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England beat India by 22 runs in a thrilling third Test at Lord's on Monday to take a 2-1 lead in the five-match series.

India, set 193 to win, were dismissed for 170 after tea on the last day, with the match ending when last man Mohammed Siraj played on to off-spinner Shoaib Bashir.

Ravindra Jadeja was 61 not out — the all-rounder's fourth consecutive 50 this series — after taking India to within sight of what would have been a remarkable win.

England captain Ben Stokes bowled two lengthy spells Monday on his way to innings figures of 3-48, with express fast bowler Jofra Archer — in his first Test after more than four years of injury induced exile — taking 3-55.

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● England 1st Innings 387 (J. Root 104, B. Carse 56, J. Smith 51; J. Bumrah 5-74); India 1st Innings 387 (KL Rahul 100, R. Pant 74, R. Jadeja 72; C. Woakes 3-84)

● England 2nd Innings 192 (J. Root 40; W. Sundar 4-22); India 2nd Innings 170 (R. Jadeja 61 no, B. Stokes 3-48, J. Archer 3-55)

● Result: England won by 22 runs

● Series: England lead five-match series 2-1

South Africa cruise to opening T20 tri-series win over Zimbabwe

In Harare, South Africa continued their dominance over Zimbabwe by beating their neighboring country by five wickets in the opening match of a Twenty20 international tri-series at Harare Sports Club on Monday.



England's captain Ben Stokes during the fifth day of their third cricket Test match against India. AP

New Zealand will play their first match of the tournament when they meet South Africa at the same venue on Wednesday.

Zimbabwe were restricted to 141 for six after being sent in, with captain Sikandar Raza top-scoring with 54 not out.

Both teams showed multiple changes following a two-match Test series in Bulawayo, which South Africa won comfortably.

Opening bowler Lungi Ngidi took a wicket and conceded only seven runs in a three-over opening spell. Left-arm spinner George Linde took three for 10, including two wickets for four runs in the last over.

South Africa lost three wickets in the six-over power play against aggressive left-arm fast bowler Richard Ngarava and seamer Trevor Gwandu.

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But new cap Rubin Hermann (45) and hard-hitting player of the match Dewald Brevis, who thrashed 41 off 17 balls, put on 72 for the fourth wicket to ensure a comfortable win.

South African captain Rassie van der Dussen praised the two young batsmen.

"There was a little bit of pressure up front," he said. "Losing three wickets in the power play was not ideal but their partnership was brilliant."

Brevis hit five sixes and a four in his innings, including three successive sixes off leg-spinner Ryan Burl.

Raza said Ngarava, who took three for 35, and Gwandu (two for 15) were outstanding.

"It was the first game of the winter (in Harare) and we weren't sure of the wicket," said Raza of his team's batting performance.