

INDIA ON CUSP OF BIG WIN

CHENNAI

RAVICHANDRAN Ashwin on Monday scored his fifth Test century as India tightened the noose around England in the second Test as they set England a target of 482 runs and then reduced them to 52 for three at stumps on the third day.

Ashwin scored 106 runs off 148 balls with the help of 14 fours and a six as India's second innings came to an end at 286 in the post-tea session. Mohammad Siraj remained unbeaten on 16, and added 49 runs for the final wicket with Ashwin who was the last wicket to

fall.

India then knocked out openers Dom Sibley (3) and Rory Burns (25) as well as night-watchman Jack Leach (0) to set England back in chase of 482. England are still 430 runs adrift.

Ashwin's century followed a five-wicket haul in England's first innings, making him only the second cricketer to

achieve the feat of a century and a fiver in the same game on three different occasions. Ian Botham of England had done it five times.

Earlier, resuming at 54/1 on the third day, India lost five wickets but added 102 runs to get their lead past 350 in the morning session. The hosts lost the wickets of Cheteshwar Pujara (7), Rohit Sharma (26), Rishabh Pant (8), Ajinkya Rahane (10) and debutant Axar Patel (7) in quick succession to give a glimmer of hope to England.

However, skipper Virat Kohli and Ashwin then shared a 96-run stand for the seventh wicket to put India in a commanding position.

Kohli, who showed his class on a Chepauk wicket that aided turn, was the first wicket to fall in the post-lunch session as he was dismissed by Moeen Ali at his individual score of 62. This was the fifth time that Ali had dismissed the India skipper in Test cricket.

Kuldeep Yadav (3) and Ishant Sharma (7) also shared eight and 27-run partnerships respectively with Ashwin to frustrate the England bowlers.

India had posted 329 runs in their first innings. The hosts then bowled



India's Ravichandran Ashwin plays a shot during the 3rd day of second Test match against England at M.A.

SCOREBOARD DAY 3

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| India 1st Innings: 329 | England 1st Innings: 134 |
| India 2nd Innings: (Overnight 54/1) | |
| Rohit Sharma st Foakes b Leach.....26 | |
| Shubman Gill lbw b Leach.....14 | |
| C Pujara run out (Ollie Pope/Foakes).....7 | |
| Virat Kohli lbw b Moeen.....62 | |
| Rishabh Pant st Foakes b Leach.....8 | |
| Ajinkya Rahane c Ollie Pope b Moeen.....10 | |
| Axar Patel lbw b Moeen.....7 | |
| Ravichandran Ashwin b Olly Stone.....106 | |
| Kuldeep Yadav lbw b Moeen.....3 | |
| Ishant Sharma c Olly Stone b Jack Leach.....7 | |
| Mohammed Siraj not out.....16 | |
| Extras: (B-5, LB-15).....20 | |
| Total: (All out in 85.5 overs).....286 | |
| Fall of Wickets: 1-42, 2-55, 3-55, 4-65, 5-86, 6-106, 7-202, 8-210, 9-237, 10-286. | |
| Bowling: Olly Stone 6.5-1-21-1, Jack Leach 33.6-100-4, Moeen Ali 27.7-98-4, Joe Root 4-0-15-0, Stuart Broad 9-3-25-0, Daniel Lawrence 1-0-7-0. | |
| England 2nd Innings: | |
| Rory Burns c Kohli b Ashwin.....25 | |
| Dom Sibley lbw b Pate.....3 | |
| Dan Lawrence not out.....19 | |
| Jack Leach c Rohit Sharma b Patel Joe.....0 | |
| Root not out.....2 | |
| Extras: (B-4).....4 | |
| Total: (For 3 wickets in 19 overs).....53 | |
| Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-49, 3-50 | |
| Bowling: Ishant Sharma 2-1-6-0, Axar Patel 9-3-15-2, Ravichandran Ashwin 8-1-28-1. | |

LEFT-HANDERS' BOGEYMEN

OFF-SPINNER RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN HAS BECOME THE FIRST PLAYER IN THE 143-YEAR HISTORY OF TEST CRICKET TO TAKE 200 WICKETS AGAINST LEFT-HANDED BATSMEN. IN 76 TESTS, HE HAS PICKED 391 WICKETS AND 51.27 PER CENT OF HIS VICTIMS ARE LEFT-HANDERS.



R Ashwin (India) 391 of 392 wickets (51.27 per cent), Muttiah Muralitharan (Sri Lanka) 191 of 800 (23.9 per cent), James Anderson (England) 190 of 611 (31.1 per cent), Glenn McGrath (Australia) 172 of 563 (30.6 per cent), Steve Waugh (Australia) 172 of 708 (24.3 per cent)



England wicket-keeper Ben Foakes, who turned 28 on Monday, drew all-round praise from renowned former players from around the world

for his brilliant work against India, with Kiran More calling him one of the best overseas players to have kept wickets in India

Vinoo Mankad (vs England at Lord's, London, in 1952) and Polly Umrigar (vs West Indies in Port of Spain in 1961-62) are the other Indians to score a century and take five wickets in an innings

Play-off spot in sight, Hyderabad FC hope to return to winning ways

VASCO

A play-off spot in sight, Hyderabad FC can ill-afford any slip-up when they take on a struggling Kerala Blasters in an Indian Super League match at the Tilak Maidan Stadium here on Tuesday.

For most part of the ISL season, Hyderabad had maintained their place in the top four. But now, with three games to go, they find themselves at fifth, level on points with fourth-placed FC Goa and two points below NorthEast United.

From here on, Hyderabad can't afford more slip-ups. They have played out six draws in their last seven matches. And when the Nizams face Kerala Blasters on Tuesday, they will know that any more dropped points will hugely dent their play-off ambitions.

On paper, Hyderabad face one of the most vulnerable sides in the league, who are playing for pride. Kerala Blasters have conceded 29 goals, which is the second-worst tally. Their defence has been so fragile that Kibu Vicuna's side has now dropped 18 points after scoring the first goal. But for Hyderabad coach Manuel Marquez, that doesn't mean Kerala are to be taken lightly. "All the other teams, from Kerala who are second from the bottom, till the top positions, can climb positions in the table," he said.

"We will play with Kerala with our style. We are nine games unbeaten but six of them are draws. We have to continue in the same vein and try to win the game because our season has been fantastic. We want to be in the top four."



Aridane Santana looks to add on to his goal tally against KBFC

RESULT

Mumbai City FC lose to Bengaluru FC 2-4

Ojha retires from all forms of cricket

BHOPAL

AN emotional Naman Ojha struggled to hold back tears on Monday as he bade adieu to all forms of cricket, bringing down curtains on a two-decade long illustrious domestic career.

The 37-year-old from Madhya Pradesh, who holds the record for the most dismissals by a wicketkeeper in the Ranji Trophy, featured in one Test, one ODI and two T20 Internationals. "I would like to announce my retirement from international and BCCI/MPCA domestic first-class cricket," a teary-eyed Ojha said in a virtual press conference.

"After 20 years in first-class cricket and many more during the junior competitions, I feel it's time for me to move on. It was a long journey and wonderful phase of my life.

"I am grateful to all who supported me in achieving dream of playing for my country and state - my coaches, trainers, physios and selectors, my captains and teammates, my family and well wishers, and MPCA & BCCI," he added.

Ojha said he is eager to ply his trade in global T20 leagues. As per the BCCI rules, he is now eligible for such leagues, having announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

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