Hapless India lost to the Aussie assault in the World Cup ’23 Finale

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Indian PM Narendra Modi and Australian Deputy PM, Richard Marles Congratulate Australian Captain Pat Cummins

It is not digestible that India lost to Aussies in the CWC ’23 finals while winning all 10 matches played on the trot. Even in the build up to the final, India beat Aussie comprehensively. But India’s performance in the final is not worth taking note of. Number of blemishes on the part of India are the cause of concern.

A paltry score of 240 runs was not a difficult target for opposition and that too Aussies.

The Ahmedabad pitch where the ball was not coming on to bat at rapid pace was not an easy pitch to bat on. The pitch too assisted spinners, as well. The life was not a cake walk for batters. In a situation like this, application was the key which Aussie's Travis Head did to perfection. It was not easy for Head in the middle but he stood his ground after being beaten invariably. He posted a resolute century for Aussie cause. Head turned out to be the difference between India's victory or defeat.



Travis Head – Match Winner

Team India definitely is a top class team but in key matches they are in total disarray.

Shubham Gill's shot was not on, playing an airy fairy shot at a crucial juncture was the first turning point of the match. That turned the tide in Australia's favour. Gill is the most important cog in indian line up. Aussies took full advantage

with early in-roads and put a break on the run-rate.

Iyer too was undone by Cummins's special and India's ship was dismantled by these two important scalps.

Rohit, Kohli and Rahul were in good nick but could not extend their innings to centuries.

Surya looked the most vulnerable of the lot because his game is stylized in T-20 mode. But this happens to be a situation when wickets were tumbling in regular intervals and Surya's stay in the middle became absolutely inevitable. He was always found in two-minds whether to go for his shots or play a restrained knock. Surya never looks at ease when in defensive mode.

Three players were primarily responsible for India's dismal game – GILL, IYER AND SURYA.



Heads Roll as AUSSIES Celebrate

Among Indian pacers, in particular, Bumrah was unlucky not to have gotten the edges of the bat. He was swinging the ball enormously but of not much avail.

Another disappointing factor was KL Rahul ‘s show behind the stumps.

There is a saying that the captain should not tinker with the winning ways. Rohit did this mistake by opting to open the attack with Bumrah and Shami and not with Bumrah and Siraj. Shami comes in as a first change. Pundits will not comment on this change because Shami is the highest wicket taker in the tournament.

To conclude, Aussies is a team well equipped to play key matches in style which they did to perfection and lifted the ICC Trophy.