

## Sports

# Captain Kohli anger as India 'completely outplayed' in NZ Zealand Test clean-sweep

## 'We were not positive enough, we were not brave enough'

CHRISTCHURCH: Frustrated India captain Virat Kohli criticised his team and sparred with a journalist as New Zealand won the second Test inside three days to sweep the series yesterday. Home skipper Kane Williamson celebrated "an outstanding performance" as New Zealand, who won the first Test by 10 wickets, claimed the second by seven wickets to wrap it up 2-0.

But it left Kohli, who was caught making a foul-mouthed outburst to the crowd during day two, disappointed with his top-ranked side. "We were completely outplayed in this series, and obviously did not play the kind of cricket that we do play as a team," Kohli said.

"We were not positive enough, we were not brave enough." The irritation was clear from the current holder of the "spirit of cricket" award as he lost his world number one batting ranking following a string of low scores.

Kohli gave Williamson a very animated send-off in

the first innings and he was caught on camera yelling an obscenity at a group of New Zealand supporters on Sunday. But he refused to answer questions about his behaviour after the Test.

"What do you think?" he fired back at a journalist, when asked if it was appropriate conduct. "If you want to create controversy this is not the right place to be. I spoke with the match referee and he had no issues with what happened."

In the two Tests, on traditional New Zealand green wickets, India managed scores of 165, 191, 242 and 124, reflecting Kohli's low contributions of 2, 19, 3 and 14. New Zealand are now unbeaten in their last 13 home Tests, winning nine of them, and in the past decade their record as hosts is played 39, won 20, drawn 13 and lost five.

India started the day at 90 for six and were all out for 124, before New Zealand chased down the required 132 to win for the loss of three wickets in 36 overs.



CHRISTCHURCH: New Zealand pose for a photo after beating India 2-0 in the Test series on day three of the second Test cricket match between New Zealand and India at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch yesterday. — AFP

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard after the second Test between New Zealand and India ended in Christchurch yesterday:

India 1st innings 242 (Vihari 55, Shaw 54, Pujara 54; Jamieson 5-45)  
New Zealand 1st innings 235 (Latham 52, Jamieson 49; Shami 4-81, Bumrah 3-62)

#### India 2nd innings (overnight 90-6)

P. Shaw c Latham b Southee	14
M. Agarwal lbw Boult	3
C. Pujara b Boult	24
V. Kohli lbw de Grandhomme	14
A. Rahane b Wagner	9
U. Yadav b Boult	1
H. Vihari c Watling b Southee	9
R. Pant c Watling b Boult	4
R. Jadeja not out	16
M. Shami c Blundell b Southee	5
J. Bumrah run out (Boult/Williamson)	4
Extras: (b9, lb12)	21
Total: (all out, 46 overs)	124
Fall of wickets: 1-8 (Agarwal), 2-26 (Shaw), 3-51 (Kohli), 4-72 (Rahane), 5-84 (Pujara), 6-89 (Yadav), 7-97 (Vihari), 8-97 (Pant), 9-108 (Shami), 10-124 (Bumrah)	
Bowling: Southee 11-2-36-3, Boult 14-4-28-4, Jamieson 8-4-18-0, de Grandhomme 5-3-3-1, Wagner 8-1-18-1	

#### New Zealand 2nd innings

T. Latham c Pant b Yadav	52
T. Blundell b Bumrah	55
K. Williamson c Rahane b Bumrah	5
R. Taylor not out	5
H. Nicholls not out	5
Extras: (b1, lb8, nb1)	10
Total: (three wickets, 36 overs)	132
Fall of wicket: 1-103 (Latham), 2-112 (Williamson), 3-121 (Blundell)	
Bowling: Bumrah 13-2-39-2, Yadav 14-3-45-1, Shami 3-1-11-0, Jadeja 5-0-24-0 (lb), Kohli 1-0-4-0	
Result: New Zealand won by seven wickets	
Series: New Zealand won two-match series 2-0.	

### SWING ATTACK

The end came quickly for the India innings as Tim Southee and Trent Boult tormented the batsmen with their variety of inswing and outswing deliveries targeting both sides of the stumps.

Hanuma Vihari was the first to fall, in Southee's second over, when he turned a legside delivery too fine and was caught by BJ Watling diving to his left. Five balls later and with no addition to the score, India's other overnight batsman Rishabh Pant was caught behind off a Boult delivery that swung away.

Mohammed Shami was caught for five by Tom Blundell at deep mid-wicket and Jasprit Bumrah was run out when trying to give the strike to Ravindra Jadeja, who was unbeaten on 16. Boult

and Southee signed for most of the dismissals with Boult taking four for 28 and Southee three for 36. The swing pair accounted for 25 of the 40 Indian wickets in the series.

There was enough seam and swing available for India to keep the New Zealand batsmen guessing but Bumrah and Umesh Yadav were unable to apply consistent pressure and Mohammed Shami was troubled by a sore shoulder.

