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LOZ THE STATS MAN



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Australia's build up to the T20 World Cup in February started last night in Lahore, where Pakistan won by 22 runs in the first of a three-game series. It wasn't a surprising result on a pitch that was low and slow, much different to the surfaces the players have encountered in the Big Bash. It takes an adjustment for batsmen as scoring was tough against the slow bowlers for the hosts, as they took a combined 6-89 off 14 overs.

Travis Head became the first Tea Tree Gully cricketer to captain his country, losing the toss but watched on as Xavier Bartlett had Farhan caught and bowled first ball of the game. Why he wasn't given a second over seemed odd to me. Pakistan then raced to 2-86 in the 10th over, before Adam Zampa played a part in the middle overs to take 4-24 to help restrict Pakistan to 8-168. Debutant Mahli Beardman featured well to take 2-33 off four overs.

In reply, Head hit two over the rope early, but with Matt Short out in the second over and the skipper out in the fourth, Australia looked like they were going to struggle. Then at 2-68 after seven, with Australia back on track, Matt Renshaw (15) wanted an impossible single to the leg side and was rightly sent back by Cam Green but was run out. Two balls later Cooper Connolly was knocked over, and soon after Mitch Owen was run out off the bowler's hand backing up too far. Australia from then on were never in it as they battled to 8-146, Bartlett making 34 not out – his lower order batting could prove handy next month.

Australia play Pakistan again on Saturday and Sunday night as the aim to get their head around the slow pitches. As for a prediction on the outcome of T20 World Cup itself, India will be hard to beat, with the firepower batting and excellent and varied bowling options. South Africa is right in the mix for me as well, Quinton De Kock made 115 (49) last night when they chased down 222 in 17.3 overs.

South Australia are back in action in the Shield next week at the SCG, more on than in my next column as the lads try to win enough games to attempt to retain the title!



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R2 : 1 , 3 , 9 , 11	2 : 12 , 11 , 2 , 5	2 : 13 , 3 , 2 , 5	2: 9 , 10 , 4 , 11
R3 : 5 , 10 , 7 , 2	3 : 6 , 12 , 11 , 5	3 : 1 , 4 , 7 , 8	3: 2 , 8 , 7 , 1
R4 : 1 , 3 , 2 , 4	4 : 7 , 8 , 6 , 4	4 : 2 , 9 , 3 , 6	4: 8 , 4 , 7 , 5
R5 : 6 , 8 , 7 , 10	5 : 5 , 4 , 2 , 6	5 : 10 , 7 , 2 , 11	5: 3 , 4 , 1 , 6
R6 : 6 , 5 , 4 , 3	6 : 7 , 1 , 5 , 2	6 : 7 , 10 , 2 , 8	6: 2 , 6 , 5 , 3
R7 : 5 , 10 , 1 , 16	7 : 11 , 4 , 3 , 7	7 : 4 , 9 , 3 , 8	7: 3 , 4 , 2 , 10
R8 : 1 , 9 , 2 , 4	8 : 3 , 8 , 9 , 6	8 : 4 , 2 , 1 , 6	8: 6 , 2 , 1 , 5
R9 : 5 , 11 , 2 , 1	9 : 7 , 8 , 13 , 10	9 : 8 , 2 , 7 , 5	9: 12 , 9 , 1 , 10
R10: 5 , 6 , 8 , 7	10: 17 , 16 , 6 , 1	10: 11 , 13 , 4 , 3	10 : 15 , 11 , 8 , 7

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What Has changed in South Australia's AFL Teams in the Off Season

Crows . IN Callum Ah Chee (Pre-Season Draft), Indy Cotton (Category B rookie), Archie Ludowyke (No.50 draft pick), Finnbar Maley (trade, North Melbourne), Mitchell Marsh (No.22 draft pick) **OUT** Chris Burgess (delisted), Matt Crouch (retired), Karl Gallagher (delisted), Lachlan Murphy (delisted), Harry Schoenberg (delisted), Brodie Smith (retired), Kieran Strachan (delisted)

Power IN
Will Brodie (trade, Fremantle), Corey Dur-

din (trade, Carlton), Jack Watkins (Rookie Draft), Jacob Wehr (free agent, Greater Western Sydney) **OUT**

Rory Atkins (retired), Travis Boak (retired), Ryan Burton (delisted), Lachlan Charleson (delisted), Jeremy Finlayson (delisted), Hugh Jackson (delisted), Jed McEntee (delisted), Willie Rioli jnr (retired), Dylan Williams (delisted)

In SANFL off season—four new Coaches

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North Adelaide— Josh Francou
Glenelg— Matthew Clarke
Port Adelaide— Jacob Surjan

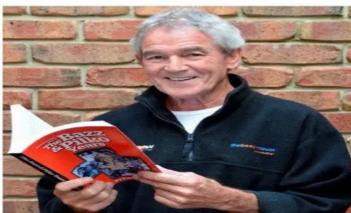
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