

Warner, Starc help Australia sweep series against West Indies

David Warner and Mitchell Starc shine as Australia secure convincing win

● Alzarri Joseph again bowled well for West Indies but their chase never really threatened

AFP | Brisbane

An explosive David Warner slammed 75 and Mitchell Starc grabbed four wickets as Australia beat the West Indies by 31 runs yesterday to clinch the Twenty20 series 2-0 in the build-up to defending their World Cup title.

The home team were cruising at 95-1, but they lost three wickets for five runs, including Warner, as the visitors got back into contention.

The dangerous Tim David came to the rescue with an entertaining 42 off 20 balls, including three big sixes, to steer them to 178-7.

"It was a fantastic all round performance and well executed by the bowlers. At the halfway mark we had discussed about



Australia's David Warner takes a run

bowling Test match lines and lengths, and they nailed them," said man-of-the-match Warner.

Skipper Aaron Finch added: "The difference in the game was Davey and David."

The hosts clinched the first match by three wickets, and the West Indies wanted a win in what was their last game before the World Cup, where they face Scotland in the preliminary

round first-up on October 17.

But they managed just 147-8 in reply, with Starc taking 4-20, his best figures in a T20.

"Tough to lose, but they played better cricket," said West Indies captain Nicholas Pooran. "We are getting accustomed to the conditions, putting our ego aside and working on the team plans."

They had few answers to Warner, who punished an-

It was a fantastic all round performance and well executed by the bowlers. At the halfway mark we had discussed about bowling Test match lines and lengths, and they nailed them

DAVID WARNER

anything short at the Gabba in Brisbane, hitting 10 fours and three sixes in his 41-ball blitz.

Finch was on the teamsheet to open alongside Warner after coming in at four in the first game, but after Australia were sent into bat it was Cameron Green who again strode to the crease.

And for a second match, the all-rounder failed to fire, out for one.

Finch was first drop as Australia continue to experiment



players falling within six balls. Finch was caught at mid-off by Rovman Powell off Obed McCoy for 15, snapping an 85-run partnership, then Warner departed caught and bowled by Odean Smith.

Glenn Maxwell's poor run of form continued, run out for one as Australia stumbled to 100-4, losing three wickets for five runs.

But David steadied the ship with his quick-fire 42. After hitting 20 off the first four balls of a McCoy over, he was finally trapped lbw.

The West Indies' chase started poorly with Kyle Mayers out in the first over to a reflex catch by Starc off his own bowling.

Australia's quality attack bowled 21 dot balls in the first five overs before the West Indies lashed 16 off Green to get themselves moving.

But Brandon King (23), Pooran (2) and Johnson Charles (29) all fell in the space of 17 runs to leave them trouble at 76-4 after 11 overs and they never recovered.

Man City the standard bearers for Man Utd, says Ten Hag

AFP | London

Manchester United have to learn from the consistency of Manchester City, according to manager Erik ten Hag as he aims to bounce back from a humiliating derby defeat.

City were on course to match the record margin of victory over their local rivals last weekend before United scored twice late on to only lose 6-3 at the Etihad.

Defeat to the English champions ended a four-game winning streak for Ten Hag's men in the Premier League since losing the Dutchman's first two games in charge.

That included impressive wins over Liverpool and Arsenal, but the former Ajax boss has urged his players to reach those levels in every game.



Manchester City's Spanish manager Pep Guardiola (R) and Manchester United's Dutch manager Erik ten Hag (2R) watch the action during

"It's physical, it's mental but it's also sustainability," said Ten Hag ahead of Sunday's trip to Everton.

"When you had a lack of it in the last years, it's not something

It's physical, it's mental but it's also sustainability. When you had a lack of it in the last years, it's not something that you build or progress in a week or a month. It has to be in your system. It's a demand nowadays in top football

ERIK TEN HAG

there are more teams, but I think also we can deliver that.

"We have seen it against Liverpool, we have seen it against Arsenal, but now we have to do it on a consistent basis and that is what we have to work for now."

Klopp calls for stuttering Liverpool to be 'unpredictable again'

AFP | London

Jürgen Klopp said yesterday that Liverpool must rediscover their unpredictability after a disappointing start to the season and expressed his belief that misfiring striker Darwin Núñez has a bright future at the club.

The 2020 Premier League champions have won just two of their opening seven games in the English top flight and are already 11 points behind leaders Arsenal, their opponents on Sunday.

Liverpool manager Klopp deviated from his established 4-3-3 system to play 4-2-3-1, or 4-4-2, in Tuesday's 2-0 Champions League victory over Scottish



Jürgen Klopp side Rangers.

He was asked at his pre-match press conference yesterday whether that was the blueprint for the future.

"For us, it is much more important that we become unpredictable again and we need dif-

For us, it is much more important that we become unpredictable again and we need different systems for that

JURGEN KLOPP

ferent systems for that," he said. "This is not the only system we can play. It was now a 4-4-2. Always when you name systems, it's 'Is it 4-3-3 or is it 4-5-1? Is it 4-4-2 or 4-2-3-1?'"

"We don't want to make it more complicated than it is, but there are obviously different systems for us available and we have to choose from now on

which one is the best for the next opponent, or the best for us in the moment.

"We have to be more unpredictable, definitely."

Klopp said even though some teams had worked out how to play Liverpool over the past few years, those opponents had often come up short because his own side had been "exceptional".

He said no system was without its weaknesses but he wanted Liverpool to put doubts in the minds of opponents.

"If you prepare for (playing) us it makes sense that you just have to think twice or three times where there might be something you could use," he said.

Kyrgios pulls out injured just before Japan Open quarter-final

AFP | Tokyo

Nick Kyrgios withdrew from the Japan Open just before his quarter-final yesterday with a sore left knee, calling it "heartbreaking".

The mercurial Australian tennis star had been scheduled to pay third-seeded American Taylor Fritz, who will now advance into the last four.

At a hastily announced press conference when the match was due to begin, world number 20 Kyrgios said he had "been playing amazing tennis all year" but it had been physically taxing.

"I actually was dealing with a bit of a knee issue around the US Open time, and got back home, probably didn't take enough time off, to be honest. I went straight back into training," said the 27-year-old.

"It's heartbreaking. When the body lets you down, it's not



Nick Kyrgios

a good feeling."

Kyrgios will now head home, but said he still plans to play several events in the run-up to the Australian Open in January, and promised to return to the Japanese tournament in 2023.

Kyrgios, who beat Poland's Kamil Majchrzak 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the second round on Thursday, said his knee had "not really" been an issue in his singles or doubles matches, but it had felt "pretty sore" while warming up yesterday.

AQUA COOL
Ultra Pure Bottled Drinking Water

35 YEARS

Easy & Secure Online Ordering of your favourite Aqua Cool Products

Download the AQUA COOL App Now

Jalal Ionics Co. W.L.L. is ISO 22000 : 2005 certified

Free Home Delivery
Call Us Now-1787 5098
www.aquacool.bh

Jalal Ionics Co. W.L.L.
P.O. Box 1770, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
C.R. No. 14986, Public Health Registration No. 18/0006