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England paceman James Anderson (C) leads his side to an emotional celebration moments after umpire Aleem Dar reverted his decision to declare Australia's last batsman Brad Haddin out on a pulsating final day of the first Ashes Test at Trent Bridge yesterday. England won by 14 runs.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First innings 215 (Trott 48, Bairstow 37, Root 30, Bell 25, Broad 24; Siddle 5-50, Pattinson 3-69, Starc 2-54)
AUSTRALIA: First innings 280 (Agar 98, Hughes 81 not out, Smith 53; Anderson 5-85, Swann 2-60, Finn 2-80)
ENGLAND: Second innings 375 (Bell 109, Broad 65, Pietersen 64, Cook 50, Prior 31; Starc 3-81, Siddle 3-85, Agar 2-82, Pattinson 2-101)
AUSTRALIA: Second innings (overnight 174-6)
 Watson lbw b Broad 46
 Rogers c Bell b Anderson 52
 Cowan c Trott b Root 14
 Clarke c Prior b Broad 23
 Smith lbw b Swann 17
 Hughes lbw b Swann 0
 Haddin c Prior b Anderson 71
 Agar c Cook b Anderson 14
 Starc c Cook b Anderson 1
 Siddle c Cook b Anderson 11
 Pattinson not out 25
 Extras: (b-11, lb-10, nb-1) 22
 Total: (All out in 110.5 overs) 296
 Fall of wickets: 1-84, 2-111, 3-124, 4-161, 5-161, 6-164, 7-207, 8-211, 9-231
Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
 Anderson 31.5 11 73 5
 Broad 23 7 54 2
 Swann 44 10 105 2
 Finn 10 3 37 0
 Root 2 0 6 1
Result: England won by 14 runs.
Player-of-the-match: James Anderson.

England edge ahead dramatically

AFP, Nottingham



James Anderson took five wickets for the second time in the match as England just held their nerve to win the first Ashes Test against Australia by 14 runs at Trent Bridge on Sunday.

When Australia lost their ninth wicket on the fifth and final day, they were 80 runs adrift of their victory target of 311 and all but out of the match.

But by lunch they were 291 for nine, just 20 runs away from a stunning upset with Brad Haddin 69 not out and James Pattinson unbeaten on 22.

However, the third over after lunch saw Haddin, on 71, eventually given out caught behind by opposing wicketkeeper Matt Prior off player-of-the-match Anderson's full-length delivery.

England, in a Test full of controversial umpiring decisions, had though first to

challenge Pakistani on-field umpire Aleem Dar's original not out verdict.

But third umpire Marais Erasmus, using Hot Spot technology, overturned the call and that meant Ashes-holders England had gone 1-0 up in this five-match series ahead of the second Test at Lord's on Thursday.

Pattinson finished on 25 not out after a last-wicket stand of 65.

It was the second remarkable last-wicket Australia stand of the match after their first innings 163, a tenth wicket Test record featuring teenage debutant Ashton Agar's 98 -- the highest score by a Test No. 11.

England spearhead seamer Anderson, who took four wickets for 12 runs Sunday, finished with an innings return of five for 73 and a match haul of 10 for 158.

All was going well for England earlier Sunday when a sensational new ball saw Anderson take three wickets for six runs as Agar (14), Mitchell Starc (one) and Peter

Siddle (11) were all caught by England captain Alastair Cook at first slip to leave Australia nine down.

But when Pattinson swept off-spinner Graeme Swann for six, Australia needed just 31 more runs for victory.

Jonny Bairstow then had a chance to run out Haddin but his throw from cover-point missed the stumps.

Haddin, with 26 needed to win, was dropped on 64 by a diving Steven Finn, running round in the deep, off Swann.

Australia resumed Sunday on 174 for six still needing a further 137 runs to win after they lost three wickets for three runs late in Saturday's play.

But the fact 19-year-old Agar, promoted to No 8, was still there was a warning to England not to under-estimate Australia's tail.

