

## Australia bounce back with dominant win in Adelaide

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Australia crushed India by 10 wickets in the second Test at Adelaide, leveling the five-match series 1-1 and reclaiming the lead in the World Test Championship standings. The hosts, still reeling from their defeat in Perth, roared back to form, extending their perfect record in day-night Tests at Adelaide to 8-0.

Mitchell Starc's fiery first-innings spell of 6-48 dismantled India's batting lineup, removing key players Yashasvi Jaiswal and Virat Kohli. Captain Pat Cummins led by example, claiming 5-57 in the second innings to complete India's collapse.

Travis Head delivered a game-changing 140 off just 163 balls, dominating India's bowlers yet again after his recent heroics in the WTC final and World Cup. Marnus Labuschagne chipped in with a steady 64, while Nathan McSweeney impressed with a gritty 39 in his

second Test.

India's batting woes continued, with the team folding in just 81 overs across both innings. Captain Rohit Sharma's struggles persisted as he managed scores of 3 and 6, leaving him with only one half-century in his last 12 Test innings. Without Mohammed Shami, India's bowling leaned heavily on Jasprit Bumrah, exposing a lack of depth.

The decisive victory injects momentum into Australia as they head to Brisbane for the third Test on December 14, while India faces tough questions about their lineup and strategy moving forward.

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