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MANCHESTER: England's Jonny Bairstow plays a shot on the second day of the second Test cricket match between England and Pakistan at Old Trafford Cricket Ground in Manchester, England yesterday. — AFP

ENGLAND DECLARES AFTER ROOT DOUBLE CENTURY

MANCHESTER: Joe Root hit a career-best 254 as England declared its first innings at a massive 589-8 to put pressure on Pakistan on day two of the second test yesterday. Root batted resolutely for over 10 hours on an easy paced wicket, hitting 27 fours and facing 406 balls before England declared 30 minutes after tea.

Root got useful support from Chris Woakes and Jonny Bairstow, who both scored 58 and featured in century stands with Root after England resumed overnight on 314-4, with Root 141 not out after he had shared a second-wicket stand of 185 with skipper and fellow senior batsman Alastair Cook (105).

But although sent in as a nightwatchman, Warwickshire all-rounder Chris Woakes showed his batting class during a boundary-filled fifty yesterday. Woakes was the dominant partner in a fifth-wicket stand of 103 with Root. Two not out overnight, Woakes—who has scored nine first-class hundreds was soon demonstrating a fundamentally orthodox batting technique.

When Rahat Ali, one of Pakistan's trio of left-arm quicks along with Mohammad Amir and Wahab Riaz, dropped short, he was cut for four by Woakes. Next ball, when Rahat over-pitched, Woakes cover-drove him for another boundary. There was a brief hold-up when Woakes was struck on the right arm by Rahat. But when Amir, who appeared to be struggling with a niggling injury, dropped short outside off stump, Woakes upper-cut him for six high over third man. Meanwhile a single off Rahat saw Root to 150 in 269 balls including 18 fours.

The Yorkshireman had batted for six hours without giving a chance on Friday but on 155 he had a reprieve when an outside edge off leg-spinner Yasir Shah just carried to slip.

But Younis Khan was slow to react to the difficult low

catch. Woakes's 104-ball innings, which included eight fours and a six, ended when he chipped a return catch straight back to Shah to leave England 414 for five.

That gave Shah then-innings figures of one for 139 in 38.4 overs—a marked contrast to his man-of-the-match return of 10 for 141 during Pakistan's 75-run win in the first Test at Lord's last week.

England, 427 for five at lunch, lost just the one wicket in the second session when left-hander Ben Stokes was given out caught behind on review down the legside off Riaz on 34.

Stokes was originally given not out by on-field umpire Kumar Dharmasena. A protracted review suggested there was not clear evidence to overturn his call but third umpire Joel Wilson eventually decided to reverse the decision much to all-rounder Stokes's evident surprise.

Poor fielding has been a feature of Pakistan's play this series and Bairstow was reprieved on nine when he edged Shah only for wicket-keeper Sarfraz Ahmed to fumble the catch, after several juggled attempts.

Pakistan were reduced to bringing on part-time medium pacer Shan Masood and he was promptly no-balled first delivery after knocking over the stumps with his trailing leg.

Top-ranked test leg-spinner Yasir Shah made an unenviable double century of his own, finishing on 1-213. He got little support from his fielders as Root was dropped on 155 and Bairstow let off on 9.

In an attempt to score quickly after tea, Root departed when he skied a catch to a diving Mohammad Hafeez off left-arm Wahab Riaz (3-106). Pakistan, which won the first test by 75 runs at Lord's, was 15-0 after nine overs, still 574 runs behind. — Agencies

SCOREBOARD

MANCHESTER, United Kingdom: Scoreboard at close of England's first innings on the second day of the second Test against Pakistan at Old Trafford yesterday:

England 1st Innings (overnight: 314-4)

A. Cook b Mohammad Amir	105
A. Hales b Mohammad Amir	10
J. Root c Mohammad Hafeez b Wahab Riaz	254
J. Vince c Sarfraz Ahmed b Rahat Ali	18
G. Ballance b Rahat Ali	23
C. Woakes c and b Yasir Shah	58
B. Stokes c Sarfraz Ahmed b Wahab Riaz	34
J. Bairstow c Misbah-ul-Haq b Wahab Riaz	58
M. Ali not out	2
Extras (lb9, w8, nb10)	27
Total (8 wkts dec, 152.2 overs, 657 mins)	589

Did not bat: S Broad, J Anderson

Fall of wickets: 1-25 (Hales), 2-210 (Cook), 3-238 (Vince), 4-311 (Ballance), 5-414 (Woakes), 6-471 (Stokes), 7-577 (Root), 8-589 (Bairstow).

Bowling: Amir 29-6-89-2 (2w); Rahat 29-4-101-2 (2w); Riaz 26.2-1-106-3 (9nb, 4w); Shah 54-6-213-1; Azhar 11-0-52-0; Masood 3-0-19-0 (1nb)

Pakistan: Mohammad Hafeez, Shan Masood, Azhar Ali, Younis Khan, Misbah-ul-Haq (capt), Asad Shafiq, Sarfraz Ahmed (wkt), Wahab Riaz, Mohammad Amir, Yasir Shah, Rahat Ali.