Haddin, 11 not out overnight, continued to mix aggression with defence, and took Australia to 200 when he cover-drove fast-medium bowler Anderson for four.

Anderson, one of only four England bowlers to take more than 200 Test wickets, eventually had had left-hander Agar edging to Cook.

And Australia's 207 for seven soon became 211 for eight when Starc, who has a Test-best score of 99, managed just a single before he too fell to the Anderson-Cook combination.

The pair almost had their third wicket when Siddle on 10 got an edge only for Cook to drop the chance.

However, Siddle added just one more run to his total before he edged a full-blooded drive off Anderson and Cook, going high to his right, held a sensational catch.

England had put themselves into a strong position thanks to a seventh-wicket second innings stand of 138 between Ian Bell (109) and Stuart Broad (65).

But Broad was controversially given not out on 37 despite edging the ball to slip -- one of several contentious decisions in this enthralling match.

Tyson Gay fails drugs test

THE GUARDIAN

The American 100m record holder Tyson Gay has tested positive for a banned substance and says he will pull out of the world championships in Moscow in August.

Gay has not revealed the substance, but he says he was notified by the US Anti-Doping Agency on Friday that a sample came back positive from an out-of-competition test on 16 May. He says he will have his "B" sample tested soon.

The 30-year-old Gay fought back sobs, saying: "I don't have a sabotage story ... I basically put my trust in someone and was let down."

Gay was healthy again this season after being constantly plagued by hamstring and groin ailments, along with a surgically repaired hip. He won the 100m and 200m at nationals last month.

USA rout Cuba in Gold Cup

AFP, Utah

Chris Wondolowski scored twice as the United States men's national team routed Cuba 4-1 in a CONCACAF Gold Cup contest on Saturday.

Wondolowski now has five goals in two Gold Cup matches after scoring a first half hat trick in a 6-1 hammering of Belize on Tuesday.

Landon Donovan and Joe Corona Crespin also scored at Rio Tinto Stadium for the Americans, who advanced to the Gold Cup quarter-finals.

Cuba started quickly, scoring the first goal in the 36th minute when Jose Nieto Martinez smashed a half-volley past goalkeeper Nick Rimando.

Donovan tied the contest by scoring on a penalty kick before the close of the first half after American Edgar Castillo was brought down in the box.

The Americans then dominated the second half as Corona Crespin notched his first career international goal in the 57th minute to give the USA a 2-1 lead.

Wondolowski then scored in the 66th and 84th minutes.

The San Jose Earthquakes striker made it three for the US by redirecting Kyle Beckerman's cross to the near post just over the head of Cuba goalkeeper Odelin Molina in the 66th minute.

Good start for 'new Kagawa'

AFP, Berlin

Turkey midfielder Nuri Sahin has dubbed Borussia Dortmund's new-signing Henrikh Mkhitaryan as the Champion League finalists' "new Shinji Kagawa" as the Armenian continues to impress.

Kagawa became a club icon by helping Borussia win back-to-back Bundesliga titles in 2010-11 and 2011-12 before moving to Manchester United last year.

Mkhitaryan has impressed in his two friendly matches since joining Dortmund from Shakhtar Donetsk last week for 27.5m euros, (US\$36m) both on his debut in Wednesday's 3-1 win at FC Basel, then Saturday's 4-1 win over Turkey's Bursaspor.

"Honestly, he reminds me of Shinji Kagawa," said ex-Real Madrid midfielder Sahin after Saturday's win in Althach, Austria, near Dortmund's training camp.

"I think he's even a bit quicker than Shinji.

"We have a lot of quality in attack."

Having finished second to Bayern Munich in both the Bundesliga and Champions League last season, Dortmund and their Bavarian rivals could meet next weekend in a pre-season tournament at Borussia Moenchengladbach.

The rivals then meet in the German Super Cup final on July 27 in Dortmund and Borussia are eager to integrate their new signings in preparation.

