Australian batsmen kept in check in South Africa

Philander bowled with excellent control to take 2 for 36

DURBAN: David Warner and Steve Smith hit half-centuries but Australia were unable to dominate South Africa’s bowling attack on the first day of the first Test at Kingsmead yesterday, Australia, who won the toss and batted on an easy-paced pitch, were 225 for five when bad light ended play four overs before the second new ball was due. With no assistance for the bowlers from a slow surface, South Africa bowled with discipline to keep the batsmen in check.

Apart from a bright third-wicket partnership of 56 off 92 balls between Warner (51) and Smith (56), it was largely ataxi...