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England secured a dominant victory in the first Test against Pakistan in Multan, taking a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. Spinner Jack Leach played a pivotal role, dismantling Pakistan's lower order on the final day, as the hosts were bowled out for 220, losing by an innings and 47 runs.

England's performance was bolstered by record-breaking knocks from Harry Brook and Joe Root, who forged a remarkable partnership. Brook smashed 317 runs, while Root contributed a career-best 262, propelling England to a massive total of 823-7 declared. The visitors ended with a 267-run lead, leaving Pakistan struggling to catch up.

This victory marks England's fourth consecutive Test win on Pakistani soil, building on their 3-0 sweep two years ago. It also includes several new milestones for the England team. Ollie Pope, standing in for injured skipper Ben Stokes, praised the performance, calling it one of England's top Test wins.

Pakistan will need to regroup quickly as they look to bounce back in the remaining two matches of the series