Kohli: Nothing on a platter

England missed Swann and Panesar

India thrashed England by an innings and 38 runs just your half an hour into the final day at Kolkata on Monday to seal the series with a match to spare.

England were the last team to enter a Test series in India, 24 years ago, and they made an early start to the dream in Kolkota the time around.

"I don't think it's been easy. We have been put under pressure many times. I think I would give my team a lot of credit for bouncing back from the past few situations," Kohli told reports.

"I have to put something on the plate. We have had a lot of pressure and we make it to win the Test series here. I think we forged the opportunity to make mistakes."

Trailing 3-0 in the series, England posted 167 for four in their first innings in Mumbai and fell the home team's master cricketer who steered them to troubles by reducing them to 10/4.

But man of the match Kohli hit 325 to rescue his team and led them to a masterful first-innings total of 487.

"I think this was a character to come back into the game, sharing the moment. This is our team and we were on top. We were on top throughout," Kohli said.

It was the fifth consecutive series win for India following triumphs in Sri Lanka and the West Indies, and home victories over the Proteas and New Zealand.

Kohli placed with the steadfastness of his team mates.

"If the time, you have been in the Test match where you can take the game away and you are still willing to go for it because you have a chance your strikes, that's the kind of mindset that we have got to do for our system completely."

Meanwhile, England no longer have the world class spin options available to them that they enjoyed when they stunned India in 2016, captain Alastair Cook said.

Four years ago, spinners Swann and Monty Panesar enjoyed the condition, and were duly supported by prolific wicket-taking paceman James Anderson.

During that series, Panesar took 11 wickets at the Wanderers Stadium while Swann picked up eight more to help England thrash India by 30 wickets.

However, leg-spinner Adil Rashid, who had England's highest wicket-taker in the ongoing series with 22, and off-spinner Moeen Ali have been unable to deliver.

"No disrespect to Mr Rashid but Graeme Swann was world class. There were world class bowlers in the early part of the series," reports in these conditions you need that."

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