

India vs South Africa - Day 3

Play called off due to rain

NEWLANDS: The Day 3 of the opening Test between India-South Africa was called off due to persistent rain on Sunday. Earlier, the first two sessions were washed out due to rain without a single ball being bowled. Heavy showers had been forecast for Sunday and they duly arrived early in the morning and stayed throughout. It didn't stop raining at all, instead picked up as the scheduled start time of play approached. At the time of writing there were huge puddles of water all across the Newlands outfield. The weather forecast says that conditions are expected to improve in the evening, and there might be chance of play in an extended final session. Meanwhile, India would look to bowl out South Africa cheaply in the second innings so as to give themselves a chance of winning the Test match. South Africa, on the other hand would look to bat India out of the Test match and go for the kill as the game progresses. Earlier, India all-rounder Hardik Pandya stood tall amid ruins with his all-round prowess but could not prevent South Africa from finishing on top on Day 2 of the first Test at Newlands Cricket Ground in Cape Town on Saturday. Pandya scored a swashbuckling 93 and then took two wickets, but South Africa built on a first innings lead of 77 runs and were 43 for two at the end of day's play with an overall lead of 142. At stumps dependable Hashim Amla (not out) was in company of night watchman Kagiso Rabada (2 not out).

Goalkeeper Aditi eyes return to Indian team for Asian Games

JAMMU, JAN 7 - Back from England after playing two seasons with West Ham United Ladies Football Club, goalkeeper Aditi Chauhan is hopeful of regaining her spot in the national women's team for the Asian Games later this year. Aditi is anticipating a better show from the team at the Asian Games to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia. "I am coming back from an injury and this year, The Asian Games are taking place in August. So my target is to return to the senior team and represent my country in Indonesia," Aditi told a select group of media persons here. Aditi, daughter of Inspector General of CRPF, Jammu, A V Chauhan, is the only Indian woman footballer who played for the top English club for two seasons from 2015. West Ham Ladies are currently in the Football Association's (FA) Women's Premier League Southern Division, a league in the third level in the women's football structure in England. (PTI)

Bagan return to winning ways under new coach

KOLKATA, JAN 7 - A new-look Mohun Bagan beat defending champions Aizawl FC 2-0 to finally arrest their four-match winless streak in the I-League football tournament, here today. The win, however, did not come easy for a wasteful Mohun Bagan who got a dramatic 53rd minute lead with Masih Saighani's own goal, while Aser Dipanda Dicka (75th) sealed the issue as the Mariners got off to a winning start under new coach Shankarjai Chakraborty. The former champions' last win came about a month ago on December 10, a 5-0 rout of Churchill Brothers but since then their campaign hit a roadblock with three successive draws and a loss. The win pushed Mohun Bagan to fourth position with 13 points from eight matches, while Aizawl remained on 10 from six games. Having promoted to chief coach after Sanjoy Sen stepped down following their slump, Chakraborty rung in six changes including their new recruit Aussie midfielder Cameron Watson and a fit-again Arjuni Bagui. Watson and Raynier Fernandes did a fine job at the centre of the pitch, while Bagui and Nikhil Kadam made inroads from Aizawl's defence. But a goal eluded them in the first half 19n which Aizawl FC struck the woodwork early on. Dicka and Ansumana Kromah were at their wasteful best and missed open net on a couple of occasions as the first goal of the match finally came in the most dra-



matic fashion. Saighani outstretched his leg to deny Dicka a finish on the cross but ended up tapping the ball into his own goal giving the green and maroon fans some sigh of relief. In fact Mohun Bagan had their stroke of luck early in the 14th minute when Kareem Omolaja's thunderous shot from a long range curled in to hit the woodwork behind an outstretched Shilton Paul. Mohun Bagan had their best chance in the 38th minute but Shylo Mama came in the way with a brilliant goaline save. Goalkeeper Avilash Paul was out of position and Kingsley tried to head it in from a Raynier corner but Mama came to Aizawl's rescue by blocking the header in front of the goal. In the 22nd minute, chaos reigned supreme in the Aizawl box as Avilash Paul found himself out but recovered to clear the ball which went to Dicka but he chose to pass it on to Kadam despite an open goal in front of him. In the 62nd minute, there was another open miss and this time Kromah failed to head it home. Dicka made the best use of a long ball as he dribbled past an advancing Aizawl goalkeeper Avilash Paul on the left before slotting it home with his left foot. Moments later there was another injury blow for the hosts as the Liberian Kromah was seen limping out of the ground. Aizawl tried to bounce back but Mohun Bagan held on to their lead to secure their first win in a month. (PTI)

