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On a batsman-friendly pitch, India posted a formidable 309-run total on board, courtesy a magnificent 171-run knock by opener Rohit Sharma.

Rohit, along with Virat Kohli (91), stitched a 207-run stand for the second wicket, after Josh Hazlewood dismissed Shikhar Dhawan for 9 in the seventh over of the innings. The partnership was finally broken by James Faulkner, when in the 45th over, Kohli holed one to straight to long-on.

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But after that, wickets were hard to come by as George Bailey and Smith pummeled the Indian bowlers. The duo added a massive 242-run stand for the third wicket and by the time Bailey was dismissed for 112, Australia were already in the driver’s seat.