"Mickey", as Mkhitaryan has been nicknamed, scored against Basel and the central midfielder was in the heart of Dortmund's attack as fellow new-signing Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang also scored against Turkey's Bursaspor.

Poland striker Robert Lewandowski and Germany's Marco Reus also got on the score sheet as the Turkish league side also conceded an own goal.

Having lost Germany midfielder Mario Goetze to European champions Bayern Munich, Dortmund coach Jurgen Klopp said he was happy with Mkhitaryan's bright start before the Bundesliga starts on August 9.

"We already suspected that Henrikh has the qualities to set up chances in key moments like he did," enthused Klopp.

Dortmund's other new addition Sokratis also impressed against the Turks as the centre-back looked calm and composed next to Serbia's Neven Subotic against the Turkish side.



PHOTO: AFP

France's newly-crowned Wimbledon champion Marion Bartoli, dressed in high-heels and a mini-skirt, leaves the field after kicking off the friendly match between Marseille and Porto at the Valais Cup in Sion on Saturday.

Debuts hearten Moyes despite loss

AFP, Bangkok

David Moyes took heart from sparkling debuts by two emerging stars after his reign as Manchester United manager got off to a low-key start with an upset loss in Thailand.

A generally flat performance was enlivened by the eye-catching trickery of Belgian teen Adnan Januzaj, before new signing Wilfried Zaha came on and nearly snatched the equaliser.

After 27 years and 38 trophies under Alex Ferguson, Moyes admitted losing 1-0 to the Singha All-Star XI -- a team pulled together from the best players of the Thai league -- "wasn't a brilliant result".

But he was sufficiently encouraged by Zaha, the hero of Crystal Palace's promotion to the Premier League, to suggest he is in line for his competitive debut this season.

"I thought when Wilf came on he gave us a little lift. He was certainly unlucky not to score with his attempt at goal," said Moyes, adding, "I hope so" when asked if Zaha would get an opportunity this season.

"We'll see how he does. We're bringing him here to give him a chance," said the Scot.

"It's the first time I've worked with him, first time I've had a chance to see him up close so he'll certainly be part of the squad and we'll see if we can fit him in (to the first team) as often as we can."

After coming on in the second half, Zaha missed a header from close range but with eight minutes left, he nearly spared United's blushes when he rattled the far post with a curling shot from inside the box.

Januzaj, the top-rated 18-year-old with highlight reels on YouTube, started the game on the right but he impressed all over the pitch with his one-touch control, pace, quick feet and passing.

And the slight Belgian, United's reserve team player of the year last season, popped up for their best chance of the first half but disappointingly volleyed Fabio's cross over the bar.

"I thought he played well tonight, I thought he was a plus for us," said Moyes of Januzaj.

"It's always good when you give a young player a chance and he shows up, and I thought he did tonight. The more he plays like that, the more opportunities he's liable to get."

Moyes fielded a side missing Robin van Persie, captain Nemanja Vidic, Shinji Kagawa and Wayne Rooney, who fuelled transfer speculation when he pulled out of the Asian tour on day one with a hamstring injury.

France kings of U20

REUTERS, Istanbul

France defeated Uruguay 4-1 in a penalty shootout to win their first Under-20s World Cup title on Saturday after a fiercely-contested final ended 0-0 after extra-time.

Dimitri Foulquier scored the decisive fourth spot kick in front of a sparse crowd, beating Uruguay keeper Guillermo de Amores to seal victory for France who beat Turkey, Uzbekistan and Ghana on the way to the final.

Earlier, Ghana eased past Iraq 3-0 in the third-place playoff.

The competition was a test of Turkey's ability to hold a major sporting event ahead of the September decision on the city that will host the 2020 Olympics.

Istanbul is one of three contenders for the Games along with Madrid and Tokyo.

Jim Boyce, chairman of the Under-20s World Cup organising committee for soccer's ruling body FIFA, said he was disappointed by the small crowds at the tournament.

"We are obviously disappointed with the attendance at the games. I know how passionate the people in Turkey are about football but for some reason we did not get the anticipated number of fans."