



England Lions captain Sam Billings before the toss. Photo: Getty Images

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Billings The Main Man On Day One For The Lions

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England Lions captain Sam Billings made 74 on day one of the 'Test' versus Pakistan A as his side reached 240 before Mark Wood and Jamie Overton took a wicket apiece to reduce the hosts to 33-2 at the close.

Billings won the toss and chose to bat in Abu Dhabi. The Middlesex duo of Nick Gubbins and Max Holden opened up for the Lions, as part of a batting

line-up with no shortage of attacking talent.

Also on display was young Pakistan seamer Shaheen Afridi - fresh from making waves in white-ball cricket at international level - and he was soon in on the action, dismissing Holden.

Gubbins (20), Ollie Pope (0) and Joe Clarke (0) fell to leave the score on 58-4 before Jason Roy (59) and Billings put on 51 for the fifth wicket.

Both Roy and Billings are keen to prove their red-ball credentials on this tour and this represented a strong start for the pair of them.

Billings continued in the company of Dom Bess (42) and he would remain unbeaten, with 22 from Mark Wood helping the Lions to 240.

Pakistan will resume on 33-2 at 10am local time tomorrow, 6am GMT. You can follow the game [on the ECB live scorecard here](#).

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