

Gulf in class and experience between teams

# Williamson makes it tough for Proteas

By **Stuart Hess**

Facing a deficit of 528 runs three days into a Test for which expectations – from the outside at least – were very low, the Proteas are philosophical about their plight.

“It is definitely a wicket we can try to look to survive. It will be a tough task to do it for two days, but that is the hand we have been dealt,” Keegan Petersen said after the conclusion of the third day’s play in Mt Maunganui on Tuesday.

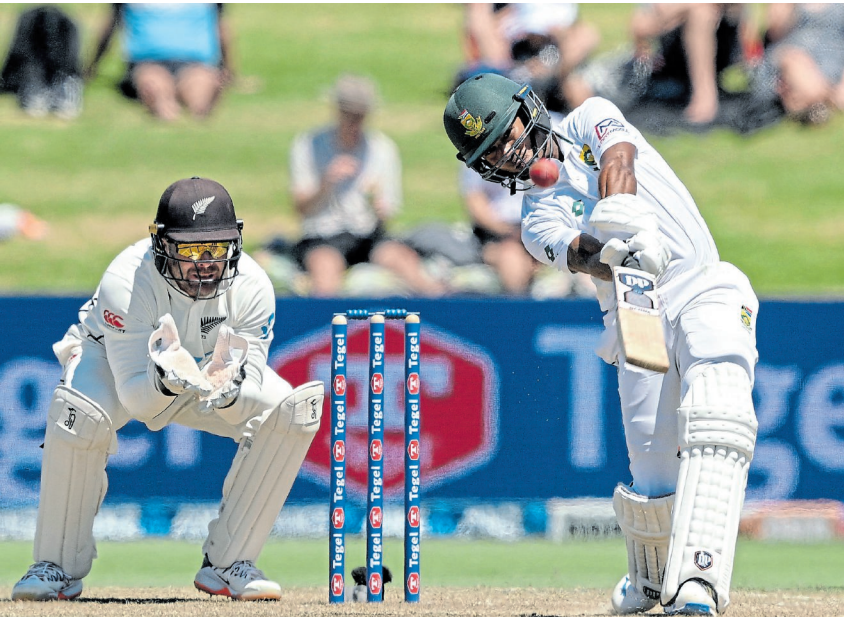
The gulf in class and experience between the two teams has been frighteningly evident over the course of the three days. From Kane Williamson providing proof of his status as one of Test cricket’s great batters to Rachin Ravindra’s burgeoning talent and New

Zealand’s overall street-smarts, it has made it a humbling experience for the Proteas.

“It’s been a tough couple of days. We’ve seen enough of Kane now,” said Petersen.

Williamson’s historic performance, becoming the fifth player from New Zealand to score hundreds in both innings of a Test, has provided evidence of the magnitude of the task facing the South Africans.

Williams has outscored the South Africans 227 runs to 162, he’s batted for nearly 70 overs – just three shy of the total South Africa managed in their first innings – and has spent almost 10 hours at the crease, nearly double the time the South African innings lasted.



Keegan Petersen of South Africa bats during day three of the First Test in the series against New Zealand at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui, New Zealand. /GETTY IMAGES / JOE ALLISON

Williamson, said Petersen, had provided the template for how to be successful on a tricky pitch, where pace is lacking, and as the South Africans will find out over the last two days, the bounce is increasingly staying low.

Patience was another big lesson the Kiwi great provided.

“I looked at Kane and how he went about his first innings. He took a bit of time. It’s not a free-flowing wicket, there’s not much in it, but it will take you time to score runs,” said Petersen.

Petersen batted for more than two hours to make 45, his highest Test score since scoring 64 against Bangladesh in Gqeberha two years ago.

He got out chasing runs while batting with the tail, so his dismissal is forgivable.

Where Williamson created the means to pick up singles to keep his score ticking, David Bedingham grew frustrated as he continued to seek the boundary which was being blocked and when he didn’t find it, gave his wicket away.

‘Striker, Makgopa will be a lethal combination’

By **Sihle Ndebele**

Orlando Pirates legend Andries Sebola has lauded the club’s decision to recall Tshegofatso Mabasa from Moroka Swallows, urging coach Jose Riveiro to make him Evidence Makgopa’s twin striker.

A decision that seems to be mainly influenced by Swallows’ well-documented financial woes of late, Pirates decided to cut Mabasa’s loan spell at the Birds short, recalling him ahead of the start of the second round of the season.

During his loan stint at Swallows, Mabasa impressively scored six goals from 13 league fixtures.

“Pirates did well by taking Mabasa back, especially be-

# Recalled Mabasa will make Pirates tick, says Sebola

cause [Zakhele] Lepasa’s form has dropped and [Bienvenu] Eva Nga has left [for his previous side, Chippa United], so they needed another striker.

“Kermit [Erasmus] is injury-prone. Mabasa has already scored more goals than any Pirates striker in the league, so it makes sense to recall him,” Sebola told Sowetan yesterday.

“I was surprised when they loaned him out in the first place because he’s a proven goalscorer. I am confident now with him back that Pirates will be stronger than they were in the first half of the season. Riveiro must use Mabasa and Makgopa as twin strikers... that combination can work very well.”

Sebola elaborated why he’s convinced that a combination between the returning Mabasa and Pirates’ leading scorer in the league, Makgopa, can de-

liver the goods. Makgopa has scored four league games this season. He also scored once in the CAF Champions League. Lepasa, with 10 goals, is Pirates’ top-scorer across all competitions.

“Makgopa is very good at harassing the defence and he can shield the ball very well. Mabasa is good in the air and he sneaks around very smartly... he’s always in the box.

“Makgopa is moving too much away from the box and you can even see now at the national team, he’s never in the box. Makgopa always struggles as a lone striker, so he needs a player like Mabasa to help him,” the retired Sea Robbers striker said.



Orlando Pirates have recalled Tshegofatso Mabasa from his loan spell at Swallows. /SYDNEY SESHIBEDI / GALLO IMAGES



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