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The Indian skipper had a fair share of praises for the latest addition to India’s expanding pace battery as they bagged another home series win at Kanpur against Bangladesh. While the mainstays of the Indian bowling line-up such as Jasprtit Bumrah and Ravichandran Ashwin showed their prowess with the ball yet again, Akash Deep too was instrumental in the series victory against Bangladesh. The Bengal pacer, who played his first test against England earlier this year, has been a crucial contributor to the Indian team's success in recent matches since his debut.

Akash has had a decent start to his test career. He has picked 8 wickets with an impressive average of 23.12 during the 3 matches he has played. His main utility for the team has been the timing at which he has picked up these wickets.

Akash has turned out to be his captain's go-to bowler providing breakthroughs when the team has needed them the most. Rohit Sharma did not shy away from appreciating the efforts of his teammate when asked about his performance in the post-match presentation.

This is what he said, “He's been good. He has played a lot of domestic cricket. When you come up through the ranks like that, there are a lot of overs in the legs. We know the guy can do the job the team is expecting. He has the quality and the skill. Good body as well - can bowl long spells and can bowl quick as well. That's what the idea is. We want to create a bunch of bowlers who are ready to play.”

Rohit also emphasized the importance of domestic cricket and the roles it plays in shaping up any player who wants to represent India at the highest level. Further, he added the need for fast bowlers bowling long spells with high speeds which is the ideal way to operate on Indian surfaces.

After the post-match presentation, Rohit collected the Trophy as India won the series with the scoreline of 2-0. And the ritual of the Indian captain handing over the trophy to youngsters continued as the skipper handed the trophy to Akash Deep as a token of appreciation, while the team posed for the photos.

It will be interesting to see how Akash fares out in the upcoming home series against New Zealand. He would also be eyeing to seal his spot in the Indian squad for the Border Gavaskar Trophy later this year. The Indian side is scheduled to host New Zealand in a 3 match test series that commences from October 16 at the M. Chinnaswamy in Bengaluru. With this win, India has also strengthened its position on the World Test Championship table.