



Joe Clarke celebrates his hundred. Photo: Sporta Group

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Pakistan A Hold Up Lions After Clarke Ton

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England Lions and Pakistan A are set for a fascinating final day in Abu Dhabi with the hosts requiring a further 179 runs for victory and the Lions chasing eight wickets.

Set 312 to win, Pakistan A closed day three on 132-2 after Abid Ali and Usman Salahuddin had come together to put on 120 for the third wicket on a

placid pitch that's yet to show any signs of deterioration.

England's bowlers bowled with great commitment but little reward, despite Jamie Porter striking with the first ball of the innings and Mark Wood following on in the fourth to remove Shan Masood.

Pakistan's imposing target was down in no small part to Joe Clarke, who continued his fine work from day two to make his maiden England Lions century.

The 22-year-old Nottinghamshire man - who recently moved from Worcestershire - made 107 with 10 fours to put the Lions ahead of the game, but Pakistan A's fightback leaves it right in the balance.

You can follow day four on [the ECB Live Scorecard here](#).

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