

The Fourth Test Match

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England reserved a real old-time Yorkshire welcome for the West Indies - playing their first Test Match on the historic Headingley ground.

Another experimental pair, Worrell and Sobers opened for the Tourists - still hoping for a solid start.

But they reckoned without Peter Loader, England's last-minute ~~replacement~~ replacement for Statham. After disposing of the openers - the young Surrey bowler got Weekes for a duck - to claim all three wickets that fell before lunch.

So with England giving nothing away in the field, the Tourists were scratching for runs. forty-two for three.

On his native heath, Truman was sending down some fearsome deliveries. But manfully filling the breach - Kanhai was top-scorer with forty-seven. But there was no West Indian recovery. Loader struck again. Skipper Goddard bowled neck and crop.

Loader again...to Sonny Ramadhin - and he skies it - right to Freddy

~~Truman~~ Truman. Two balls-two wickets.

LOADER TO LAST
MAN

Gilchrist. And he's bowled! A hat-trick for Peter Loader...

Three wickets with three balls. The first English player to get a test hat-trick in England for 58 years.

Facing the slender total of 142 - England got an early shock when Worrell bowled Smith for a duck - in his first over. But once again, Peter May and Colin Cowdrey helped England to build up a match-winning ~~total~~ total. LEAD