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LOZ THE STATS MAN



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Merry Christmas one and all. The fourth Test sees Australia go in without Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon, which means Jhye Richardson should get a start, but surprisingly Todd Murphy has been left out of the final squad of 12.

It's good there will be some new blood in, but I still think you need a spinner, and it must be a crushing blow for Murphy, who not only would have played in his first home Test, but also at the MCG.

Richardson hasn't played a Test for four years and is said to be cherry ripe for the match. He is a skiddy pace bowler, no more than six foot in height and I think he will trouble the Poms. The last spot will now come down to Brendan Doggett or Michael Neser, both would be unlucky to miss out, the Neser five for in Brisbane could see him get the nod.

Looking at England, they played well at times in Adelaide, but when the opportunity came to take control of game, they failed when the chances came. They had Australia 4-94 on the opening day, at 0-37 lost 3-5 to put themselves behind the eight-ball. Their bowling was inconsistent as Australia took advantage in their second innings when Travis Head played another brutal knock, which set England well over 400 to win. On the last day Jamie Smith was smacking the Aussie bowlers to all parts, and just when England were in with a chance got himself out to an ordinary shot.

Australia's work in the field has also been one of the reasons they have won the series. Alex Carey behind the stumps, Steve Smith in the slips and with him absent in Adelaide, Marnus Labuschagne took five catches, including two blinder in slips.



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