



New Zealand's Will Young plays a shot during the day three of their first test cricket match with India in Kanpur, India, on Nov 27. (AP)
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Patel's 5-62 gives India 63-run lead on day 3 vs NZ

KANPUR, India, Nov. 27, (AP): Axar Patel took his fifth five-wicket haul to help India bowl out New Zealand for 296 runs on day three of the first test on Saturday.

New Zealand lost its last eight wickets for 82 runs in the first innings as Patel's fiery 5-62 put India in command.

The hosts finished at 14-1 at stumps, with Mayank Agarwal (4 not out) and Cheteshwar Pujara (9 not out) unbeaten. Overall, India leads by 63 runs.

CRICKET

At lunch, New Zealand was placed at 197-2 and there was a sharp turnaround in fortunes thereafter.

In the morning, Tom Latham and Will Young stretched their opening partnership to 151 starting from 129-0.

It was the second highest opening stand by a New Zealand pair, after 231 by Mark Richardson and Lou Vincent at Mohali in 2003. Overall, it was the fifth highest opening stand by a visiting test team on Indian soil.

Young scored 89 runs, facing 214

Kuwait to permit quasi-professional athleticism

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 27, (KUNA): Director-General of the Kuwaiti Public Authority for Sport Humoud Flaiteh said Saturday new sports rules will be adopted soon, allowing football, handball, volleyball and basketball players to be dedicated to their games during a sports season.

Distinguished individual athletes representing Kuwaiti national sports teams are also entitled to the same status in line with the imminent regulations, Flaiteh said

in a statement to KUNA.

The move, which comes at the behest of Minister of Information and Culture and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi, is part of the authority's 2022-2028 strategy purposed to spur young athletes to excel in their favorite games.

The rules, which have capped the efforts of an ad hoc group, will enable athletes to have more time to get proper training and revamp their technical levels due to planned utter sports dedication,

the official pointed out.

However, the authority has set out clear-cut and unequivocal criteria and controls to ensure that sports clubs and federations will put the fresh regulations, once approved, in place in a proper mode, he stressed.

The rules are just a step towards the application of professional athleticism in the country, he said, hoping that the plan will help Kuwaiti athletes develop their performance and participation both at home and abroad.

balls, and hit 15 fours. He was caught behind off Ravichandran Ashwin (3-82).

He put on 46 runs for the second wicket with Kane Williamson (18), who was dismissed lbw off Umesh Yadav (1-50) just before lunch.

New Zealand lost four wickets on

each side of the tea break and thus crashed from 197-2 in 85.3 overs to 296 all out in 142.3 overs.

Patel ran through the middle order as spin and low bounce took precedence at Green Park Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The left-arm spinner accounted for

Ross Taylor (11) and Henry Nicholls (2) in the space of nine deliveries.

The big blow came when Tom Latham was stumped off Patel in the 103rd over. The opener fell five runs short of his century after a lengthy innings. He top-scored with 95 runs, facing 282 balls and hit 10 fours.



India's Axar Patel bowls during the day three of their first Test cricket match with New Zealand in Kanpur, India, on Nov. 27. (AP)

Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja (1-57) shared three late-order wickets to

quicken the Black Caps' downfall.

Kyle Jamieson scored 23 runs and was the only batsman apart from the openers to cross the 20-run mark. He skied a catch off Ashwin.

Patel bowled Southee to pick up his fifth wicket and became the first left-arm spinner in Indian cricket to pick five five-wicket hauls in a calendar year. He has achieved this feat in seven test innings in 2021.

"It was a hard grind today," Patel said. "They didn't lose any wickets yesterday and the talk was to keep it tight, don't try for wickets every ball, and be patient. I was sticking to the basics and using the crease a bit. My round-arm deliveries were getting something out of the track and that worked for me. The track is getting slower and there has been more turn now."

Jamieson then bowled Shubman Gill as India made a stuttering start to its second innings late in the day.

He became the quickest New Zealand pacer to pick up 50 test wickets, achieving the feat in nine matches. Shane Bond held the previous record in 12 tests.

Reds toy with Saints



Liverpool's Diogo Jota, right, attempts a shot at goal during the Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Southampton at Anfield stadium, in Liverpool, England, on Nov. 27. (AP)

Newcastle still winless after 2-0 loss at Arsenal

LONDON, Nov. 27, (AP): Diogo Jota celebrated his early goal by sitting on the Anfield turf, crossing his legs and pretending to play on a gaming console.

