

IND vs AUS: Why Pat Cummins and Glenn Maxwell Are Missing from Australia's White-Ball Squads Against India

The much-anticipated **India vs Australia white-ball series** has stirred up conversations even before the first ball is bowled – not because of team combinations or conditions, but due to two major absentees: **Pat Cummins** and **Glenn Maxwell**. Both veterans have been instrumental to Australia's recent success, yet their omission from the upcoming tour has raised several questions. Here's why the duo will be sitting out this time.



Workload Management Comes First

Australia's cricket calendar has been packed with continuous series across formats, followed by franchise commitments. **Pat Cummins**, the Australian skipper across formats, has been playing non-stop cricket – leading the team in Tests, ODIs, and T20s. With crucial assignments ahead, including the **2025 Champions Trophy** and **Border-Gavaskar Trophy**, Cricket Australia has chosen to rest him to manage his workload and avoid potential injuries.

The decision ensures Cummins remains fit and fresh for longer-format challenges, especially where his leadership and fast-bowling prowess are most crucial.

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Glenn Maxwell's Injury Recovery

For **Glenn Maxwell**, the story is slightly different. The explosive all-rounder has been recovering from a **minor side strain** sustained during Australia's domestic T20 competition. While the injury isn't serious, the selectors and medical team have opted for caution. Maxwell has had a history of injuries in recent years, and Australia doesn't want to risk aggravating it ahead of bigger tournaments.

Reports suggest he is undergoing rehabilitation and could be available for later fixtures once fully fit.

Australia's Bench Strength in Focus

Their absence also gives the Australian selectors a chance to **test the depth** of their squad. Youngsters like **Aaron Hardie**, **Matt Short**, and **Nathan Ellis** will likely get opportunities to showcase their talent on Indian soil. This approach reflects Australia's long-term strategy – building a pool of match-ready players for major ICC events.

Final Thoughts

While **Cummins** and **Maxwell** will undoubtedly be missed for their leadership, power-hitting, and experience, their absence opens the door for Australia's next generation to shine. With India's strong home record and Australia's experimental lineup, fans can still expect an exciting and competitive series between two of cricket's biggest powerhouses.

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