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New Zealand draw second Test against England, win series 1-0



New Zealand players pose for a team photo with the trophy following play on the final day of the second cricket Test between England and New Zealand at Seddon Park in Hamilton, New Zealand, on Dec 3. (AP)

Williamson posts 21st Test century, Taylor 19th in record partnership

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Dec 3, (AP): Kane Williamson posted his 21st Test century and Ross Taylor his 19th in a record partnership which ensured New Zealand drew the second cricket Test against England and secured a 1-0 win in the two-match series.

New Zealand's most successful Test batting stymied the tourists' attack until shortly after lunch Tuesday when rain began to fall and washed out the last two sessions.

By that stage Williamson, who was 104 not out, and Taylor, 105 not out, likely had already done enough to save the match. Their unbroken 213-run partnership - New Zealand's best for the third wicket against England - had

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steered the home team to 241-2, a lead of 140 after they had started their second innings 101 runs behind England.

Both reached their centuries in the short passage of play - about 17 minutes - between lunch and the rain.

Williamson brought up his from 230 balls in just over five hours and with 11 boundaries.

Taylor did so, more spectacularly, with a six off the bowling of England captain Joe Root, from 184 balls, in 274 minutes with 11 fours and two sixes. On 83 he became, in his 96th Test, only the second New Zealander after Stephen Fleming (7,172) to surpass 7,000 runs in Tests.

"It was a great fighting effort over the last couple of weeks," Williamson said. "We know what a great unit the England side is and to lose both tosses and show that fight that we demand of ourselves as a unit was really pleasing."

Root must have known at the start of the day that his team's chances of achieving a win to tie the series was slight at best. New Zealand were already 96-2, just six runs behind, and the real threat of rain that hung over the day meant time wasn't on his side.

England needed early wickets and a vital breakthrough literally slipped through their hands after Joe Denly dropped Williamson off the bowling of Jofra Archer when the New Zealand



New Zealand's Kane Williamson bats during play on the final day of the second cricket Test between England and New Zealand at Seddon Park in Hamilton, New Zealand, on Dec 3. (AP)

captain was 64 and the score was 154, a lead of 53.

Williamson ballooned a catch to

Rome to host '22 European swimming Championships

ROME, Dec 3, (AP): The Italian swimming federation says the 2022 European Championships have been awarded to Rome.

The event will be held from Aug 11-21.

Most of the disciplines will be contested at the Foro Italic, as they were for the 2009 worlds.

High diving, which will make its European Championship debut in

Denly at short mid-wicket, probably the easiest chance he will ever receive, and the fieldsman had two grabs at the ball before putting it down.

As Taylor and Williamson ground on relentlessly through the lunch break and as storm clouds crept up on Sed-

don Park, Root saw his team's chances dissolve.

Root had done everything in his power to give his team a winning chance. His 226 in England's only innings, his third double-century in Tests and his first as captain, lifted his team, along with Rory Burns' 101 and Ollie Pope's 75, to 476 in reply to New Zealand's 375.

New Zealand vs England Scoreboard

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Dec 3, (RTRS): Scoreboard at close of play on the fifth day of 2nd Test between New Zealand and England.

NEW ZEALAND 1st Innings

J. Raval c Root b Broad..... 5
T. Latham b Broad..... 105
K. Williamson c Root b Woakes..... 4
R. Taylor c Root b Woakes..... 53
H. Nicholls c Broad b Curran..... 16
B.J. Watling c Burns b Broad..... 55
D. Mitchell c Archer b Broad..... 73
M. Santner c Woakes b Archer..... 23
T. Southee c Pope b Woakes..... 18
M. Henry not out..... 5
N. Wagner c Sibley b Curran..... 0
Extras: (15b, 3lb)..... 18
Total: (129.1 overs, all out)..... 375
Fall of Wickets: 1-16 (Raval), 2-39 (Williamson), 3-155 (Taylor), 4-182 (Latham), 5-191 (Nicholls), 6-315 (Watling), 7-330 (Mitchell), 8-357 (Southee), 9-375 (Santner), 10-375 (Wagner)
Bowling: Broad 28-7-73-4, Archer 28-8-75-1, Woakes 31-6-83-3, Curran 23.1-7-63-2, Root 3-0-14-0, Stokes 13-5-36-0, Denly 3-0-13-0

ENGLAND 1st Innings

R. Burns run out Raval..... 101
D. Sibley lbw Southee..... 4
J. Denly c B.J. Watling b Henry..... 4
J. Root c Nicholls b Santner..... 226
B. Stokes c Taylor b Southee..... 26
Z. Crawley c B.J. Watling b Wagner..... 1

