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Ravindra Jadeja plays a shot

Jadeja leads India to 297

AFP | Antigua and Barbuda

Ravindra Jadeja played a key role in extending India's first innings as they were eventually dismissed for 297 on the stroke of lunch on the second day of the first Test against the West Indies at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua.

Jadeja was last out for 58, top-edging an attempted pull off home captain Jason Holder to give wicketkeeper Shai Hope his fifth catch of the innings.

Kemar Roach finished the innings as the best of the West Indies bowlers with figures of four for 66 while fellow fast bowler Shannon Gabriel claimed three for 71.

It was Roach who gave the West Indies an ideal start to the day when he removed Rishabh Pant for 24, the attacking wicketkeeper-batsman offering a straightforward catch to Holder at second slip as India slipped from the overnight position of 203 for six to 207 for seven.

However, any hopes the hosts entertained of quickly polishing off the tourists' in-

58
runs were scored by Ravindra Jadeja before losing his wicket

nings were frustrated by Ishant Sharma, who defied the West Indies for over an hour in contributing 19 to a 60-run eighth-wicket partnership with Jadeja.

Sharma's admirable defiance was eventually ended though by a slower delivery from Gabriel and Mohammed Shami lasted just one delivery, being caught and bowled by off-spinner Roston Chase.

However, Jadeja was still able to get to the half-century mark, his 11th in Test cricket, before one attacking shot too many with last man Jasprit Bumrah at the other end ended his contribution and the team's innings.

His three-hour innings spanned 112 deliveries and was highlighted by six fours and one six.

Kiwis rattle Sri Lanka

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● Trent Boult and Tim Southee claimed two wickets each

AFP | Colombo

Trent Boult and Tim Southee led New Zealand's charge against Sri Lanka on day two of the rain-hit second Test in Colombo yesterday.

The pacemen claimed two wickets each as Sri Lanka reached 144 for six at lunch when rain came down and no further play was possible.

Skipper Dimuth Karunaratne moved from his overnight 49 to score 65 and provided the only bit of resistance in the morning session, which saw 29.3 overs bowled.

Boult took two early wickets in one over after Sri Lanka resumed the day at 85 for two.

Dhananjaya de Silva on 32 and Dilruwan Perera on five were at the crease.

Southee, like Boult, also delivered a double-wicket maiden as the duo put on a superb display of seam bowling under overcast conditions.

Boult got overnight batsman Angelo Mathews caught behind for two to reach a landmark of 250 Test wickets -- only the third Kiwi bowler to achieve the feat.

Boult trapped Kusal Perera lbw for nought after just three balls as Sri Lanka slipped to



Trent Boult celebrates the wicket of Angelo Mathews

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93-4 and would have been in further trouble had Boult held on to a simple catch from de Silva off his own bowling a few overs later.

"Today's a special day for Trent. He's become the third

highest wicket-taker for New Zealand," New Zealand bowling coach Shane Jurgensen told reporters.

"He's got great passion and energy which he brings to our team. I think the skill and execution and the way he's contributed to the team has been amazing."

Karunaratne also got a lifeline on 61 when Kane Williamson could not grab a tough chance at short mid-wicket off Ajaz Patel.

But the left-hander, who completed his 23rd Test fifty after resuming the day on 49, soon fell, caught behind off Southee

for 65.

Southee struck again in the same over to send Niroshan Dickwella trudging back to the pavilion for nought.

"Tim and Trent have been doing it for a while. They've been creating wickets and they're very accurate, and they've got the ability to swing the ball," said Jurgensen.

"Today there might have been a little bit of swing with the overhead conditions, and it just seemed to be doing a little bit. They both work really hard on their fitness, and that's a big factor in their resilience.

Hazlewood takes five as England slump to 67 all out in third Test

AFP | Leeds

Australia's Josh Hazlewood took five wickets as England collapsed to just 67 all out on the second day of the third Ashes Test at Headingley yesterday.

In a match they had to win to square the five-Test series at 1-1, England arrived at Yorkshire's headquarters having dismissed Australia for a seemingly modest 179, with fast bowler Jofra Archer taking 6-45, on Thursday.

But with Hazlewood returning figures of 5-30, England were bowled out inside 28 overs to leave Australia with a first-innings lead of 112.

Joe Denly, with 12, was the only England batsman to reach double figures, with their total seven fewer than the 74 scored by Australia's Marnus Labuschagne, in for concussed star batsman Steve Smith, on Thursday.

But whereas Labuschagne and David Warner (61) fought hard during their partnership of 111, few England batsmen showed anything like the same willingness to sell their wickets



Josh Hazlewood celebrates after getting the wicket of Jonny Bairstow

dearly, with several playing key roles in their own dismissal for all Australia's good bowling.

England's slump was no great surprise, however, but rather the latest in a line of recent Test



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collapses that have seen them dismissed for 58 by New Zealand (Auckland 2018), 77 by the West Indies (Bridgetown 2019) and 85 by Ireland at Lord's last month.

But what made this collapse all the more troubling was that the blue and sunny skies above Headingley yesterday ought to have made conditions for batting easier than the gloom of Thursday, when England captain Joe Root won the toss.

World Cup-winning opener Jason Roy took guard having made just 40 runs in four innings this series.

Weather, power outage halt Winston-Salem Open

AFP | Washington

Severe weather and a power outage halted play on Thursday at the ATP Winston-Salem Open, where none of the scheduled quarter-final matches was completed.

Top seed Benoit Paire of France was leading Spain's Pablo Carreno-Busta 4-3 when

their match was halted.

Organizers had hoped to resume play in the evening once the storms moved through and power was restored.

But after revisions to the schedule they finally suspended play for the day.

In the remaining quarter-finals, Australian John Millman will take on American Steve

Johnson, American Frances Tiafoe will take on third-seeded Hubert Hurkacz of Poland and second-seeded Canadian Denis Shapovalov will face Russian Andrey Rublev.

The delay will make for a hectic schedule in a tournament due to end on Saturday, allowing a Sunday travel day to players headed to the US Open.

Mexican forward Lozano completes Napoli move

AFP | Milan

Mexican international Hirving Lozano on Thursday completed his move to Serie A runners-up Napoli on a deal reported to be worth 42 million euros (\$46 million).

The 24-year-old winger arrives from PSV Eindhoven where he won the Dutch title in 2018. "Welcome Hirving," Napoli club owner Aurelio De Laurentiis wrote on Twitter without revealing details of the transfer.

Lozano, nicknamed

'Chucky', joined PSV from Pachuca in 2017 for 12.5 million euros and scored 45 goals in 83 games over two seasons.

"I leave PSV as a happy man," Lozano told the Dutch club's website.

"Winning the Dutch title was one of the highlights in my career so far and I also achieved my dream of playing UEFA Champions League."

Lozano has reportedly agreed a five-year deal worth 42 million euros which will earn him up to 4.5 million euros a year.

The contract includes a 130 million euro buy-out clause, Sky Sports Italia reported.

Lozano will not play in Napoli's Serie A opener Saturday at Fiorentina, but is expected to make his debut against champions Juventus in Turin on August 31.