New Zealand coasted through a century opening stand by Tom Latham and Blundell before losing three quick wickets. Latham notched his 18th half-century and second of the Test before he was caught behind off Yadav for 52. Kane Williamson had a short stay for five, and Blundell went for 55. — AFP

## Australia edge NZ to make T20 World Cup semis

MELBOURNE: A stylish 60 from Beth Mooney and controlled bowling yesterday kept intact Australia's record of making at least the semi-finals of every Twenty20 World Cup in a nail-biting four-run win over New Zealand.

The defending champions and four-time winners join India, England and South Africa in the last four, with the games played in Sydney on Thursday. Australia have been dominant since the World Cup was introduced 11 years ago, but were upset by India in the opening game of the tournament.

Rattled, they bounced back emphatically against Sri Lanka and Bangladesh before narrowly accounting for their trans-Tasman rivals, who leave the World Cup empty-handed. The White Ferns won the toss and bowled at Junction Oval in Melbourne, snaring an early breakthrough. But Australia has incredible depth in its batting and Mooney led them to a competitive 155 for five.

Skipper Sophie Devine (31) and Katey Martin (37) led the chase, but Australia's bowlers were up to the task, with spinner Georgia Wareham taking three crucial wickets. "It was a crunch game and I thought we handled it really well," said skipper Meg Lanning. "I think we showed that we are able to be calm under the pump, we have done the



MELBOURNE: Australia's Ellyse Perry (L) is stumped by New Zealand wicketkeeper Rachel Priest (R) during the Twenty20 women's World Cup cricket match between Australia and New Zealand in Melbourne yesterday. — AFP

basics right which gives us confidence going into the semi-finals."

One worry for Australia is the fitness of the world's top T20 all rounder Ellyse Perry, who limped off while fielding, seemingly with a hamstring problem. New Zealand removed the dangerous Alyssa Healy cheaply with Lanning joining Mooney, but after an attacking 21 she was caught off Anna Peterson's bowling.

Ashleigh Gardner (20) shared in a quickfire 52-run stand with Mooney, who brought up her fifth half-century in nine innings off 42 balls. Playing in her 50th T20, Moody finally departed for 60, but it needed a spectacular catch on the boundary from Suzie Bates to remove her.

Perry (21) and Rachael Haynes (19) added crucial late runs to power the score past 150. Rachel Priest looked dangerous as New Zealand set about the chase, hitting quick three fours, but she was undone by Jess Jonassen.

Australia piled pressure on when Wareham snared the world's number one T20 batswoman Bates for 14, leaving them in trouble on 55 for two at the halfway mark. Devine knew she had to take risks and after reaching 31 charged down the wicket to Wareham and was stumped.

Maddy Green took on the attack in a lightning 28 but Wareham again pounced, with her wickets proving vital as New Zealand fell short.

### A LEGEND

Earlier, Sri Lanka ended their tournament

who made his Test debut against India in Ranchi last October, is in line for his first white-ball cap in place of left-arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shamsi, who is unavailable because his wife is soon to give birth to the couple's first child.

Fast bowler Kagiso Rabada was unavailable because of a groin injury, Kyle Verreynne, who made an impressive international debut by scoring 48 and taking three catches in the first match against Australia on Saturday, has been retained but Janneman Malan, who failed to score on debut in the same match, was left out.

A statement from Cricket South Africa said the selections were a continuation of a search for the next generation of players who will potentially represent the country in the 2023 Cricket World Cup in India.

"It is a good opportunity for the players

on a Sri with a crushing victory over Bangladesh in a fitting farewell to retiring veteran Shashikala Siriwardena, who bagged a tournament-best 4-16. The clinical nine-wicket win was their first of the event to leave them fourth in Group A, with Bangladesh beaten in all four games to prop up the table.

While neither team could reach the knockouts, there was plenty at stake with the winner avoiding having to qualify for the 2022 tournament in South Africa by virtue of finishing as one of the top eight sides.

"Really happy with the performance," said Sri Lanka captain Chamari Atapattu, who paid tribute to Siriwardena. "She's a legend in Sri Lanka and she's the big sister of the Sri Lankan team. I will miss her a lot, but she retired like a champion."

Bangladesh won the toss but again failed to fire. None of their players managed a half-century during the tournament, with Nigar Sultana Joty once more the standout, smacking 39 in their 91 for eight.