ROOT JOINS OLD TRAFFORD 200 CLUB

MANCHESTER: England's Joe Root became just the sixth batsman in 132 years to score a Test double century at Old Trafford as he made 254 against Pakistan yesterday. He was just the second England cricketer to do so after Ken Barrington in 1964 and the first player from any country since South Africa's Gary Kirsten in 1998.

After more than 10 hours' batting, Root was eventually out when he skyed paceman Wahab Riaz and Mohammad Hafeez, running in from square leg, held a good catch to leave England 577 for seven on the second day of the second Test. The highest individual score in an Old Trafford remains

Bob Simpson's 311 for Australia against England in 1964, with the corresponding England record at the Manchester ground achieved in the same match when Barrington made 256.

Test match double hundreds at Old Trafford (score, player, country, opposition, year):

311	Bob Simpson	AUS v ENG	1964
256	Ken Barrington	ENG v AUS	1964
254	Joe Root	ENG v PAK	2016
223	Gordon Greenidge	WIS v ENG	1984
210	Gary Kirsten	RSA v ENG	1998
205	Aamer Sohail	PAK v ENG	1992.



ANTIGUA: Indian players unsuccessfully appeal for the wicket of West Indies' Devendra Bishoo during day three of their first cricket Test match at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound, Antigua, yesterday. — AP

KOHLI MAKES HISTORY AS INDIA TAKE COMMAND

ANTIGUA: Virat Kohli made history by scoring his maiden test double century as India played their way into a virtually unbeatable position on the second day of the first test against West Indies in Antigua on Friday.

Captain Kohli became the first Indian to post a test double century overseas, scoring 200 out of 566 for eight declared. Kohli shared a 168-run stand for the fifth wicket with Ravichandran Ashwin (113) who was dropped on 43 by keeper Shane Dowrich and made the West Indies pay by compiling a century.

West Indies were 31 for one in their first innings at the close of play with Kraigg Brathwaite (11) and nightwatchman Devendra Bishoo (0) at the crease. Rajendra Chandrika went for 16 in the penultimate over of the day when he got a thick edge to the keeper off paceman Mohammed Shami.

The day belonged to Kohli who completed his double ton just before lunch by pulling a single to deep mid-wicket. He went down on his knees and kissed the turf as retired West Indies great Viv Richards, after whom the venue in North Sound is named, joined in the applause

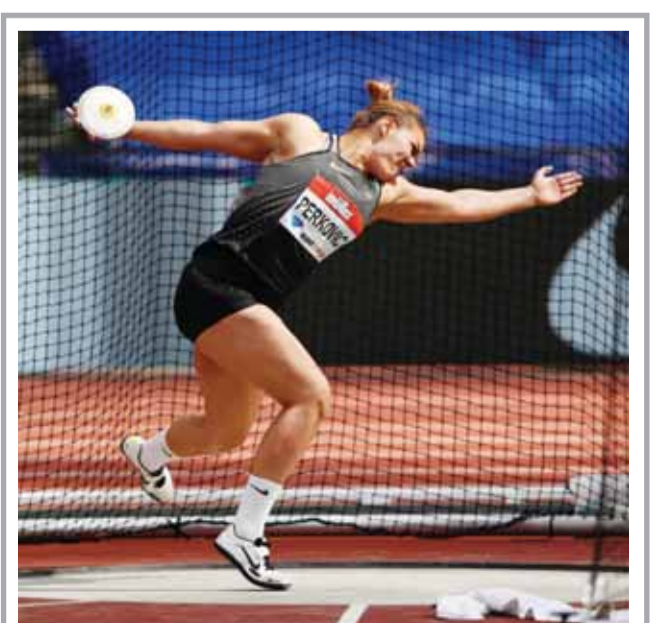
from the stands.

Kohli, who struck 24 fours in 283 balls, was out shortly after lunch when he got a thick inside edge on to his stumps off fast bowler Shannon Gabriel (2-65).

Leg-spinner Bishoo (3-163) looked dangerous at times but for the most part the home attack posed few problems for the batsmen on a flat track.

Ashwin, who registered his third test century, said a more disciplined approach was the key to his success. "I've been looking forward to this opportunity," he said in an on-field interview after being promoted to number six in the order. "I really enjoy my batting and there have been times in the past when I've been a little too flashy."

"I know if I have to get into the top seven or six I really need to tighten my game so I've really worked on it. I've never left so many balls (outside off stump) in my life." India's total left West Indies looking to occupy the crease for three more days to squeeze a draw in the first of four tests between the teams. "It's not going to be easy. We'll have to prise every wicket out," said Ashwin. — Reuters



STRATFORD: Croatia's Sandra Perkovic competes in the women's discus throw during the IAAF Diamond League Anniversary Games athletics meeting at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park stadium in Stratford, east London yesterday. — AFP