



AN HISTORIC OCCASION: Jubilant New Zealand cricketers celebrate the match-winning boundary by Matthew Bell at Lord's on July 25 against England. This was the 'Black Caps' first victory at the home of cricket. — AFP photo

## Atherton's timely knock



LONDON, July 26 (AFP/Reuters): Former England captain Mike Atherton's unbeaten 95 steered Lancashire Lightning to a four-wicket win against Hampshire Hawks on Sunday and give a timely reminder to the England selectors.

With England captain Nasser Hussain doubtful for the third Test against New Zealand at Old Trafford in two weeks' time because of a broken finger, Atherton could be the man to step in and steady the ship following defeat in the second Test.

Atherton ensured Lancashire's fifth win of the National League season came at Southampton by driving Peter Hartley through the covers for the winning boundary with four balls remaining.

Atherton showed no sign of his injury problems as he watched six teammates come and go before Ian Austin helped him gather the 17 runs needed from the last two overs to condemn Hampshire to their sixth defeat.

Hampshire had only managed a moderate 210 for seven with Ian Austin taking two for 40.

Jacques Kallis' long-awaited Glamorgan Dragons debut produced plenty of fireworks as the records tumbled at Pontypridd.

The South African Test all-rounder scored 155 not out as the Welsh side claimed a 71-run win over Surrey Lions in the Second Division.

Kallis' 155 was the highest individual score by any Glamorgan batsman in one-day league cricket-beating Matthew Maynard's 132 which was also against Surrey in 1997 — and Glamorgan's 294 for four was their highest total in league cricket.

Michael Cawdron came from nowhere to blow away Warwickshire Bears and set Gloucestershire Gladiators up for a thrilling First Division win at Cheltenham.

The 24-year-old right-arm took four for 17 in eight overs.

Then the Gladiators scrambled past Warwickshire's 198 for eight with one ball to spare and three wickets in hand.

A century stand by Neil Smith and Dominic Oster had rescued Warwickshire, who at one stage were 66 for four.

But Gloucestershire pair Mark Ali Alleyne (49 n.o.) and Jack Russell upped the tempo and Alleyne hit the winning six off Ashley Giles.

Yorkshire Phoenix lost the leadership of the first division when they went down to Kent Spitfires by three wickets at Scarborough.

England's one-day all-rounder Alan Ealham played a key role in a low-scoring match by taking three for 29 with his medium pacers and hitting 34 not out.

Julian Thompson had earlier taken three for 16 in nine overs before Yorkshire were rescued by a stand of 94 from Anthony McGrath and Richard Harden.

Marcus Trescothick's Sunday-best 110 was not enough to preserve Somerset Sabres' 100 per cent record.

Trescothick who lashed three sixes and 11 fours, made his runs out of a Somerset total of 218 which Middlesex passed with eight wickets and 5.5 overs in hand.

It was second-placed Somerset's first defeat in eight games in the second division, in which leaders Sussex Sharks also went down for the first time in nine games.

Northamptonshire Steelbacks beat Derbyshire Scorpions by seven runs at Derby but were worried by a twisted ankle suffered by captain Mathew Haydon.

Skippers Jason Gallian and all-rounder Chris Tolley put a firm brake on Sussex Sharks' charge towards promotion by setting up an emphatic victory for Nottinghamshire outlaws.

Former England batsman Gallian struck a fine unbeaten century as Notts posted a respectable 246 for four in perfect batting conditions.

And then Tolley claimed four for 38 as Sussex recorded their first defeat of the campaign.

## History inspired Kiwis



LONDON, July 26: Captain Stephen Fleming used New Zealand's poor record against England as a motivating factor in pushing them towards their first-ever Test victory at Lord's yesterday.

Fleming said his players were astonished when England's last man Phil Tufnell was given not out to a catch at slip after the third umpire was given only one angle to study on the television replay.

He said: "They've got 23 catches and only one shot was used. We probably looked a bit rude walking off but we were so adamant it was out. But there was nothing personal. Phil Tufnell was entitled to stand there. We have some emotional players, but there was no personal abuse of anyone."

The match referee, South African Peter van der Merwe, is expected to remind both teams of the need for restraint when he meets the two captains before the third Test at Old Trafford starting on August 5.

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who their captain will be for that game. Nasser Hussain, who broke a finger while fielding on Saturday, assessed his chances of being fit as "50-50".

The England selectors will consider other options at their meeting next Saturday, which include recalling former captain Michael Atherton on his home ground.

Atherton has been suffering from back trouble this season which has restricted his appearances for Lancashire and kept him out of the England team.

Hussain said: "These things usually take two or three weeks and I don't want to miss any games if at all possible."

