

## Pattinson too pacy

AFP, Brisbane

James Pattinson shattered New Zealand to emerge as Australia's latest fast bowling sensation with a man-of-the-match five-wicket innings haul in the first Gabba Test on Sunday.

Pattinson, 21, given his first Test cap on the strength of nine first-class games, was irresistible as he claimed five for 27, including three wickets in four balls, in Australia's nine-wicket win over the Kiwis inside four days.

Just a fortnight after 18-year-old Pat Cummins's man-of-the-match bowling performance in Australia's two-wicket win over South Africa in Johannesburg, Pattinson provided more compelling evidence of Australia's new pace breed.

Pattinson narrowly missed out on a hattrick to help rout the Black Caps for 150 and leave Michael Clarke's Australians with the formality of chasing just 19 runs for victory.

Pattinson, whose elder brother, Darren, played a Test for England in 2008, destroyed the Black Caps' top order, taking the first five wickets with an impressive full length at searing pace.

"We spoke about it before the game we wanted to try to bowl nice and full," Pattinson said.

"Pup [Clarke] supported me there and said it doesn't matter if you get driven a couple of times, which I kept at the back of my head and tried to just keep doing the same thing and it paid off for me in the second innings."

Unlike the butter-fingered Kiwis, the Australians latched onto the catches behind the wicket as Pattinson coaxed edges off the bat to devastating effect.

"I've probably seen that for a while now that there's some young players that have been around first-class cricket who are now involved in the Australian setup who have had a lot of talent," Clarke said.

"It is just about giving them an opportunity to see how they go, and then trying to get better."

"Patto's been around the group for a while now in regard to one day cricket, we've always known he's had a lot of talent."

"It was just about getting him as fit and strong as we could, him biding his time, going back to first-class cricket and taking wickets and waiting for an opportunity."

Pattinson, who claimed Brendon McCullum's wicket late on Saturday, removed Martin Guptill (12), Kane Williamson (0) and skipper Ross Taylor (0) in the space of four balls in his opening over Sunday.

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scheduled on December 8 and 11 in Indore and Chennai respectively.

The Kris Srikkanth-led selection panel will meet on Monday to pick the squad for the remainder of the series besides injured pacer Praveen Kumar's replacement for the upcoming four Tests against Australia.

Tendulkar's last international century came on March 12 during a World Cup group league match against South Africa at Nagpur.

It has been more than eight months that the entire nation has been waiting with bated breath for the elusive century.

The last missed opportunity came in the third Test against Caribbeans when Tendulkar was dismissed six runs short of the milestone.

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Latterly, he gave seminars about leadership and human relations while also practising as a doctor and working on a fiction book about the 2014 World Cup due to be held in Brazil.

His younger brother Rai, also a midfielder and a Sao Paulo favourite who spent several seasons at Paris St Germain in the late 1990s, was a member of the Brazil squad that won the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

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and never gave up hope of winning the match and the stunning goal was a result of their hard work.

## TEAMS

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Australia debutant James Pattinson (R) celebrates dismissing New Zealand skipper Ross Taylor (L) on the fourth day of the first Test at the Gabba in Brisbane on Sunday. Australia won the match by nine wickets.

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## Aussies rout Kiwis

### Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Debutant paceman James Pattinson spearheaded Australia to a crushing nine-wicket victory in the first Test against New Zealand inside four days at the Gabba on Sunday.

Pattinson snared five for 27 including three wickets in four balls to help rout the Black Caps for 150 off 49.4 overs and leave Michael Clarke's Australians with the formality of chasing just 19 runs for victory.

Another debutant, David Warner, hit three fours off four balls to get the winning runs for the loss of Phil Hughes's wicket as the hosts took a 1-0 lead in the two-Test series to Hobart on Friday.

Pattinson narrowly missed a hattrick as he ripped through the New Zealand top order to put Australia on the path to victory.

The 21-year-old fast bowler, on the back of just nine first-class matches, captured 5-7 in seven overs as the Kiwis capitulated under the fierce onslaught.

"It hasn't sunk in right now, I'm just happy we've won the first Test and got that rolling for us," Pattinson said.

"The selectors pick us so we can try to do a job for them and I'm just happy to do that for the Australian cricket team. It is a great achievement personally, but it's great for the team as well."

Clarke, who now has won three of seven Tests since taking over from Ricky Ponting in January, said the New Zealand win was important for the team's momentum.

"I said after South Africa it was important we continued building momentum from Sri Lanka, and it is no different at the start of the summer. It was important we started well here," he said.

"We know we've got some tough cricket ahead of us, starting in Hobart, but obviously throughout the summer against India as well."

Skipper Ross Taylor said New Zealand had to be tougher on themselves if they were to be competitive in this week's second Hobart Test.

"James Pattinson put the ball in the right areas enough times for us to nick it, but we've

still got to be harder on ourselves as a batting unit," he said.

"We know Australia are going to come at us hard again. We need to play a lot better than we played today."

Finger-spinner Nathan Lyon chipped in with three for 19 to finish with seven wickets for the match.

Pattinson, bowling an impressive full length at searing pace, removed Martin Guptill (12), Kane Williamson (0) and skipper Ross Taylor (0) in the space of four balls in his opening over of the day.

