Nathan Lyon

Lyon asks Aussies not to panic

Melbourne: Premier Australia spinner Nathan Lyon doesn't want his team to panic in the upcoming Ashes like they did during the Border Gavaskar Trophy in India earlier this year.

The Australians lost the series in India 1-2. A classic example of them panicking was their tactics against Indian spinners in the Delhi Test where most batters fell to the sweeping shot on a rank turner.

Before the Ashes begins on June 16, India and Australia will fight for the World Test Championship trophy with the final scheduled at the Oval from June 7.

"We shouldn't panic anyway. We panicked in India and we saw what happened. If we can learn from that experience and play our way and our brand, it will be okay," Lyon said.

England have redefined Test cricket with their uber-aggressive style of play, winning 10 out of their 12 Tests in the past year.

"You look at the way they played against New Zealand, South Africa and Pakistan, they have been able to force the opposition into panicking.

"We just have to worry about us. Control what we can control and worry about what is in our backyard and not be worried about what they're doing.

"If we make sure we have really good plans and stick to them, everything will go okay."

He said he won't change his tactics to counter England's aggression.

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ICC scraps 'soft signal' practice

Sourav Ganguly

Dubai: The ICC has decided to do away with the contentious 'soft signal' by on-field officials, which had often been criticised by experts as it is believed to have created more confusion for TV umpires after a decision was referred upstairs.

The 'soft signal' was used to determine the validity of catches taken inches off the ground, which couldn't necessarily be confirmed through naked eye. Till now the on-field umpire would either signal 'out' or 'not out' based on their gut feeling. And the third umpire was compelled to go by 'soft signal' as most of the face-ages proved to be inconclusive.

The ICC announced changes to the 'playing conditions' after the CEC approved the recommendations from the men's cricket committee, led by Sourav Ganguly and the women's cricket committee.

"The major change involves the soft signal being scrapped, with umpires no longer required to give a soft signal when referring decisions to the TV umpire. The on-field umpires will consult with the TV umpire before any decisions are taken," the ICC said.

The other big announcement involved making hotmis mandatory for high-risk positions.

There was also a minor addition to the free hit rule with any runs scored off a free hit when the ball hits the stumps will be counted as runs scored from now. This would mean that batsmen can now be bowled off a free hit and attempt a run for the same.

The changes will come into effect on June 1, 2023 with the Lord's Test between England and Ireland, a four-day one-off match.

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Novak has Big 3 to thank

Novak Djokovic, during his match against Grigor Dimitrov on Sunday. (Reutes)

Rome: Novak Djokovic said his troubles with Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray had helped him become stronger in the face of adversity, after the Serb battled his way into the last 16 of the Italian Open.

The 35-year-old was a set and a break up in Sunday's match with Grigor Dimitrov but was then dragged into a decider, where he raised his level again to close out a 6-3, 4-6, 6-0 win after more than two hours.

"In my career, I managed to win more matches than I lost when I was facing difficult circumstances," Djokovic said. "For a few years, whenever I needed to make that final step or win a grand slam, I didn't manage to do that, so I learned a lot.

"I got stronger because of the rivalries, particularly with Federer, Nadal and Murray," he added.

Djokovic, Federer, Nadal and Murray are dubbed the 'Big Four' as they won a combined 67 grand slam titles.

Alcaraz stunned

Carlo Alcaraz's 12-match winning streak came to an unexpected end when he was beaten by 136th-ranked Hungarian qualifier Fabian Marozsan 6-3, 7-6(4) on Monday.

Among the women, Iga Swiatek dished out another "bagel" as she defeated Ukraine's Lesia Tsurenko 6-0, 6-0 victory. The Polish top-seed earlier mowed down former French Open finalist Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-0, 6-0.

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