

Blackcaps beat Poms by 8 wickets

New Zealand secure rare away Test series win against England



New Zealand players celebrate with the winners trophy after their win in the second cricket Test match between England and New Zealand at Edgbaston in Birmingham, England, on June 13. (AP)

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 13, (AP): England endured its first Test series defeat at home since 2014 after meekly surrendering to New Zealand in less than an hour of play on the fourth day of the second Test at Edgbaston on Sunday.

The result was almost a certainty when the teams arrived at the ground after the home side's batting collapse a day earlier all but assured the touring side of a decisive victory. And it did not take long to confirm the result.

CRICKET

Resuming on 122-9, England lost its final wicket to the very first ball of the morning when Olly Stone poked Trent Boult timidly to wicketkeeper Tom Blundell.

That left a paltry target of 38 to take the two-match series 1-0 and the Black Caps became the first away side since Sri Lanka seven years ago to win in England with an eight-wicket victory.

Stuart Broad and Stone took a wicket apiece as Devon Conway nicked behind and Will Young dragged down his own stumps, but there was little more than ironic cheering from the stands.

Four divers earn 'Olympic berths'

INDIANAPOLIS, June 13, (AP): Krysta Palmer earned a second spot on the U.S. Olympic diving team, finishing first in women's 3-meter springboard.

Palmer and partner Alison Gibson earlier made the team in women's 3-meter synchro.

Hailey Hernandez took the second spot in the 3-meter individual competition. Brandon Loschiavo won the men's 10-meter with 1,421 points. Jordan Windle finished second at 1,401.40 to earn a spot in Tokyo.

Tom Latham, captaining what was a weakened side in the absence of top-ranked batsman Kane Williamson, levelled the scores by nudging Mark Wood for four and won it with a steer to the third-man boundary. He finished 23 not out, with Ross Taylor not facing a ball at the non-striker's end.

Busch gets 99th career NASCAR Xfinity victory

Nemechek wins truck race 2nd race in row

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 13, (AP): Kyle Busch stayed in front through two late restarts at Texas with pushes from series points leader Austin Cindric, the last going into a green-white overtime finish, to get his 99th career NASCAR Xfinity victory.

It was Busch's 10th Xfinity win at Texas, where he led six times for 94 of the 171 laps and won for the second time in two starts this year - he also won the inaugural race on the road course in Austin, Texas. He led the final 32 laps, including the four extra because of the 10th and final caution.

Busch already had twice as many as Mark Martin's 49 career victories that are the second-most in series history. Busch had said in the past he would retire from the series after 100 wins, but indicated afterward that Joe Gibbs has already committed him to races into next season.

CAR RACING

The win was the 300th overall for Joe Gibbs Racing in Cup and Xfinity with Toyota.

Justin Allgaier finished second and led 23 laps, never able to regain the lead despite being side-by-side with Busch on three restarts in the closing stretch. Cindric was third, followed by Daniel Hemric, Brandon Jones, A.J. Allmendinger and Noah Gragson, who last October was passed on the final turn to miss out on a victory at Texas.

After a restart with 29 laps left, following a questionable caution involving Jones, Busch was on the inside of Allgaier, who then had Cindric behind him. Busch and Allgaier were side-by-side and appeared to bump on the backstretch, with Allgaier on the inside

Al-Shaheen wins silver at World Pool Championship

KUWAIT CITY, June 13, (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Director General of the Public Authority of Sports, Dr. Saqr Al-Mulla, congratulated Omar Al-Shaheen on winning silver medal at the World Pool Championship, recently held in London.

In a press release upon Al-Shaheen's arrival to Kuwait, Al-Mulla hailed Kuwait's players, pointing out that this medal reflects the country's ability to compete in various sports, regionally and internationally.

Al-Mulla also conveyed congratulations of Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdurrahman Al-Mutairi to Al-Shaheen.

On his part, Al-Shaheen said that he tried to snatch the title from the seeded one player, the Austrian Albin Ouschan, who won 13-9.

Al-Shaheen voiced his happiness on securing the silver medal nonetheless, as he is the first Arab player to do so in a World Championship.



Kyle Busch celebrates after winning a NASCAR Xfinity Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 12. (AP)

by time they got back to the line before Busch finally cleared and stayed in front the rest of the race.

The yellow flag came out when Jones got loose and started to spin in

Turn 4, though he quickly regained control of the No. 19 Toyota without hitting anything.

