

## Series ends in dull draw

### Cricket

AFP, Cape Town

India validated their ranking as the number one team in Test cricket when they drew the third and final Test and earned a share of the series against second-ranked South Africa at Newlands here on Thursday.

Opening batsman Gautam Gambhir guided India to safety with a cautious innings of 64. Set to make an improbable 340 to win, India were 166 for three when play was called off with eight overs remaining.

Man of the match and man of the series Jacques Kallis took his career total of Test centuries to 40 with innings of 161 and 109 not out, while Sachin Tendulkar, the only man ahead of him on the all-time list, made a battling 146 for India.

Dale Steyn, the world's leading fast bowler, took five for 75 in the first innings but had to wait until an hour and a half before the scheduled close Thursday to add to his tally, having Gambhir caught down the leg side by wicketkeeper Mark Boucher.

Gambhir suffered a left elbow injury while making 93 in the first innings and looked in distress when he was struck by Morkel just below the injured elbow in the second over of the second innings.

He received treatment on the field before carrying on batting with no further obvious signs of discomfort.

The left-handed Gambhir batted for 271 minutes and faced 154 balls as he made virtually certain India could not be beaten.

South Africa could make only one breakthrough in each of the three sessions. Although there was some uneven bounce, the pitch did not help the bowlers as

much as the South Africans had hoped.

Following a 2-1 defeat against Australia in 2008/09 and a drawn series against England last season, it was the third successive home series that South Africa failed to win.

Even the normally aggressive Virender Sehwag made no attempt to score quickly when India started the final innings of the series.

The first of his two boundaries came only in

the seventh over, when he square-cut Steyn to the boundary, and the second was a half-chance to a leaping JP Duminy at backward point when he played a similar shot against Lonwabo Tsotsobe.

Sehwag completed a disappointing series when he was caught at first slip by South African captain Graeme Smith off Morkel for 11 after batting for three minutes short of an hour. Sehwag scored 144 runs in the series at an average of 24.

Gambhir and Rahul Dravid defied the South African bowlers until after the afternoon drinks break in a second-wicket stand of 79 before Dravid was caught at third slip for 31 when he got a ball from Tsotsobe which kicked from just short of a length.

#### SCORES IN BRIEF

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 362

**INDIA:** First innings 364

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings 341 (Smith 29, Petersen 22, De Villiers 13, Prince 22, Kallis 109 not out, Boucher 55, Steyn 32, Morkel 28; Harbhajan 7-120)

**INDIA:** Second innings 166 for 3 (Gambhir 64, Sehwag 11, Dravid 31, Tendulkar 14 not out, Laxman 32 not out; Steyn 1-43, Morkel 1-26, Tsotsobe 1-29)

**Result:** Match drawn.

**Man-of-the-match:** Jacques Kallis.

**Man-of-the-series:** Jacques Kallis.

## Colly quits Test

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AFP, Sydney

England batsman Paul Collingwood said it was time to move on and give younger players an opportunity as he announced his retirement from Test cricket on Thursday.

Collingwood, 34, has been under increasing pressure to keep his number five batting spot after a dismal run at the crease this Ashes series that has garnered just 83 runs at 13.83.

Former captain and teammate Andrew Flintoff said this week it was time for the England team management to be ruthless and drop the under-performing Collingwood from the Ashes-winning team.

Collingwood chose not to wait until the end of the Sydney Test, which is expected to finish on Friday with a huge England series-clinching victory, and made his announcement to teammates before the start of the fourth day's play.

While he will no longer be a part of Test cricket, Collingwood will remain England's Twenty20 captain and play for the one-day team, the England and Wales Cricket Board said.

"In many ways it's a sad moment, but I honestly think it's the right time," Collingwood said after Thursday's play.

"This is what I have been playing cricket for to be in a position against Australia, in Australia, like this, and it's going to be the perfect moment to bow out of Test cricket."

One of the chief beneficiaries of Collingwood's decision could be Eoin Morgan, 24, who has been on the sidelines during the Australian series.

"I am happy with the contributions I've made to the England team in the Test format and there are a lot of youngsters coming through," the England stalwart said.

"This team will progress without me and get better and better, so I am looking forward to tomorrow as my final farewell."

In-form Ian Bell, who scored his first Ashes century with 115 in England's first innings in Sydney, is also in line to move up the batting order from six to five in a reshuffle.

Collingwood told his teammates of his decision on the field ahead of Thursday's fourth day in the Sydney Test and was given hugs and pats on the back by the England players.

"I wanted the guys to know before they found out off anybody else and there were a few whispers going around and I also thought there might be a chance of us winning the game today," he said.