O. Pope c Raval b Wagner..... 75
S. Curran not out..... 11
C. Woakes c B.J. Watling b Wagner..... 0
J. Archer b Wagner..... 8
S. Broad b Wagner..... 0
Extras: (4b, 14lb, 1nb, 1w)..... 20
Total: (162.5 overs, all out)..... 476
Fall of Wickets: 1-11 (Sibley), 2-24 (Denly), 3-201 (Burns), 4-245 (Stokes), 5-262 (Crawley), 6-455 (Pope), 7-458 (Root), 8-460 (Woakes), 9-476 (Archer), 10-476 (Broad)
Bowling: Southee 37-4-90-2, Henry 33-6-87-1, Wagner 35.5-3-124-5, Mitchell 22-5-69-0, Santner 35-4-88-1
NEW ZEALAND 2nd Innings
T. Latham c Root b Woakes..... 18
J. Raval lbw Curran..... 104
R. Taylor not out..... 105
Extras: (2b, 3lb, 1nb, 5pen, 3w)..... 14
Total: (75.0 overs, 2 wkts)..... 241
Fall of Wickets: 1-2 (Raval), 2-28 (Latham)
Did Not Bat: Nicholls, Watling, Mitchell, Santner, Southee, Henry, Wagner
Bowling: Broad 9-0-28-0, Curran 16-2-56-1, Archer 12-1-27-0, Woakes 11-4-12-1, Stokes 14-1-58-0, Denly 9-1-27-0, Root 4-1-23-0
Results: Match Drawn
Umpire: Handunnetteghe Dharmasena, Paul Wilson
Video: Bruce Oxenford

NFL Roundup

Jaguars opt for Minshew at QB

Banned Shaw reportedly bet against his own team

NEW YORK, Dec 3, (RTRS): Arizona Cardinals defensive back Josh Shaw, suspended last week through at least the 2020 season for allegedly betting on NFL games, was caught by placing a bet that included a Cardinals game, ESPN reported Monday citing multiple sources.

What's more, according to the report, Shaw placed what was in essence a bet against his team.

Shaw, who signed with the Cardinals in March but has yet to play with them after going on injured reserve with a shoulder injury in August, placed a three-team parlay bet at a Caesars sportsbook in Las Vegas on Nov 10, ESPN reported, with one of the bets being Tampa Bay to outscore the Cardinals in the second half of their Week 10 game.

The Bucs won, but the bet was a loser. There was no indication at the time of Shaw's suspension that he bet on Cardinals games. The 27-year-old can seek reinstatement to the NFL on Feb 15, 2021.



Shaw

Jacksonville Jaguars coach **Doug Marrone** announced that rookie quarterback **Gardner Minshew**, who replaced struggling **Nick Foles** on Sunday, will start this week against the **Los Angeles Chargers**.

Minshew has a passer rating of 91.1 with 14 touchdowns and five interceptions, going 4-4 as a starter. Foles is 0-4 as a starter since signing with a four-year, \$88 million contract with the Jaguars as an unrestricted free agent this offseason. He went down Week 1 against Kansas City with broken clavicle.

New England quarterback **Tom Brady** tried to quell the panic following his team's 28-22 loss to the **Houston Texans** on Sunday night.

"We're not 2-10, we're 10-2," Brady said in a radio interview Monday with WEEI in Boston, adding, "We're just trying to do the best we can do. We have our whole season ahead of us, and we have to learn from the things we did last night and try to go out there and get a really tough win against K.C. and see if we can get back to winning."

Brady has 18 touchdowns and six interceptions in 2019, but his passer rating of 88.2 is well off of his career mark of 97.1.

The **Baltimore Ravens**, 10-2

and winners of eight in a row, are the betting favorites to win the Super Bowl at most sportsbooks, surpassing the **Patriots**. New Orleans moved up to second at most major US books with New England third and San Francisco fourth.

The **Patriots** center **Ted Karras** sustained an MCL sprain against the **Texans** and was to undergo an MRI exam to confirm the diagnosis, NFL Media's **Ian Rapoport** reported.

The **Detroit Lions** placed rookie tight end **T.J. Hockenson** on injured reserve after he injured his ankle against Chicago on Thanksgiving.

New York Jets safety **Jamal Adams**' availability for this weekend's game against the **Miami Dolphins** is in question due to an ankle injury, with coach **Adam Gase** calling him "legit week-to-week."

The **Minnesota Vikings** put linebacker **Ben Gedeon** (concussion) on injured reserve and signed wide receiver **Alexander Hollins** to the 53-man roster before Monday night's game at Seattle.

The **Denver Broncos** are placing defensive end **Derek Wolfe** on season-ending injured reserve with an elbow injury, **Rapoport** reported. Wolfe was hurt Sunday against the **Los Angeles Chargers**, but not until after collecting his sixth and seventh sacks of the season.

The **Atlanta Falcons** activated punter **Matt Boshier** from injured reserve and designated rookie guard **Chris Lindstrom** to return from IR.

Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver **John Ross** will play this weekend, coach **Zac Taylor** announced. Ross went out with a shoulder injury Sept 30 after recording 16 catches for 328 yards and three touchdowns in four games.

The **Cardinals** released cornerback **Tramaine Brock Sr** and running back **Zach Zenner**. Brock had 37 tackles and three passes defended in 10 games. Zenner had two carries for minus-3 yards in three games.

Miami signed defensive back **Eric Rowe** signed a three-year contract extension worth a reported \$18 million. The 27-year-old has recorded 59 tackles and seven pass deflections this season.



Portugal's players celebrate after winning the FIFA Beach Soccer World Championship in Luque, Paraguay, on Dec 1. Portugal beat Italy 6-4 in the final. (AP)

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