into it when it's all about behaviour," he said.

Michael Miller, executive chairman of News Corp Australia, which publishes the Melbourne's Herald Sun, defended

his cartoonist.

"Criticism of Mark Knight's Serena Williams cartoon shows the world has gone too PC & misunderstands the role of news media cartoons and satire," he said.

"Poor behaviour in any sport needs to be called out."

The Washington Post ran a searing post about Knight's cartoon, calling it "racist" and reminiscent of the era of racial segregation in the United States.

"Knight draws facial features reflecting the dehumanizing Jim Crow caricatures so common in the 19th and 20th centuries," commentator Michael Cavanaugh wrote.