



Keaton Jennings scored 141 on day one of England Lions' game against Cricket Australia XI (Getty Sport)

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Jennings, Sibley and Lawrence reach centuries as England Lions dominate day one against CA XI

Keaton Jennings, Dom Sibley and Dan Lawrence all scored centuries as England Lions racked up 367 runs on day one against Cricket Australia XI in Hobart, Tasmania.

After losing Zak Crawley in the third over, Sibley and Jennings set about their work, adding 184 for the second wicket. Sibley fell midway through the afternoon session, caught by captain Jake Lehmann of Jack Edwards for 103.

Sam Northeast departed in the next over for a duck, bringing Essex's Lawrence to the crease – one of the in-form batsmen from the unbeaten one-day series at the start of the tour.

Jennings reached three figures as he and Lawrence added 157 for the fourth wicket. The Lancashire batter, who was recalled to the England squad this week for the upcoming tour of Sri Lanka, fell in the final half-hour of the day, edging behind off Brendan Doggett for 141.

Joined by nightwatchman Dom Bess, Lawrence reached his century in the penultimate over, hitting Ryan Hadley for consecutive fours to raise his bat after 125 balls. England resume on 367/4 on Sunday, with Lawrence on 103 and Bess on eight.

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Keaton Jennings said: "It's always a great feeling to raise your bat while wearing England colours and it was really enjoyable batting with Dom and Dan today.

"We played the Australian attack well to form two excellent partnerships and it was good to see those guys continuing their recent form with the bat.

"While I'd have liked to have batted out the day, we've put ourselves in a strong position to set a strong first-innings total and put pressure on the opposition."

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