Cooked England lurching to defeat after Marsh brothers' tons

A SPECIAL DAY FOR THE MARSH FAMILY

SYDNEY, JAN 7 - Nathan Lyon was spinning Australia toward an emphatic victory in the final Ashes Test as beleaguered England unravelled on a torrid day in Sydney on Sunday. The Australians amassed a massive 305-run innings lead in blistering heat and then reduced the battle-weary tourists to 93 for four at the close with a day to play. Compounding England's woes was a finger injury for skipper Joe Root, his team's last major hope of staving off a 4-0 series rout on Monday's final day of the Test. Root was unbenighted at 42 at the close with Jonny Bairstow not out 17. Australia called a halt to their epic first innings at 649 for seven, and soon had England in trouble after the tourists had been cooked in the field for more than two draining days. Mark Stoneman was leg before wicket to Mitchell Starc for a duck and lost a review in the process, and next ball Alastair Cook was put down at first slip by Shaun Marsh off Josh Hazlewood for five. But Cook's reprieve did not last long and he was bowled for 10 when a sharp Lyon turned hit the top of off-stump in the off-spinner's first over. Cook, who became during his innings only the sixth batsman to score 12,000 Test runs, finished the series with 376 runs at 47. James Vince survived a caught behind off Lyon on review on 15, but three runs later edged Pat Cummins to Steve Smith at slip. David Malan followed when Lyon trapped him leg before wicket for five. Shaun and Mitchell Marsh earlier became the third set of brothers to score centuries in the same innings for Australia. The Marsh boys joined

Greg and Ian Chappell and Steve and Mark Waugh to score brotherly centuries for Australia, while it was the eighth time overall it had happened in Test cricket. The Chappells were the first Australian brothers to notch centuries in the same innings at The Oval in 1972 with the Waughs the last to do it against England, also at The Oval, in 2001. Mitchell Marsh almost spoiled his century in all the excitement as he embraced his brother mid-pitch before he had completed the second run scrambling back to his crease to avoid being run out. Mitchell Marsh was bowled next ball by Tom Curran for 101 off 141 balls with 15 fours and two sixes. The century came after his 181 in the third Test in Perth. He was the third centurion of the massive Australian first innings total, following Usman Khawaja's 171 on Saturday. Shaun Marsh was eventually dismissed after lunch, run out for 156 by Stoneman's direct throw from the covers. He batted for 403 minutes and faced 291 balls for his second century of the series and his sixth in 28 Tests. Starc slogged Moeen Ali for six and was out the next ball finding Vince at long on for 11. Tim Paine (38) and Pat Cummins (24) were at the crease when Steve Smith called them in about an hour before tea. Big-hearted paceman James Anderson bowled with great economy in the stifling conditions as temperatures hit 42 Celsius (108 Fahrenheit), taking one for 56 off 34 overs. Spinners Ali and debutant Mason Crane conceded a combined 363 runs in taking three wickets between them.



(Left to right) Mitchell Marsh made his second Test century. Shaun Marsh reached his hundred in the opening over of the day

England 346 and 4 for 93 (Root 42*, Bairstow 17*) trail Australia 7 for 649 dec (Khawaja 171, S Marsh 156, M Marsh 101, Smith 83, Warner 56) by 210 runs

Fraternal centuries make for a special day for Shaun Marsh and Mitchell Marsh

SYDNEY, JAN 7 - It was understandable the Australian batsman Shaun Marsh got a bit carried away when his little brother Mitchell scored his century on the fourth day of the fifth Ashes test against England on Sunday. It was not only that his sibling had been at the other end when he himself had reached the magic milestone at the Sydney Cricket Ground little more than an hour earlier. It was perhaps as much as anything because only a few months ago, it looked highly unlikely that either brother would be wearing the baggy green against England, let alone playing key roles in a crushing series triumph. Shaun, at 34 the elder by eight years, had been dumped from the test side for the seventh time and lost his central contract, while Mitch was struggling to find his way back into the international reckoning after a shoulder surgery. It made their moment on a scorching hot Sydney morning all the sweeter and Shaun got so carried away he nearly ran Mitchell out as they completed the two runs that gave the younger brother his second test ton only a few weeks after his first. "I pretty much went for the high five and Shaun went for the hug," said Mitchell. "We somewhere parked in the middle and had a quick split second level of panic and hugged again after

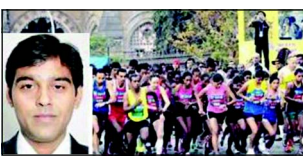
that." Shaun was happy to take the blame. "I think emotions sort of got the better of me and I just wanted to give him a hug," he said. "I saw him starting to celebrate and sort of lost all concept of where the ball was and what was happening with the ball. "Thankfully it all worked out. I was just really happy for him."

All-rounder Mitchell's first test hundred came after he was called into the team for the third Ashes clash in Perth and was a reward for the hard work he did on his batting after his recuperation from surgery. "To be honest I really didn't think I was going to play any part for Australia this summer," he said.



Rain kept the groundstaff busy, 1st Test, Cape Town

Runner dies of heart attack at Vadodara marathon



Banker Amit Kasat was in the pink of health, hadn't even contracted a cold before hea felled by a stroke

VADODARA, JAN 7 - The seventh edition of the Vadodara International Marathon held here today saw a record 91,908 runners participating but was marred by an unfortunate incident with a runner dying of a heart attack during the race. Organisers said Bharat Samani (62) died while taking part in the 21 kilometre half-marathon. Samani died near the Taj Gateway hotel on Productivity Road with organisers saying that a group of three doctors who were running close to Samani spotted him lying on the road in distress. These doctors

called up an ambulance service which rushed Samani to a private hospital nearby where he was declared dead on arrival, the marathon organisers said. They added that Samani, a resident of Rajkot, had run marathons earlier and had participated in the ones hosted at Ahmedabad and Rajkot. His body was handed over to his family, the organisers informed. The event was earlier flagged off from the Navlakhi ground here by Chief Minister Vijay Rupani who expressed happiness at an increasing number of cities in Gujarat hosting marathons. (PTI)

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