

# Aussies deserve to win this one too

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SYDNEY, Tues. AUSTRALIA will take a 2-1 lead in the Test series against West Indies here tomorrow, except for the intervention of divine providence on West Indies' behalf.

West Indies, facing a first innings deficit of 233, could do no more today than avoid an innings defeat by 42 runs and send the match into the final day.

Only Basil Butcher, who completed an excellent, chanceless century with his team's cause already beyond hope, scored the runs or batted the time required from at least four others, if West Indies were to really make a game of it.

### Massive victory

For almost half hour this morning, Rohan Kanhai played with renewed assurance, which threatened to mature into an innings of considerable size, while Gary Sobers, towards the end his hour and five minutes occupation in which he added 75 with Butcher, held a real menace.

These apart, Australia had no real worries as they progressed towards their second massive victory within a week.

Twice during that time, Australia faced partnerships which, while they were going, carried the air of confidence and defiance that could have presented them with more than just a token



ROHAN KANHAI... played stubbornly

second innings challenge.

First Kanhai and Roy Fredericks carried their second wicket association to 103. Then Sobers and Butcher had their session, but each time the home team made a vital breakthrough and never allowed West Indies' innings to develop beyond manageable proportions.

Kanhai, after his 96 in the first innings at Brisbane, had not brought the discipline into his play he needs, to regain best form. In 50 minutes Sunday and 83 today, he steadied himself, playing with commendable restraint and good sense.

He picked the right ball to hit, and hit it hard and true. With Fredericks again cool and collective despite several alarms, the pair carried the total to 123 before Kanhai and his partner fell in successive overs.

Kanhai lunged at a ball from

## Home side playing the better game

McKenzie outside the off-stump and was taken at the second try by Chappell at first slip.

Fredericks cocked a catch to shortleg off Connolly.

By lunch, Butcher was playing with a certainty, which even then suggested big things and had as his partner Seymour Nurse in an unchanged batting order. Within a quarter hour, Sobers was at the other end, Nurse committing suicide by chasing a wide delivery from McKenzie and edging a catch to second slip.

### Butcher confident

Four down for 168 was quite clearly the position of Australian superiority and once more Sobers came to the wicket facing a crisis. For half an hour he focussed his sight while Butcher played every bowler—yes, even Gleeson—with complete confidence.

When Stackpole was introduced, Sobers swept him for four to raise 200. Then Butcher cover-drove him for his seventh boundary to reach his 50 after an hour and a half and in the next over took three fours from him to send the 50 partnership up in 54 minutes.

Sobers quickly joined and accelerated the scoring. He was really cutting loose against Gleeson when the mystery spinner trapped him with the last ball of an over which had previously produced four shots of real Sobers ruthlessness.

Playing forward tentatively, Sobers just edged the ball which left him and Chappell held the chance at first slip.

Lawry ran down the pitch



BASIL BUTCHER... a magnificent innings

jumping with the joy of a Trinidad Carnival reveler on jouvert morning. He knew the last of his worries were out of the way.

At Sobers' dismissal, West Indies still required 40 to save an innings' defeat. By tea, Lawry had another ace up his sleeve—the new ball. He waited until after the interval to claim it and its effect was immediate.

### Immediate effect

Freeman's first ball was diverted from the edge of Lloyd's bat into second slip's lap and his seventh crashed through Edwards' defence and bowled him.

It was for all intents and purposes over, and seemingly another four-day decision. Hendricks' demotion below Edwards was the only change Sobers made to his order and ironically it proved a mistake. The wicket-keeper now proceeded to play as he used to six years ago and Butcher advanced towards his hundred while 54 were added for the eighth wicket.

The heavy-set Guyanese eventually got his first Test century since 1966 and his sixth

in all, quarter of an hour to the close by hooking McKenzie for his fourteenth four. By then, Australia would have had to bat again, but the runs required were limited by the sudden termination of West Indies' innings by Gleeson.

Hendricks, after 70 minutes, holed out to mid-off. Butcher, after four hours and 10 minutes, patted a tame return catch and in the same over Hall, stretching forward was stumped.

Gleeson's final harvest made him the best Australian bowler, but everyone had contributed to the effort.

West Indies' last hope flex with the heavens. But it would be grossly unfair for anything to deny Australia the success they have deserved.

Australia will win—as they did at Melbourne—purely and simply because they have played better cricket.

## No overwork for Gary—WI manager

SYDNEY, Tues:

WEST INDIES cricket captain Gary Sobers will be played sparingly for the rest of the current Australian tour, despite his insistence that a shoulder injury is not seriously affecting his bowling.

Team manager Mr. Berkeley Gaskin is adamant that top all-rounder Sobers should not be overworked.

