

Trailblazing star's groundbreaking moment

Isa Guha became the first female commentator to conduct the coin toss when Indian skipper Virat Kohli called correctly and chose to bat.

There was much internal debate among officials at the new broadcaster, which has signed a six year deal to show every match of the summer, as to who would get the gig.

But in the end the flip of the coin went Guha's way.

The full-circle nature of Marcus' Harris rise to the Test team continued with the presentation of his baggy green cap before his debut match.

Former Aussie batsmen Mike Hussey was the man given the "honour" of handing the cap to Harris, seven years after Hussey handed Harris his first cap for Western Australia.

It's become apparent Harris was almost destined to play Test cricket under new coach Justin Langer, despite Langer having famously called the left-handed opener "mediocre with flashes of brilliance" when he left WA.

A photo surfaced on social media on Thursday of seven-year-old Harris, in white T-shirt and floppy hat, at a cricket clinic with Langer who was then a left-handed opening batsmen for Australia.

Harris then played under Langer for WA, before their infamous parting, and is now part of the "brotherhood", and Langer said when he sent a message to Harris after he was included in the Test squad.

Harris parents were on hand for the presentation when he became Australia's 456th Test players.

"It was good to have Huss present me with my cap," Harris told Fox Cricket.

"He actually presented me my WA hat as well, (it's) pretty special.

"It's a bit surreal. It was great to have the family out here, I looked at them and I nearly started crying, very special in the end and very fortunate."

FANS TURN UP THE HEAT

Even 39 degree heat couldn't put off a solid gathering on the first day of the Border-Gavaskar series opener with over 20,000 fans in by lunch and 23,802 in total.

The Adelaide Test is regarded as the best social event on the circuit with thousands of members partying behind the stands.

The record first day crowd for an Australia v India match was 25,619 in 2014. A record 113,009 fans attended that match

General ticket sales were down while SACA chief executive Keith Bradshaw said the lack of a popular day-night Test had affected ticket sales from interstate. The cancellation of rail services over the match weekend would will also impact the match attendance.

Adelaide's record single day attendance for an India match was 35,081 on Australia Day 2012.

"Having Hazelwood and Cummins back is a huge boost for the side" – Tim Paine, Australia captain.



Day 1.

IND 250/9 (87.5 Ovs)

Day belonged to Australia, no doubt, but Cheteshwar Pujara kept India relevant in the Test match.

Pujara run out (Pat Cummins) 123(246) [4s-7 6s-2]

Pujara was run-out for the 8th time in Tests.

As the day has progressed, and as Pujara has prospered along with the lower-order, India's first session failure has looked more and more significant. Once the ball got softer, the pitch went flatter, giving way to good batting conditions. That makes the manner of Rohit Sharma's dismissal, after cruising to 37, even more of an eye roll. Australia would be delighted with their efforts. They were brilliant on the field, they snatched all the clear-cut chances that came their way and were able to keep the pressure up right through, barring the last half an hour or so.

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