

After Tests, Aussies to Monitor Shadab Khan Keenly: Aaron Finch

Coming Up: Aus V Pak T20I

Aaron Finch finds himself about to lead Australia's T20 side just four days after the conclusion of his own first Test series, where he performed creditably in the touring team's 1-0 defeat by Pakistan, who now seek to defend their No. 1 ranking in the 20-over format.

Finch has now been bolstered by plenty of talent from the Big Bash League, not least Chris Lynn, fit enough to be considered after missing the mid-year tour with his persistent shoulder problems. Pointing out that he was the lone survivor of the Test top six, Finch reckoned any "baggage" would be at a minimum. "There's nine fresh guys that have come into our squad from the Test series, so there'll be no baggage from them whatsoever. I think I'm the only batsman out of the top handful that was here for the Test series," Finch said in Abu Dhabi.

"We'll be an exciting three games. Both sides are very attacking, particularly in the Powerplay, both sides have plenty of power, so it'll be a great series."

In the Pakistan side, Finch said the threat posed by the wrist spin of Shadab Khan, returned from injury, would be keenly monitored by the Australians on surfaces likely to provide some assistance for the slow bowling craft. "He's a world-class spinner Shadab, I thought we played him really well in Harare on a wicket that was spinning a little bit, especially towards the back end of that tri-series," he said."

Both sides are pretty familiar with each other coming off that tri-series in July and also a Test series.