



West Indies fast bowler Jerome Taylor stretches in vain to stop the ball on the second day of the second Test against New Zealand in Napier yesterday.

## One of Dravid's most major centuries

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Breathing easy after a career-reviving ton, Rahul Dravid Saturday said that the century he scored against England here would rank among the most significant knocks of his career.

"It's a quite significant knock, considering the form I was in coming into the match. It's one of the most significant hundreds I scored and I now just hope we go on to win this match," a visibly relieved Dravid told reporters here.

Dravid snapped the long string of poor shows with a knock of 136 and the right-hander said he felt relieved to get a huge monkey off his back.

"I'm definitely relieved and it's nice to be contributing again. It has been a tough year for me, nothing has been easy. It's nice to make important contributions," said the former captain who ran into a bad patch soon after the home series against South Africa.

True to his nature, Dravid's was a muted celebration as he just raised the bat and shook hands with Gautam Gambhir. He didn't even take off the helmet.

Asked if that was to hide his emotion or to make any statement, Dravid said, "I didn't try to make any statement. I was definitely happy and relieved. I guess I'm bit old and wise, I don't jump around even when I'm excited. It was a combination of both relief and joy."

## McIntosh, Flynn pull NZ

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that have dogged the side in recent years.

By tea, they had raised the score to a patient 74 for one after 41 overs. The pairing lifted the pace to add 63 runs in 23 overs before Flynn fell in a rain and bad light-disrupted final session.

It was a lazy, defensive stroke from a batsman who was backing up from a 95 in the drawn first Test in Dunedin last week.

Chanderpaul was left unbeaten on 126 with his 20th Test century lasting four hours and 22 minutes and including 11 fours and three sixes.

In the process, the 34-year-old left-hander lifted his Test average to 50.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second Test between New Zealand and the West Indies at McLean Park on Saturday.

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 258 for 6)

Gayle c McCullum b O'Brien 34

Chattergoon c How b Vettori 13

Sarwan c McCullum b Patel 11

Marshall c Ryde b O'Brien 6

Chanderpaul not out 126

Nash c Flynn b Franklin 74

Ramdin b Vettori 6

Taylor c McCullum b O'Brien 18

Benn c McCullum b O'Brien 0

Powell c McCullum b O'Brien 6

Edwards lbw b O'Brien 0

Extras: (lb-5, w-1, nb-7) 13

Total: (All out in 107 overs) 307

Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-54, 3-

63, 4-74, 5-237, 6-257, 7-279,

8-279, 9-299, 10-307

Bowler O M R W

Franklin 19 2 77 1

Mills 12 4 29 0

Patel 25 12 41 1

O'Brien 26 6 75 6

Vettori 22 4 71 2

Ryder 3 0 9 0

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

McIntosh not out 62

How c Chattergoon b Edwards 12

Flynn c & b Edwards 57

Taylor not out 4

Extras: (lb-8, nb-2) 10

Total: (For 2 wkt in 68 overs) 145

To bat: Ryder, McCullum,

Franklin, Vettori, Mills,

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Fall of wicket: 1-19, 2-137.

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