

# Rain robs Kiwis

## Cricket

AFP, Birmingham

Rain forced the abandonment of the NatWest Series one-day international between New Zealand and the West Indies at Edgbaston on Saturday.

New Zealand, in a match already reduced by rain to 21 overs per side, were well-placed at 97 for two from 13.4 overs chasing a revised target of 140, when the umpires finally called a halt.

The result saw both sides awarded three points each for a no-result and left New Zealand top of the table after their tournament opener against England at Old Trafford on Thursday was washed out without a ball being bowled.

"There is nothing you can do," New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming told reporters.

"Only one team (New Zealand) would have won. We're disappointed not to get all the points but we got more cricket than we thought.

"It wasn't an easy game but we were on the right side for most of it."

West Indies captain Brian Lara, whose rapid 36 at least gave the crowd some entertainment, admitted: "New Zealand were well set to win before the rain saved us. Batting wise it was very tough."

Hamish Marshall, 24 not out, and Scott Styris, 26 not out, were both in form when play ended at 1820GMT with their team needing 43 runs off 44 balls.

The duo shared an unbroken stand of 47 in 41 balls.

Earlier Lara's innings steered the West Indies to 122 for four after they had stumbled to 59 for three.

He took 23 runs off the penultimate over from Jacob Oram before he was out hit wicket trying to play another audacious stroke off Chris Cairns.

That over featured four successive fours and a six. Going right

across his stumps the left-hander struck three legside fours, the last an outrageous flick to fine leg.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Final scorecard of the NatWest Series one-day international between New Zealand and the West Indies at Edgbaston Saturday.

**WEST INDIES**  
Gayle c McCullum b Oram 30  
Chanderpaul lbw b Styris 14  
Smith c McCullum b Oram 1  
Sarwan not out 18  
Lara hit wicket b Cairns 36  
Powell not out 1  
Extras: (lb-10, w-10, nb-2) 22  
Total: (For 4 wkts in 21 overs) 122  
Fall of wickets: 1-56, 2-59, 3-59, 4-115

Did not bat: Bravo, Jacobs, Bradshaw, Rampaul, Lawson

**Bowler** O M R W  
Tuffey 5 1 10 0  
Franklin 5 1 25 0  
Cairns 4 0 18 1  
Vettori 1 0 5 0  
Oram 4 1 42 1  
Styris 2 0 12 2

**NEW ZEALAND**

Fleming c Powell b Lawson 12  
Astle c Gayle b Lawson 13  
Marshall not out 24  
Styris not out 26  
Extras: (lb-5, w-14, nb-3) 22  
Total: (For 2 wkts in 13.4 overs) 97

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-50  
Did not bat: McMillan, Cairns, Oram, McCullum, Vettori, Franklin, Tuffey

**Bowler** O M R W  
Rampaul 1.4 0 20 0  
Bradshaw 4 0 19 0  
Lawson 3 0 18 2  
Bravo 2 0 13 0  
Smith 2 0 15 0  
Gayle 1 0 7 0

**Result:** No result.

## TRIANGULAR TABLE

REUTERS, London

Standings in the one-day triangular NatWest Series after Saturday's match between New Zealand and West Indies was abandoned (tabulate under played, won, lost, no result, bonus points, total points):

NZ	2	0	0	2	0	6
Eng	1	0	0	1	0	3
WI	1	0	0	1	0	3

(Points system: win with bonus point 6, win without bonus point 5, tie or no result 3, loss, but not conceding bonus point 1 and loss, conceding bonus point 0)

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.

Even if conditions had relented, play could not have continued as this last stoppage signalled the end of the game under tournament rules.

Rain had already reduced the match to 35 overs per side when a

ball was sight of him stumbling in his run-up to the crease on a sudden outfield persuaded the umpires to call off the game.