



Ollie Robinson's roar at Lord's

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Robinson on fire for England against New Zealand at

England's Test summer did not so much begin as detonate. Sixteen wickets, two rain breaks, one rampant seamer back from the sidelines, and a Lord's crowd jolted awake before they had even settled into their seats – the kind of relentless cricket England at Lord's so often produces.

By stumps, New Zealand were 61 for 6 chasing England's 140 all out, and Ollie Robinson had rewritten the script of his own career in a single breathless over. In truth, anyone who has witnessed England at Lord's knows how quickly things can change.

What unfolded on day one was not tidy, was not measured, and certainly was not the smarter cricket • England have been preaching since the Ashes. It was chaotic, unpredictable, and pure [Test cricket](#)

## Robinson returns on fire at England's Lord's Test

Robinson hadn't bowled a Test over since early 2024. Fitness issues, form questions, and a sense that England had moved on had left him drifting on the margins. So when Ben Stokes gave him the ball under overcast skies, Robinson responded with four wickets in six balls. A triple-wicket maiden to announce his return at Lord's in England colours.

Devon Conway was first, pinned lbw after two jittery inside edges. Kane Williamson followed, undone by a ball that climbed and flicked to short leg. Then Rachin Ravindra, trapped by a nip-backer that straightened late. New Zealand were 2-3, Robinson was 3-0, and the game at Lord's continued without pause.

He was not done there. Later, Daryl Mitchell shouldered arms to one that jagged back and clipped the stumps. Robinson closed the day with 4-10 from six overs a spell that reminded England exactly why they had made the right call.

## Brook stood tall as Jamieson ran riot

Put in to bat, England's innings was a familiar mix of promise and collapse. Harry Brook's 56 was the lone act of resistance, a counterpunching half-century built on crisp timing and a little luck. He was dropped twice on his way to fifty.

Around him, wickets tumbled. Emilio Gay, on debut, struck two stylish boundaries before edging Kyle Jamieson. Ben Duckett and Jacob Bethell were trapped lbw in quick succession. Joe Root nicked off. Jamie Smith misjudged a leave. Ben Stokes fell to a stunning one-handed grab from Williamson at slip.

Jamieson, playing his first Test in more than two years, was relentless. His 5-62, his sixth five-wicket haul in just 20 Tests. Absolutely shredded England's middle order. Nathan Smith and Will O'Rourke backed him with sharp, disciplined spells.

Brook's 10 boundaries gave England some breathing room, and a gritty last-wicket stand between Shoaib Bashir and Josh Tongue nudged the total to 140, on most days. Luckily, this was not most days. For England at Lord's, 140 can sometimes be a mountain to look like a mountain.

## New Zealand was feeling the heat

If England's batting was shaky, their bowling was anything but. Gus Atkinson trapped Tom Latham lbw. Tongue, hitting the stumps for his 50th Test wicket, removed Tom Blundell. Glenn Phillips, counterattacking with 31 not out, was the only New Zealander to look remotely settled.

The day belonged to Robinson. Every ball he bowled carried menace, the wickets just kept on falling for him.

## England's reset began in chaos

This was supposed to be the start of England's post-Ashes recalibration. A shift toward clarity, discipline, and smarter decision-making. Instead, it was a reminder that Test cricket rarely follows the script.

The pitch misbehaved. The ball swung, seamed, and spat. Also, in the middle of it all, Robinson rediscovered the version of himself England have been desperate to see again. The drama of England at Lord's never seems to disappoint.

With New Zealand 79 runs behind and only four wickets in hand, day two promises more drama. The pitch won't get easier. The bowlers won't get kinder. England, for all their batting issues, have the momentum.

This Test already feels like a scrap. It is messy, unpredictable, and utterly compelling. If Robinson's opening salvo is anything to go by, England's summer might just have found its spark.

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