Liverpool simply toyed with Southampton in the English Premier League on Saturday.

In another masterful display by the best attack in the league, Liverpool swept to a 4-0 win. It has scored at least two goals in its last 17 games in all competitions.

Needless to say, Jürgen Klopp's ruthless team is comfortably the top scorer in the Premier League with 39 - no other side is within eight - and the latest victory pulled Liverpool to within a point of leader Chelsea, which doesn't play until Sunday against Manchester United.

Jota led Liverpool with two goals - the first coming inside two minutes, with his celebration perhaps a nod to his off-field penchant for gaming.

Indeed, he won a FIFA 20 tournament played by Premier League players while soccer was suspended last year following the coronavirus outbreak.

Thiago Alcantara's deflected strike and Virgil van Dijk's volley completed the scoring against a Southampton team whose bold approach of deploying three strikers at Anfield backfired in spectacular fashion.

Liverpool was 3-0 ahead after 37 minutes and could easily have doubled its final goals tally.

Liverpool's front-foot style is something Eddie Howe is trying to bring to Newcastle after taking over at the Saudi-controlled northeast club, but it might take some time.

SOCCER

Norwich drew at home to Wolverhampton 0-0.

Meanwhile, Liverpool great Steven Gerrard's start to life as a Pre-

mier League manager couldn't be going any better.

Aston Villa has two straight wins under Gerrard, the latest 2-1 at Crystal Palace.

Meanwhile, Newcastle's winless start to the Premier League season extended to 13 games after a 2-0 loss at Arsenal on Saturday.

Bukayo Saka and the player who replaced him as a substitute, Gabriel Martinelli, scored goals in the second half to consign last-place Newcastle, which has recently come under Saudi ownership, to a seventh loss of the season.

Arsenal stayed in fifth place

but is now level on points with fourth-place West Ham as the team continues its recovery from losing its opening three games of the season.

Saka ran onto a deft pass from left back Nuno Tavares and shot low and across goalkeeper Martin Dubravka into the far corner to put Arsenal ahead in the 56th minute.

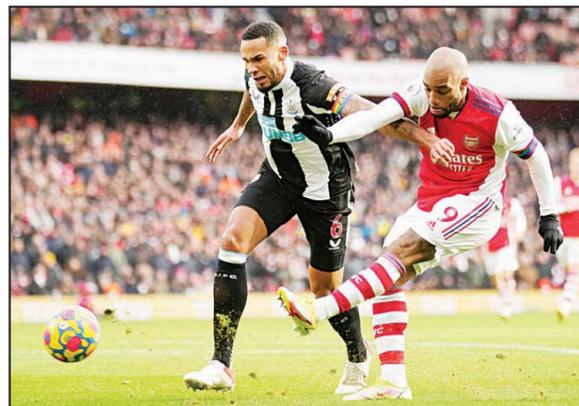
Saka appeared to hurt his left leg soon after his goal and, after briefly playing on, was replaced by Martinelli in the 64th. The 20-year-old Brazilian scored within two minutes.

Sprinting onto a lofted pass from right back Takehiro Tomiyasu over the Newcastle defense, Martinelli sent a volley past Dubravka with one of his first touches of the ball.

Recently hired Newcastle manager Eddie Howe was on the sidelines for this match - he was absent for his first in charge of the club, the 3-3 draw against Brentford last week, after contracting the coronavirus - but his team barely troubled Arsenal's defense.

Arsenal goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale was only seriously called into action to tip a long-range shot from Jonjo Shelvey onto the bar midway through the first half.

The standout moment of the first half saw Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang somehow fail to score from barely 3 meters (yards) out, his effort on the rebound hitting the outside of the post instead.



Newcastle's Jamaal Lascelles (left), tries to block a shot from Arsenal's Alexandre Lacazette during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Newcastle United at Emirates stadium in London, on Nov 27. (AP)

Cologne beat Gladbach 4-1

Haaland scores on return as Dortmund topple Wolfsburg

BERLIN, Nov. 27, (AP): He's back. Erling Haaland scored on his return from injury for Borussia Dortmund with a 3-1 win at Wolfsburg on Saturday.

Defending champion Bayern Munich can restore its previous one-point lead with a win over Arminia Bielefeld in the late match, a week before Dortmund hosts Bayern for one of the league's most anticipated games of the season.

