

IND vs AUS Live: Early Collapse Hurts India, Abhishek Sharma's Fiery Knock Pushes Total to 125

The second T20I between India and Australia turned into a tense low-scoring battle as India, after suffering a top-order meltdown, managed to scrape their way to 125 – largely thanks to a blistering innings from young Abhishek Sharma. On a pitch that offered both pace and bounce, India's batting lineup found themselves under immense pressure against a disciplined Australian attack.



Winning the toss and opting to bat first, India hoped for a solid start. However, things went downhill quickly. The Australian pace duo of Josh Hazlewood and Nathan Ellis wreaked havoc with the new ball, dismissing Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ruturaj Gaikwad early. Skipper Suryakumar Yadav, who has been in brilliant form, tried to rebuild but fell cheaply while attempting an aggressive shot – leaving India struggling inside the powerplay.

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When wickets kept tumbling, Abhishek Sharma decided to take matters into his own hands. The young left-hander counterattacked fearlessly, playing a fiery innings filled with elegant drives and powerful pulls. His intent to dominate the bowlers brought much-needed momentum to India's innings, with boundaries coming at regular intervals. Abhishek's knock not only lifted the run rate but also displayed his growing maturity and confidence at the international level.

Unfortunately, once he departed, the lower order couldn't provide much resistance. Despite Rinku Singh's brief cameo, Australia's bowlers – led by Adam Zampa and Ellis – kept things tight, preventing any late surge. India eventually folded for 125, a total that looked light but defensible if the bowlers hit their lengths early.

For Australia, it was a near-perfect bowling performance. Their control, variations, and sharp fielding kept the Indian batters on the back foot throughout the innings.

While Abhishek Sharma's aggressive innings was a bright spot in an otherwise disappointing batting display, India's fragile top order will remain a major concern. As the match moves into the second innings, all eyes will be on the Indian bowlers to see if they can defend the modest target and keep the series alive.

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