PAUL COLLINGWOOD

#### FACTFILE

BATTING & FIELDING												
Mat	Inns	No	Runs	Hs	Ave	100	50	4s	6s	Ct	St	
Tests	67	114	10	4246	206	40.82	10	20	470	24	94	0
BOWLING												
Mat	Inns	Balls	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Econ	Sr	4w	5w	10		
Tests	67	58	1881	1013	16	63.31	3.23	117.5	0	0	0	

"I spoke to my wife in Melbourne (last week) about it and pretty much made my decision three days ago.

The Durham right-hander restated his commitment to limited overs cricket and "the opportunity to continue leading the Twenty20 squad and playing a significant role in England's ODI team."

Collingwood made his Test debut in 2003 against Sri Lanka at Galle and has earned 68 caps, scoring 4,259 Test runs at 40.95 and taken 17 wickets.

Collingwood led England to their first-ever success in a global tournament when his team defeated Australia by seven wickets in the World Twenty20 final in Barbados last May.

Hugh Morris, Managing Director of England Cricket, said: "Paul Collingwood has made an outstanding contribution to the England Test team."

"His tireless commitment in the Test match arena will be something he will always be remembered for."

"I'm delighted that Paul will be available to continue to make important contributions to our ODI and Twenty20 teams."

## Nadal, Federer in qrts

### Tennis

AFP, Doha

Roger Federer and fever-hit Rafael Nadal both had to fight their way out of trouble before reaching the quarterfinals of the Qatar Open on Wednesday.

Federer needed to recover from 4-5 down in the first set tie-breaker and from a break of serve down at 1-4 in the second against Swiss compatriot, and childhood friend, Marco Chiudinelli, ranked only 117 in the world, before coming through 7-6 (7/5), 7-5. World number one Nadal had to survive a tight first set and the loss of his first love set in nearly two years before overcoming the inspired hitting of Lukas Lacko, the world number 83 from Slovakia, by 7-6 (7/3), 0-6, 6-3.

Both superstars were confronted with opponents who hit hard and flat and had little to lose, enabling them to attack the ball freely.

But both had reasons for being below par. Nadal has been feeling unwell for several days and spent much of one day here resting, while Federer found it difficult to generate his usual intensity while playing against a compatriot and long-term friend.

Lacko often took the breath away with the way he hurtled around the court and hit the ball as though trying to puncture it.

Had he held on to his early break of serve at 2-1 or pushed through when he had Nadal at deuce at 5-5 later in the first set, much may have been different.

But Nadal focussed fiercely at the start of the final set, ran hard, and played solid counter-attacking percentages, and was rewarded by a far higher ratio of errors

from Lacko.

"It was a very difficult match," said Nadal, who celebrated his survival with evident relief and enthusiasm.

"But I resisted. I just made up my mind to do my best in the final set. I came back but it was very tiring for me."

Federer's survival against Chiudinelli followed a knife-edge recovery in saving three successive set points in his opening encounter against Thomas Schoorel, the Dutch qualifier, before progressing similarly in two tight sets.

"Playing such a good friend is so rare for me," Federer said. "And seeing him maybe having an injury as well, and feeling bad for him, and hopeful that he's not going to have another injury, was really difficult."

Federer will next face Viktor Troicki, a member of the Serbian team which won the Davis Cup in Belgrade last month and who reached the last eight with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Teimuraz Gabashvili of Russia.

Nadal's next opponent is Ernest Gulbis, the dangerously talented Latvian who overwhelmed Antonio Veic, a Croatian qualifier, by 6-3, 6-1, and who will probably enjoy recalling memories of troubling Federer in a three-set quarter-final battle here last year.

Philipp Kohlschreiber, the eighth-seeded German, was beaten 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (2/7), 7-6 (7/4) by Ivo Karlovic, the six-foot ten-inch Croatian whose serve descends from steeper angles than any player on the tour.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga continued his comeback from a knee injury by reaching the quarter-finals with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Sergei Bubka, the son of Olympic gold medal pole vaulter Sergey Bubka.

## 'Couldn't believe I beat my idols'

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He always motivated us. DSS: You played just one game, the one against Pakistan which we won. How did it feel when you heard you'd be playing?

SA: Well, I was considered for the previous game against Australia and also, after looking at the grassy wicket, against Scotland but that didn't transpire. So since the management had it be known that everyone would get a game, I was quite sure that (Neyyampur Rashid) Rahul and I would be playing against Pakistan.

DSS: What was going through you during that match?

SA: I was so proud of myself, especially with the expatriates and officials creating such a great atmosphere there, that I had goosebumps. I was a little scared because I've always been nervous before my first over.

You know, I could never bowl the first over of a match, I always took the second over even though I was a new ball bowler.

