

## Waqar may join Akram on sidelines Pak-WA tour opener today

PERTH, Oct 27: With or without ace paceman Waqar Younis, Pakistan will have their hands full in the opening first-class clash of their Australian cricket tour.

Western Australia will provide a stern test for the tourists in the four-day match starting at the WACA ground here Saturday, reports AFP.

Now in re-building stage after dominating Australian domestic cricket for so long, the Western warriors (as the marketing people like them to be known) are eager for early successes this season under newly-appointed coach Wayne Clark, a former Test fast bowler.

Pakistan appear certain to be without captain Wasim Akram and may also lose the services of Waqar Younis, the other half of the world's most feared new-ball attack.

Wasim has always intended to sit out this match to give sore muscles around his left bowling shoulder a chance to recover.

Waqar was keen to play in this game, but there are doubts about whether the team management will risk him after he strained his right hamstring in a Test match against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's Eleven Thursday.

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unlikely to be announced until Saturday morning, but it appears probable Asaib Javed, Aamir Nazir and Ata ur Rehman will have to share the pace duties.

Leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, young off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq and left-arm slow bowler Aamir Sohail,



Wasim and Waqar... the injury-prone duo.

Test level.

### TEAMS

**PAKISTAN:** Aamir Sohail (capt), Salim Elahi, Rameez Raja, Inzamam ul Haq, Basit Ali, Moin Khan, Rashid Latif, Mushtaq Ahmed, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis, Aamir Nazir, Asaib Javed, Ata ur Rehman.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA:** Damien Martyn (capt), Justin Langer (vice-capt), Jo Angel, Craig Coulson, Adam Gilchrist, Brad Hogg, Mike Hussey, Brendon Julian, Mark Lavender, Tom Moody, Brad Oldroyd, Bruce Reid.

Pakistan's attack will be pitted against a capable batting line-up headed by Indian-born opener Mark Lavender and a former Test trio — the left-handed Justin Langer, flamboyant Damien Martyn, the side's skipper, and hard-hitting Tom Moody, who captains English country's Eleven.

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