Siriwardena was the top bowler in her last match after a 17-year international career. Sri Lanka made a good start with Atapattu crunching 30 before being stumped. Fellow opener Hasini Perera (39 not out) and Anushka Sanjeevani (16 not out) kept the momentum going to cruise home with 27 balls left. — AFP

### SOUTH AFRICA SQUAD:

Quinton de Kock (captain, wkt), Temba Bavuma, Faf du Plessis, Beuran Hendricks, Heinrich Klaasen, George Linde, Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Andile Phehlukwayo, Lutho Sipamla, Jon-Jon Smuts, Rassie van der Dussen, Kyle Verreynne. — AFP

## Flyers beat Rangers for 6th straight win

NEW YORK: Travis Konecny and Derek Grant each recorded a goal and an assist as the Philadelphia Flyers extended their winning streak to a season-high six games with a 5-3 victory over the host New York Rangers on Sunday afternoon. The Flyers tied a season high with three power-play goals and added a short-handed tally en route to their ninth win in the past 10 meetings with the Rangers. Philadelphia also improved to 16-5-1 in its last 22 games and remained three points behind Washington for the lead in the Metropolitan Division. Philadelphia's Matt Niskanen and Sean Couturier scored power-play goals in the first period, while Michael Raffl scored a short-handed marker. Grant scored the Flyers' only even-strength goal, and Konecny added the third power-play goal. New York's Henrik Lundqvist made his first start since Feb. 3 and allowed five goals on 26 shots, as the Rangers dropped consecutive games for the first time since Jan. 19-21.

### CAPITALS 4, WILD 3

Alex Ovechkin tallied twice in a three-point outing to carry Washington to a win over Minnesota in St. Paul, Minn. Ovechkin, who scored twice in Washington's three-goal first period, raised his season total to 45, tying him with the Toronto Maple Leafs' Auston Matthews for the NHL's second-most. Richard Panik and Tom Wilson netted goals, and Evgeny Kuznetsov had two assists for Washington, which has won three of four and snapped a four-game road losing streak (0-4-0). Minnesota's Kevin Fiala (goal, assist) and Zach Parise produced power-play tallies, Ryan Donato also scored and Alex Stalock made 26 saves for the Wild, who opened March with a loss after going 9-4-1 last month to move into the playoff race.

### BLUE JACKETS 5, CANUCKS 3

Emil Bemstrom scored the go-ahead goal on the power play with 1:37 remaining in regulation as Columbus rallied to defeat visiting Vancouver. Riley Nash, Zach Werenski and Kevin Stenlund each had a goal and an assist for the Blue Jackets, who scored four times in the final 7:21 to overcome a 3-1 deficit. Gustav Nyquist

added an empty-netter with 11 seconds to go, and Ryan Murray had two assists. Goaltender Joonas Korpisalo, making just his second start since a Dec. 29 knee injury that required surgery, stopped 36 shots. The Blue Jackets, who maintained the Eastern Conference's second and final wild-card playoff spot, snapped a two-game skid and won for just the second time in their past 12 games (2-5-5).

### KINGS 4, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 1

Rookie goaltender Cal Petersen made 42 saves and Anze Kopitar scored two goals as Los Angeles snapped the franchise-record-tying eight-game winning streak of Vegas in Las Vegas. Alex Iafallo had a goal and an assist and Trevor Lewis scored a goal for Los Angeles, which won its third consecutive game. Drew Doughty and Ben Hutton each added two assists for the Kings, who improved to 6-2-1 in their past nine games. Shea Theodore scored for Pacific Division-leading Vegas, which suffered its first loss since Feb. 11, when it was blanked at Minnesota 4-0. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 13 of 17 shots, losing for the first time in six starts. The Kings are in last place in the division.

### FLAMES 3, PANTHERS 0

Cam Talbot made 38 saves, and captain Mark Giordano had three assists in his third game back from an injury absence, leading Calgary to a shutout win over Florida at Sunrise, Fla. The loss was the seventh in a row at home for Florida, tying a franchise record previously set in 2003. Johnny Gaudreau collected a goal and an assist, and Milan Lucic and defenseman T.J. Brodie also tallied for Calgary, which concluded a five-game road trip with a 3-1-1 record. It was Talbot's second shutout of the season and his first since his 44-save performance in a 6-0 romp over the Anaheim Ducks on Feb. 13.

### DEVILS 3, DUCKS 0

Pavel Zacha scored two power-play goals, and Jesper Bratt had two assists as visiting New Jersey shut out Anaheim. Zacha and Bratt connected twice in almost identical plays as the Devils stopped their two-game losing streak. Nico Hischier added one goal for the Devils. Cory Schneider posted his second win and first shutout since returning to the Devils from a months-long stint with Binghamton of the AHL. Schneider, who started the NHL season 0-6-1 before being sent to the minors, made 34 saves for his 26th career shutout. — Reuters

## Du Plessis back for S Africa's tour to India

JOHANNESBURG: Former captain Faf du Plessis will return to South Africa's one-day international squad for a three-match tour of India later this month. Du Plessis and fellow batsman Rassie van der Dussen were rested for a current series against Australia but both were named in a 15-man squad announced by Cricket South Africa yesterday.

Orthodox left-arm spinner George Linde,