It was such a thing that when (Aminul Islam) Bulbul bhai told me to take the second over so that Monjurul (Islam) could take an end, (Enamul Haque) Moni bhai said that 'Don't worry, Babu always takes the second over' (laughs).

But later I was relaxed and when I removed Ijaz Ahmed and Saeed Anwar was run out in my over, I had the feeling that we might actually win this game. DSS: How did you feel after the win? SA: When I returned to the dressing room, I was laughing all by myself as I had just defeated my childhood heroes Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis.

DSS: So this was your favourite World Cup moment? SA: Of course, but we also beat Scotland and that was huge too. We were of the same level but they made sure we played in a wicket that had a lot of grass on it. I remember that my eyes got big in shock when I saw the wicket in the morning of the game.

## Boycott blames selectors

AP, Sydney

Former England captain Geoffrey Boycott says Australia's selectors must take much of the blame for its team's disappointing Ashes campaign.

Boycott told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio today the confused selection policies which saw Australia change its bowling and batting lineups throughout the five-test series helped England's cause.

The 70-year-old Boycott, who batted prolifically for England in 108 tests from 1964 to 1982, said Australia's selectors "made a right mess of everything they've done."

## Fight mars

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the penalty shootout. "I was first struck [by Faruque], but the umpire cautioned me instead of him," Jimmy said. "I didn't want to hit him and the stick fell on his head after slipping from my hand."

## Coach-less

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Sheikh Jamal confirmed the fate of the game in the 74th minute when Shakil ran down from the right to enter the box and cut it back to Sabuj, who coolly placed the ball into the far post to celebrate his third goal of the season.

## Eng poised

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**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 280 (M. Johnson 53, S. Watson 45; J. Anderson 4-66)

**ENGLAND:** First innings 644 (Cook 189, Prior 118, Bell 115, Strauss 60; Johnson 4-168, Hilfenhaus 3-121, Watson 1-49)

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings 213 for 7 (Clarke 41, Watson 38, Haddin 30, Siddle 17 not out; Bresnan 2-32, Anderson 2-50, Tremlett 2-53)

## Time to improve

### NZ-Pak first Test starts today

### Cricket

AFP, Hamilton

New Zealand and Pakistan open their Test series here Friday, keen to salvage reputations despite the series' sideline status on a tour dominated by the short form of the game and eyes focused on the spot-fixing scandal.

Only two Tests are on the schedule, instead of the customary three, with the focus of the Pakistan tour more on the six one-day internationals to follow as a warm-up to the World Cup.

But New Zealand captain Daniel Vettori said the teams needed to make the most of their limited Test time as their current world rankings -- Pakistan are sixth and New Zealand eighth -- show a need for improvement.

Pakistan, however, are without opener Salman Butt and bowlers Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Aamer who are facing a six-day

Independent Anti-Corruption Tribunal hearing starting in Doha on Thursday.

With batsman Mohammad Yousuf left out of the touring squad, the pressure will be on captain Misbahul Haq along with Younis Khan and Azhar Ali to provide the backbone of their batting.

Umar Gul and Wahab Riaz will spearhead the bowling while Abdur Rehman is the only spin option after Saeed Ajmal returned home following the sudden death of his father on Tuesday.

Pakistan enter the first Test here on the back of a 1-2 loss to New Zealand in a Twenty20 series. Importantly at Test level they drew a two-match series against South Africa 0-0 in November.

New Zealand in the same month were beaten 1-0 by India in a three-Test series.

"We competed in India because we scored big first innings runs and were able to stay in the game, so

that's our first goal, and bring as much penetration as we can with the ball," said Vettori, whose side has a more settled look than Pakistan.

Opening batsman Brendon McCullum, who scored 206 for a New Zealand XI against Pakistan earlier in the week, said he was in tune with the philosophy of new coach John Wright that the batsmen lay the foundation.

#### SQUAD

**NEW ZEALAND:** Daniel Vettori (captain), Brendon McCullum, Tim McIntosh, Martin Guptill, Ross Taylor, Jesse Ryder, Kane Williamson, Reece Young, Tim Southee, Brent Arnel, Chris Martin, James Franklin, Daryl Tuffey.

**PAKISTAN:** Misbahul Haq (captain), Mohammad Hafeez, Tauseef Umar, Azhar Ali, Younis Khan, Asad Shafiq, Umar Akmal, Adnan Akmal, Saeed Ajmal, Abdur Rehman, Umar Gul, Tanvir Ahmed, Sohail Tanvir, Wahab Riaz.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: INEXPENSIVE BREAKFAST CAFE VERY CLOSE BY A FAMOUS EGYPTIAN LANDMARK: GRIDDLE OF THE SPHINX.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals V