



**Our view is that harsh sanctions, including custodial sentences, will go a long way in helping cricket curb one of the biggest threats to its credibility.**

Zimbabwe Cricket chairman Tavengwa Mukuhlani on banning a supporter over spot-fixing attempt.

## 'Need to stop Australia to around 220-250'

AFP, New Delhi

Spinner Nathan Lyon's five wickets and a breezy start by the batters gave Australia the upper hand in the second Test against India despite a counter-attacking 74 by Axar Patel on an intense second day.

India were all out for 262 after a key 114-run eighth-wicket fightback by Axar and Ravichandran Ashwin, leaving the tourists a lead of one run in New Delhi.

Australia raced to 61 for one at stumps after Ravindra Jadeja dismissed Usman Khawaja for six after a reverse sweep flew straight to leg slip.

Travis Head, on 39 with five fours and one six, and Marnus Labuschagne, on 16, were batting at the close of play with Australia leading by 62 runs in their second innings.

"We need to stop Australia to around 220-250 and I think that will be a gettable target on this pitch if we bat on day four," Axar, a left-hand batsman and a spinner, told reporters.



"Bowlers will have to be patient and work on getting wickets, bowl in good areas even when the batsmen are scoring runs," he added.

"In the last session they played aggressively and we noticed that."

Lyon led Australia's charge with four wickets to rattle India in the morning and then claimed his 22nd Test five-for in an afternoon session that saw a controversial dismissal of Virat Kohli on 44.

"Today was an amazing challenge against some world-class superstars. Happy with the way I came out and the role I played," said Lyon, who became the first Australian bowler to take 100 Test wickets against India.



PHOTO: AFP

England pacer Stuart Broad ran riot at Mount Maunganui on Saturday to reduce New Zealand to 63-5 at stumps on day three, with hopes of the hosts reaching the winning target of 394 all but extinguished.

## Broad puts England on top

REUTERS

England's Stuart Broad blitzed New Zealand's top order in a dazzling spell under the Bay Oval lights to leave the hosts reeling on 63 for five after the third day of the first Test on Saturday, 331 runs shy of their unlikely victory target.

England had earlier ridden half centuries from Joe Root, Harry Brook and Ben Foakes to reach 374 all out in their second innings and set the Black Caps a mammoth 394 to win.

Seamer Broad (4-21) drove home the advantage in stunning fashion by bowling Devon Conway, Kane Williamson and Tom Latham

through the gate in short order before returning to remove first innings centurion Tom Blundell for 15 in the same style.

Ollie Robinson chipped in with the wicket of Henry Nicholls for seven and Daryl Mitchell (13 not out) and Michael Bracewell (25 not out) will resume on Sunday with two days of the match stretching out in front of them.

"It's just a different pitch to bowl with in the lights," Broad told reporters.

"It nips pretty quickly under lights and I found a really good rhythm. Once I got Conway, I felt it could really be my day. Hopefully we can have a good first hour tomorrow

and get moving."

Adding to the celebrations for Broad, he and long-time new-ball partner James Anderson became the most prolific bowling partnership in Test cricket.

The evergreen pair have taken 1,004 scalps between them in 133 Tests played together, surpassing the 1,001 shared by Australia's Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne in 104 games together.

It was a day for breaking records by the English players as their skipper Ben Stokes hit his 108th six to take him past his coach Brendon "Baz" McCullum as the most prolific scorer of maximums in Tests. He also hit his 109th Test six on the day.

## 'Don't have much experience in such conditions'

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh leg-spinner Fahima Khatun said lack of exposure to foreign conditions and against teams from outside the subcontinent were the reasons behind the Tigresses' yet another disappointing ICC Women's T20 World Cup campaign.

Bangladesh's hopes of going past the group stage in the marquee event for the first-time ever ended following a 71-run hammering at the hands of New Zealand in a Group 1 game on Friday.

Asked, why the former Asian champions -- the Tigresses had stunned India in the final to win their maiden Asia Cup in 2018 in Kuala Lumpur -- have not been able to register a single win in their last 15 matches in the tournament, stretching back nine years and four editions, Fahima said: "We don't have much experience in that type [foreign] of pitch and condition."

"Yes, we played a lot of games in Asian countries,



but [things are different] now when we get in a Super 8 [in the World Cup]. But yeah, we learned a lot of things and we're trying our best as a team," Fahima added.

While chasing a daunting 190 posted by the Kiwis, Bangladesh ended up with a modest 118 for eight after 20 overs. On a day when Bangladesh bowlers were taken for plenty, Fahima scalped two for 36.

Bangladesh will wrap up their World Cup campaign with a game against hosts South Africa in Cape Town on Tuesday.

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