

# England edge India in thriller

Hosts clinch tense third Test as Jadeja’s resistance nearly sparks historic India comeback

- England win by 22 runs
- India all out for 170 (target 193)
- Jadeja 61 not out
- Stokes and Archer take three wickets each

AFP | London

England beat India by 22 runs to win a thrilling third Test at Lord’s yesterday as they went 2-1 up in a five-match series.

India were on the brink of defeat at 147-9, still needing a further 46 runs to reach a victory target of 193, when last man Mohammed Siraj joined Ravindra Jadeja in the middle.

Nevertheless, the pair batted on until after tea on the final day to give India hope of an improbable win.

But with India in sight of just their fourth win in 20 Tests at Lord’s, Siraj played on to off-spinner Shoaib Bashir -- off the field for much of the match with a finger injury -- with the ball just dislodging the leg bail to the batsman’s visible despair.

Jadeja was left stranded on 61 not out -- the all-rounder’s fourth consecutive fifty this se-



England’s Ollie Pope (L), England’s Jamie Smith (2L), England’s Harry Brook (R) and England’s Zak Crawley (2R) run past India’s Mohammed Siraj as England win the test match

ries -- after taking India to within sight of what would have been a stunning success before they were all out for 170.

England captain Ben Stokes bowled two lengthy spell yesterday on his way to an innings return of 3-48, with fast bowler Jofra Archer -- in his first Test after more than four years of injury induced exile -- taking 3-55.

India were all but beaten at 112-8 when tailender Jasprit

Bumrah came out to bat immediately after lunch.

But Jadeja and Bumrah kept England at bay with a stubborn stand of 35 in 22 overs.

Bumrah, defying a run of four successive noughts in Test cricket, defended gamely while making five in 54 balls only for his innings to end when he top-edged a pull off Stokes to substitute fielder Sam Cook at mid-on.

India were now 147-9 -- a posi-

tion that meant tea was delayed by 30 minutes.

But Jadeja, who overturned an lbw decision given against him on 26, went to fifty when a flashing cut off Stokes flew over the slips for the left-hander’s fourth four in 150 balls faced.

Shortly after tea, Archer struck Siraj a painful blow on the shoulder and it was not long before he fell to Bashir.

This match became a sec-

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Shoaib Bashir - who spent much of the match off-field with a finger injury - returned to dislodge just one bail for the match-winning dismissal

ond-innings shoot-out after both teams made 387 in their first innings.

England then posted 192 before India slumped to 58-4 when Stokes bowled nightwatchman Akash Deep with what became the last ball of Sunday’s play.

**Bumrah resistance**

From 71-4 yesterday, the match swung England’s way once more as India lost three wickets for 11 runs in collapsing to 82-7.

Bumrah, the world’s top-ranked Test bowler, took 5-74 in England’s first innings after being rested from India’s dominant 336-run win in the second Test at Edgbaston.

But in 46 Tests before this match he averaged a mere 6.77 with the bat.

Nevertheless, Bumrah got off

Scorecard

England 387 and 192 (Root 40, Washington 4-22) beat India 387 and 170 (Jadeja 61\*, Stokes 3-48, Archer 3-55) by 22 runs

the mark yesterday with an impressive pulled four off Archer through a vacant midwicket.

England thought they had dismissed Jadeja for 26 when he was given out on the field lbw to Chris Woakes. But Jadeja’s review indicated that impact had been made marginally outside off stump and the decision was overturned.

Next ball, the left-hander launched Woakes for a huge six over midwicket.

Earlier, Rishabh Pant -- who only came into bat yesterday following Deep’s departure -- charged down the pitch to drive Archer for a typically aggressive four.

But two balls later Archer, repeatedly topping the 90 mph mark, bowled dangerman Pant for nine with a superb full-length delivery that clipped the top of off stump.

India were looking to KL Rahul to anchor their chase following the opener’s first-innings hundred.

But Rahul had added just six runs to his overnight 33 when he was lbw on review to lively medium-pacer Stokes after getting too far across his stumps.

## Bahrain warm up with Saudi win ahead of West Asia championship

- Bahrain beat Saudi 3-1 in friendly
- Tournament kicks off Thursday

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Bahrain’s national volleyball team beat Saudi Arabia 3-1 in a pre-tournament friendly, just days before the West Asia Men’s Volleyball Championship kicks off in Manama.

The match served as final preparations under head coach Arnaud Gosserand, with the hosts taking the sets 25-21, 21-25, 25-23, 25-16. The result comes as Bahrain look to build momentum toward a second ma-



Khamis Ali powers for a point in a friendly

jor title this summer, only this time it will be against regional rivals in a brand-new continental competition.

Groups

Group A: Bahrain, Jordan, UAE, Lebanon  
Group B: Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman

27 tournament, which will take place at Isa Bin Rashid Hall in Isa Town.

This is the first-ever edition of the senior men’s national team championship under WAVA. The goal is to establish a consistent, high-level tournament that strengthens volleyball development across the region—something Bahrain is clearly committed to being at the heart of.

Groups Confirmed

The West Asia Volleyball Association (WAVA) has confirmed the final groups for the July 17-

Building from AVC Success

Bahrain enters as the reigning AVC Men’s Volleyball Nations Cup champions, having clinched

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This championship is the first-ever WAVA senior men’s event—part of a long-term plan to grow volleyball in West Asia

their first continental title just last month, also on home soil. That campaign produced several standout names, all set to return for this tournament: Abdullah Mohammed, tournament MVP and Best Outside Hitter ,

AlAfiah Mahmood, Best Setter, Khamis Ali, Best Opposite and Haroon Ayman, Best Libero

With an established core and winning pedigree, Bahrain are rightly considered among the favorites.

The friendly win over Saudi Arabia gave Gosserand a final look at combinations and rotations ahead of what will be a competitive 10-day stretch. The performance suggests that the team’s confidence is high, and their rhythm intact.

Bahrain will open their group campaign against Jordan, UAE, and Lebanon—each match a test in its own right. But with form and home support on their side, expectations will be high.

The win over Saudi Arabia was promising, but the real business begins Thursday.

## Team Vamos wins consecutive FCTG team tennis championships

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Team Vamos secured their second consecutive Filipino Club Tennis Group (FCTG) Team Tennis Championship on July 12, 2025, defeating Team BTF 4-1 in the final.

Throughout the final stage, Team Vamos displayed total dominance: Jaffar and Ali Mahdi advanced via walkover against Mohannad and Hamad. Ebrahim and Mahmoud delivered a commanding performance, winning 6-1, 6-0 against Rana and Eman. Ahmed and Abbas secured a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Mohd Salman and Ahmed



Players with their trophies after the event

Alawadi. Osama and Sayed Ali defeated Fuad and Alaa 6-4, 6-2.

Team BTF managed to secure a single win, with Adnan

and Raul defeating Ahmed and Jameela 6-2, 6-2.

FCTG extends its gratitude to all participating teams, volun-

teers, and supporters for their enthusiasm and dedication, which contributed to the tournament’s success.

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