



Dom Bess bowled well on day three but for no reward (Getty Sport)

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England Lions made to work hard for wickets as Cricket Australia XI bat out day three

England Lions were made to toil in the field as their match against Cricket Australia XI moved towards a draw heading into the final day in Hobart.

The tourists were two seamers down for day three, with captain Lewis Gregory and Richard Gleeson unavailable through injury, but Craig Overton made two early breakthroughs to leave CA XI 174 for four. First he had Jason Sangha trapped in front for 72, adding just three to his overnight score, and

then having Lachlan Pfeffer caught by Dom Bess in his next over.

Jack Edwards joined captain Jake Lehmann at the crease and the pair added 181 for the fifth wicket. Lehmann scored his eighth first-class century and was eventually dismissed for 150 by Keaton Jennings.

Nineteen-year-old Edwards racked up his highest first-class score, finishing unbeaten on 142 at the close, and added 73 with Max Bryant for the sixth wicket until the latter was bowled by Overton.

Dan Lawrence picked up two wickets in two balls in the final half-hour to leave the hosts eight down and trailing by 144 runs at stumps.

Gregory and Gleeson will remain unavailable for the final day and will have their injuries monitored in the coming days.

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