Busch took the inside line for the final two restarts, taking off both times. Myatt Snider crashed on the backstretch with 10 laps to go in regulation when he was hit behind by Josh Berry, who earlier made contact that knocked playoff contender Jeb Burton out of the race.

On Lap 163 of the scheduled 167, Harrison Burton crashed hard after getting loose in the compound traction on the track. Burton won at Texas last October.

Jeb Burton was done after crashing hard into the inside wall on the 60th lap. He slid out of control after slight contact from behind from Berry, who was heard on the radio taking responsibility and telling his crew to apologize. Burton's response was that he didn't care and would see him after the race.

Meanwhile, John Hunter Nemechek won his second consecutive NASCAR truck race, leading the final 22 laps and finishing more than 3.3 seconds ahead of reigning Cup champion Chase Elliott on a steamy in Texas.

Rosenqvist hospitalized after crash

Ericsson scores 1st IndyCar win

DETROIT, June 13, (AP): Chip Ganassi tells anyone who will listen that "I like winners" whenever one of his drivers takes the checkered flag. So when Marcus Ericsson was hired, he worried the team owner would see his long losing streak and question the pick.

Ericsson fixed that problem by scoring his first IndyCar victory in the action-packed opener of the doubleheader at the Raceway at Belle Isle Park.

The Swede became the seventh driver to win through seven IndyCar races this season, and he's the fourth first-time winner this year. It was the first victory for the former Formula One driver since a GP2 race at Nurburgring in 2013.

CAR RACING

"Chip always says he likes winners and I came here, haven't won a race in eight years. I think when he realized that, he was like, 'Oh, you haven't won in that long? We need to change that,'" Ericsson said. "I think he's pretty happy that I won this race. He wants drivers that can win."

It was the first victory for Chip Ganassi Racing's No. 8 car since 1994 when Michael Andretti won at Toronto. The seven different winners through seven races ties an IndyCar record set in 1958 and matched in 2000 and 2017.

Hours after Ericsson celebrated his win by climbing into the James Scott Memorial Fountain and straddling a lion that was spitting water, the Ganassi organization completed a Saturday sweep at Belle Isle.

Kevin Magnussen and Renger van der Zande teamed to win for the first overall IMSA victory for a Ganassi car since 2015. Ganassi moved down a class in sports cars in 2016 and won its final race in 2019. The team sat out the 2020 IMSA season.

"Pretty big day, I'd say," said Ganassi.

Ericsson benefitted from the second red-flag stoppage of the race, this one with six laps remaining.

An earlier accident sent Felix Rosenqvist to a hospital for evaluation and caused a 78-minute stoppage to repair the tire barrier and concrete wall damaged when what appeared to be a stuck throttle sent Rosenqvist smashing into the wall.

Will Power had control and led a

Aussie swimmer McKeown 'breaks' 100-meter backstroke world record



Kaylee McKeown, (right), reacts with Minna Atherton after setting a new World Record in the Women's 100m Backstroke Final at the Australian Swimming Trials for Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games qualification, at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Adelaide, on June 13. (AP)

ADELAIDE, Australia, June 13, (AP): Swimmer Kaylee McKeown says the death of her father 10 months ago inspired her to break the 100-meter backstroke world record on Sunday at the Australian Olympic trials.

The 19-year-old McKeown had a time of 57.45 seconds at the South Australian Aquatic Centre to improve on the previous mark of 57.57 set by American Regan Smith in 2019.

McKeown's father Sholto died last August from brain cancer.

"With COVID and the passing of my dad in August last year, it has been a huge, huge build-up to these trials," she said.

"And I have turned it into a bit of a hunger and motivation behind me. I use it every day that I wake up. I know it's a privilege to be on this earth and walk and talk. So to get up and do that tonight is not really for me but my family."

McKeown last month set a then-Commonwealth and Australian record of 57.63. Just before Sunday's final, her coach Chris Mooney signaled the world record was a target.

SWIMMING

"He did say something to me before I got in for warm-up, it was like 'you know buddy, I believe in you,'" she said. "I knew and he knew at that time, that it was go time. He knew something special was about to happen. I may not have known it but I was just trying to keep the nerves down as much as I could."

McKeown's record sets up a highly anticipated showdown with American star Smith at next month's Tokyo Olympics.

mid Detroit day. Some drivers wore cooling vests or other new technology to help with the heat on the bumpy, rough 2.35-mile, 14-turn circuit considered one of the most physical in IndyCar.

IndyCar initially stopped the Penske crewmember from going to Power's car, but the series eventually relented and the drivers received aid during the nine-minute stoppage.

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