Sobers again today discounted reports that his bowling in the Third Test—which ends here tomorrow—had been restricted by the injury—a floating piece of bone in his right shoulder.

"I don't know what all the fuss is about," said Sobers. "This is nothing new."

But he admitted that he had limited his spin bowling because he had no confidence in the durability of his injured shoulder.

"It's not causing me any

trouble right now, but it could crop up again any time," said Sobers. "That's what affects my confidence and makes me wary of trying to bowl my chinamen."

Sobers said he was handicapped by a slightly strained hamstring muscle in his right leg.

With a combination of pace and spin, Sobers was the West Indies' chief wicket-taker in the first two Tests, but after the first four days in the Third Test he failed to take a wicket. (Reuter)

### • Scoreboard •

WEST INDIES 1st. Inn. 264 (C. Lloyd 56, G. McKenzie 4-83). AUSTRALIA 1st. Inn. 247 (D. Walters 118, E. Freeman 74, K. Stackpole 58, W. Hall 3-131).

WEST INDIES 2nd. Inn. (65 for 1 on Sunday).

E. Fredericks & Redpath b Connolly	43
M. Carew & Jenson b Freeman	10
F. Kanhai & Chappell b McKenzie	65
B. Butcher & S. b Gleeson	101
S. Nurse & Stackpole b McKenzie	17
G. Sobers & Chappell b Gleeson	28
C. Lloyd & Stackpole b Freeman	13
K. Edwards b Freeman	0
J. Hendricks & Connolly b Gleeson	27
W. Hall st. Jenson b Gleeson	5
L. Gibbs not out	1
Extras (lbw) (nb-4)	7
TOTAL	374

Wickets fell at 50, 123, 127, 168, 243, 247, 244, 318, 373.

BOWLING, McKenzie 24-7-80-2; Connolly 23-7-54-1; Freeman 13-3-29-2; Gleeson 26-5-91-4; Stackpole 3-0-20-0.

AUSTRALIA 2nd. Inn.

K. Stackpole not out	21
F. Sheahan not out	21
Extras	0
TOTAL (for no wicket)	42



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# PROBLEM

## *Tourists need \$168,000 to cover expenses*

SYDNEY, Tues.

THE WEST INDIES cricketers, on the brink of another heavy defeat in the Third Test at the Sydney cricket ground are facing a grim struggle to finish their Australian tour with financial profit.

Unless the Sydney Weather Bureau have predicted a completely false forecast for tomorrow's formalities to clinch the Test for Australia, the West Indians will move on to the Fourth Test in Adelaide later this month, knowing that another Test defeat will certainly spell a financial disaster for them.

When play ended on the fourth day today, Australia were 15 for no wicket in the second innings and require only 27 runs tomorrow morning to win the Test and go one up in the series.

The West Indians currently hold the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy — symbol of cricket supremacy between the two countries — so even a draw in the Fourth Test in Adelaide would make the Fifth and final Test in Sydney a virtual decider.

### No charge

But should Australia win the Fourth Test, then the series would be decided and the Fifth Test in Sydney would almost certainly prove a financial flop.

The West Indies treasurer Mr. Keith Walcott admitted today that his team need a further \$168,000 to cover expenses on the Australian tour.

The touring team's share of today's gate takings of \$29,000 will trim some of the deficit but there will be no charge made for tomorrow's play, which should take no longer than 45 minutes.

After this Third Test the West Indians have five country fixtures matches against Tasmania and Victoria and a three-day clash with a combined Eleven in Tasmania, in addition to the two remaining Test matches.

### \$140,000 profit

Mr. Walcott said the crowds had been disappointing in matches against the state teams and the attendance at the Second Test in Melbourne had fallen short of expectations.

"The last West Indian team left Australia with a profit of \$140,000. But if we make a profit it will be small and will probably hinge on the drawing power of the last Test match."

## AUSSIES TWO UP

SYDNEY, Wed.: AUSTRALIA scored their second consecutive win and 15 wickets against the West Indies as the Third Test ended here today. The "green caps" now lead 2-1 in the race for the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy.

It took Australia just 17 minutes of batting today to knock off the required 27 runs for victory. Yesterday, they scored 15 in 19 minutes.

Keith Stackpole added a further 15 to his overnight score of six, while Paul Sheahan carried his nine also to 21.

Australia needed just 42 runs for victory in this Test after dismissing the West Indies for 324 in their second innings yesterday. The tourists made 264 in their first innings and the Aussies replied with the massive total of 547.

Sobers this morning opened with offspinner Joey Carew and medium-pacer Clive Lloyd. Both bowled two overs each.

Then Kanhai was brought into the attack and the Australian openers took 10 runs off the Guyanese only over to send the homeside in the lead. Turn to Pages 12, 14.