Hussain said England would need to improve their batting to win the four-match series, which is now level 1-1.

"It was a poor performance," he added. "We were always paying for not putting a good score on the board in the first innings. All credit to New Zealand, but we'll pick ourselves up. Our heads are not going down."

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## Shocking England upsets Botham



LONDON, July 26 (AP): The much trumpeted re-emergence of English cricket lasted exactly one Test.

And now the pundits who talked up the revival are the biggest critics.

After slumping to a nine-wicket loss Sunday, which gave New Zealand their first ever Test victory at Lord's, even Ian Botham — one of English cricket's icons — said he was

all about.

"They played with character and steely determination."

Chris Cairns started England's demise by taking six wickets as the Kiwis' makeshift bowling attack skinned England for 185. Inspired by a century from opener Matt Horne, New Zealand replied with 358 for a first-innings lead of 172.

England was bowled out for 229 in their second innings and New Zealand eclipsed the victory target of 59 in 90 minutes

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New Zealand's win at Lord's, following five losses and seven draws in their previous 10 Tests at the ground since 1931, levelled the current four-Test series 1-1.

England, with Nasser Hussain taking over from Alec Stewart as captain and with two rookies in the lineup, won the opening Test at Edgbaston, but now the selectors are under extreme pressure to come up with an unbeatable lineup for the third Test starting at Old Trafford on Aug. 5. Some old faces are certain to be recalled.

The major concern is over Hussain, who broke his finger in the field Saturday and couldn't bat in England's second innings. He is expected to miss the third Test, leaving the captaincy up for grabs.

Although Hussain plans to have his say in the next selection meeting,

"It was a poor performance at Lord's — it comes down to individuals and individuals' responsibility," he said.

"Our heads are not going down, we mustn't get too high or too low. When we beat New Zealand we must not get too high thinking we've solved all our problems and when we lose we mustn't think it's the end of the world and England are rubbish again."

### LORD'S TRAUMA

Here's how England have performed in their last 10 Tests at the home of cricket (one win, three draws, six defeats):

June '92 : Two-wicket loss to Pakistan.

June '93 : 62-run loss to Australia.

June '94: Draw vs New Zealand.

July '94 : 356-run loss to South Africa.

June '95 : 72-run win over West Indies.

June '96 : Draw vs. India.

July '96 : 164-run loss to Pakistan.

June '97 : Draw vs. Australia.

June '98 : 10-wicket loss to South Africa.

July '99 : Nine-wicket loss to New Zealand.

IAN BOTHAM

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In a column in Monday's tabloid Mirror newspaper, Botham said: "England's disaster at Lord's ranks as one of their worst-ever showings."

"It was so bad, I felt ashamed to be English," he added.

Writing about England's record of one win in their last 10 Tests at Lord's, Botham said England "had some pretty awful displays at headquarters but I reckon this debacle caps them all."

Monday's newspapers were filled with even more doom and gloom about English cricket than they were last month when the national team — and tournament host — slumped out of the World Cup in the first round.

Ivan Pedroso's victory in the long jump led the way for Cuba, which also took six titles in Greco-Roman wrestling.

Williams ended a 12-year drought for the United States in the Pan Am premier sprint, winning in 10.08 seconds, only .02 seconds off the Games record 1 minute, 45.38 seconds.

But the most exciting event of the evening was the 800, when the 39-year-old Gray out-dueled and outlasted a 12-year-old Norberto Tellez of Cuba to win the 800 by two hundredths of a second in a Games record 1 minute, 45.38 seconds.

The public dwells in your head that you're too old and you're supposed to believe it," Gray said. "I don't. To have held up the way I did today shows that."

Mexico's women also claimed a pair of golds on the track. Anna Guevara won the 400 in 59.91 and Adriana Fernandez took the 5.000 in 15:56.57.

Botham was full of praise for the Black Caps.

The Kiwis thoroughly outplayed England, he said. "They showed them, basically, what good old-fashioned cricket is

all about."

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Andy Caddick hit a Test best

45 while Chris Read weighed

in with a composed 37 in a 78-run

seventh wicket partnership

which propelled England to a

second innings total of 229 and

a slender lead of 57.

It was not enough to give the

tourists the jitters, who com-

plished their victory strolls in just 90 minutes to level the series at 1-1 with two to go, but Hussain is confident the same set of players can do the job and will speak on their behalf at next weekend's meeting.

"It's obviously going to be a longer selection meeting than the last one," said Hussain. "These are good players and I will be fully behind them."

"When you keep winning you

there are still areas we must

improve on and we'll be looking

at that and discussing it as

selectors and getting our minds

right as to how to improve those

areas."