Haaland hadn't played in the Bundesliga since scoring twice in a 3-1 win at Mainz on Oct. 16. He played three days later in Dortmund's 4-0 loss at Ajax in the Champions League, then dropped out with muscular problems.

Coach Marco Rose delighted Dortmund fans on Friday when he said Haaland may return sooner than originally thought and he followed through by bringing on the 21-year-old Norway forward in the 72nd minute in Wolfsburg.

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Haaland promptly drew a save from Wolfsburg goalkeeper Pavao Pervan, then scored in the 81st with an acrobatic finish to Julian Brandt's cross. It was Haaland's 10th goal in his seventh Bundesliga appearance of the season.

Sebastian Andersson scored in injury time as Cologne beat Borussia Mönchengladbach 4-1 in their Rhine derby in front of 50,000 fans.

Augsburg substitute Michael Gregoritsch scored in the seventh minute of injury time to salvage a 1-1 draw at Hertha Berlin, a game that ended with a red card for Hertha coach Pal Dárdai's assistant.

It stretched Hertha's winless run to four games.

Also, Hoffenheim routed last-place Greuther Fürth 6-3 away, and Bochum came from behind to beat visiting Freiburg 2-1.

Meanwhile, Stuttgart forward Silas Katompa Mvumpa returned from a long injury layoff to help see out a 2-1 win over Mainz in the Bundesliga on Friday.

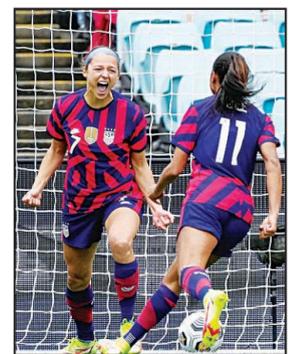
Goals from Borna Sosa and Hiroki Ito earned Stuttgart its first win in seven games across all competitions and its first in the Bundesliga since Oct. 2.

The 23-year-old Silas hadn't played since suffering a cruciate ligament injury against Bayern Munich last season on March 20. He'd scored 11 goals and set up five more in the 24 leagues games before that one.

Stuttgart said in June that the Congolese forward had been playing under the false name of Silas Wamangituka and was a year older than previously thought.



Dortmund's Erling Haaland, (left), and Wolfsburg's Maximilian Arnold challenge for the ball during the German Bundesliga soccer match between VfL Wolfsburg and Borussia Dortmund in Wolfsburg, Germany, on Nov. 27. (AP)



United States' Ashley Hatch celebrates after scoring her first goal during the international soccer match between the United States and Australia at Stadium Australia in Sydney, on Nov. 27. (AP)

Victorious return

US women's team blank Aussies 3-0

SYDNEY, Nov. 27, (AP): After 21 years since last playing in Australia, the United States women's soccer team needed only 24 seconds to score against the Matildas on Saturday.

Turns out that was all the new-look American side needed in a 3-0 win at Sydney's Olympic stadium before a Matildas-record crowd of 36,109.

Ashley Hatch scored her first international goal when Australia's defense failed to clear the ball from the opening kickoff. Hatch found herself one-on-one with goalkeeper Teagan Micah, and Hatch calmly slotted a low shot to the right of Micah.

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Hatch, the 2021 Golden Boot winner as top scorer in the National Women's Soccer League for the champion Washington Spirit - 10 goals in 20 matches - was making just her third appearance for the U.S. and first since 2018.

Rose Lavelle scored the second American goal in the 49th minute and captain Lindsey Horan finished the scoring from a penalty in the 68th.

Ito broke the deadlock against Mainz with a fine strike inside the far post in the 21st minute, set up by Orel Mangala. It was the Japanese defender's first Bundesliga goal following his off-season switch from Júbilo Iwata.

The home team had a penalty awarded shortly afterward for an apparent foul by Mainz goalkeeper Robin Zentner on Konstantinos Mavropanos. But the decision was reversed after a VAR review showed Zentner touched the ball with his attempted clearance before he connected with Mavropanos.

Alexander Hack equalized with a header from a corner in the 39th, but Sosa scored what proved to be the winner in the 51st by firing inside the near post from Mangala's layoff. It was also Sosa's first Bundesliga goal.

Silas looked lively after coming on to a rousing reception from the home fans in the 85th and will be looking forward to the next game at home to Hertha Berlin next weekend.