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LOZ THE STATS MAN



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Australia's win in the second Ashes Test was one of the better team efforts I've seen in recent years. Everyone chipped in as they easily accounted for England by eight wickets in four days. Mitchell Starc was brilliant on the opening day, supported by great fielding and then to make 511 with no one making over 80 was testimony to how even a performance it was.

Despite the even effort by the team, the efforts of several players should be highlighted. Starc was great with the ball and his 77 on the third day ensured England would have to bat under lights in a session which virtually destroyed their chances. We all know 'keeper Alex Carey is great with the gloves, but his performance at the Gabba was next level. His efforts standing up to the stumps to Michael Neser were sensational. Just on Neser, the selectors need to be congratulated for picking him, ultimately at the expense of spinner Nathan Lyon. Neser was on song in the second dig and the performance could see him get another run in Adelaide.

Just on Lyon, while it was disappointing he didn't get a run, he should play a part in Adelaide. In just over 12 months' time he will be an integral part of the five Test series in India, as long he remains fit and able.

Others to feature included opener Jake Weatherald, who appeared to enjoy the lesser pace of Jofra Archer in the first innings. Archer had an ordinary match until he fired up late when Australia just needed 65 to win. Steve Smith put him in his place with voice and deeds – it was brutal and at the same funny to watch.

In Adelaide, England are on their last chance. The conditions could well help them, but they will also assist Australia who should have Pat Cummins and Lyon back. England need to lift – unless there is that one outstanding individual who came make a massive 100 or take six wickets, it's hard to go past Australia to win the third Test.

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