Guptill could not keep down a lifter and popped a catch to Usman Khawaja at bat-pad to start the rot.

Williamson was out two balls later, edging to Ponting at second slip and Taylor was out next ball snicking to wicketkeeper Brad Haddin to leave Pattinson on a hattrick.

Jesse Ryder barely survived Pattinson's hattrick ball, a 150 km/h yorker to finish his fifth over with figures of 4-1.

Damien Fleming is the only Australian to have taken a hattrick on his Test debut, in Pakistan in 1994. England's Maurice Allom and New Zealander Peter Petherick are others with hattricks on Test debut.

Nightwatchman Doug Bracewell became Pattinson's fifth victim, caught behind by Haddin for two, leaving the Black Caps at 28 for five in the 13th over.

Pattinson, who received a Cricket Australia contract this year and was picked for the tour of Sri Lanka, surpassed his previous best first-class figures of 4-52 for his state Victoria.

Clarke introduced Lyon in the 22nd over and Ryder (36) was lured on his second ball into a false shot to Mike Hussey at mid-off.

Daniel Vettori fell when he attempted to cut part-time Hussey to Clarke at slip for 17 with two balls left to lunch.

After lunch Peter Siddle removed Dean Brownlie for 42. Lyon dismissed Tim Southee and Chris Martin.

In Australia's second innings, Hughes was dropped before he was caught next ball at third slip off Martin as Australia took just 14 balls to hit the winning runs.

Warner smashed Bracewell for successive boundaries to clinch the win.

### SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 295 (Vettori 96, Brownlie 77 not out; Lyon 4-69)

AUSTRALIA: First innings 427 (Clarke 139, Haddin 80, Ponting 78; Martin 3-89)

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings (overnight 10-1)

Guptill c Khawaja b Pattinson 12

McCullum c Ponting b Pattinson 1

Bracewell c Haddin b Pattinson 2

Williamson c Ponting b Pattinson 0

Taylor c Haddin b Pattinson 0

Ryder c Hussey b Lyon 36

Brownlie c Warner b Siddle 42

Vettori c Clarke b Hussey 17

Young not out 11

Southee c Warner b Lyon 8

Martin c Starc b Lyon 0

Extras: (lb-15, w-2, nb-4) 21

Total: (All out in 49.4 overs) 150

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-17, 3-17, 4-17, 5-28, 6-69, 7-121, 8-123, 9-141

Bowler O M R W

Pattinson 11 5 27 5

Siddle 16 3 44 1

Starc 6 0 33 0

Lyon 11.4 2 19 3

Hussey 4 1 7 1

Warner 1 0 5 0

AUSTRALIA: Second innings

Hughes c Guptill b Martin 7

Warner not out 12

Khawaja not out 0

Total: (For 1 wkt in 2.2 overs) 19

Did not bat: Ponting, Clarke, Hussey, Haddin, Siddle, Pattinson, Starc, Lyon

Fall of wicket: 1-11

Bowler O M R W

Southee 1 0 11 1

Martin 1 1 0 1

Bracewell 0.2 0 8 0

Result: Australia won by 9 wickets.

Man of the match: James Pattinson.

## Nadal, Ferrer made to take doping tests

AFP, Seville

Spanish stars Rafael Nadal and David Ferrer were forced to undergo doping tests on Saturday right in the middle of the Davis Cup final doubles clash that they were watching from the sidelines.

Nadal and Ferrer had to leave the action, where teammates Feliciano Lopez and Fernando Verdasco were losing to Argentina's David Nalbandian and Eduardo Schwank, after being summoned by drug testers.

"We have said that we are happy with the tests and controls so that there is a clean sport because nobody wants to play against a doped player, but there are different ways of doing things," said Verdasco.

"I don't think it's nice that during a game they take colleagues out to go to a test.

They could wait until the end of the match, and they could have allowed them to cheer us and then do the test afterwards."

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enough times for us to nick it," Taylor said.

"But we've still got to be harder on ourselves as a batting unit. Not only this morn-

## Ross asks mates to work harder

### Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Skipper Ross Taylor said Sunday well-beaten New Zealand had to work harder to be competitive against Australia to save the two-Test series in Hobart later this week.

The abject Black Caps were routed for 150 in their second innings and trounced by nine wickets in the first Gabba Test inside four days with debutant James Pattinson giving a man-of-the-match performance with five for 27.

"We've just got to be harder on ourselves. We know Australia are going to come at us hard again in Tasmania. We need to play a lot better than we played today," he said.

Of his own form, Taylor said: "It's a lot easier as captain. When you're a player you can probably go a little bit insular, but as a captain you've got to lead from the front.

"This is not going to be the last Test match that I don't score any runs in.

"I've been in this situation before, you still need to back yourself. There's another Test match and we're not out of this series, we can still draw it."

After the loss, the Black Caps said they had added seamer Brent Arnel to their squad.

"We feel it's important to add a bit of bowling depth," coach John Wright said. "Brent has been bowling well at home and offers us another seam option."

"The conditions in Hobart are likely to be slower so he comes into the frame."

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