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Anderson wants to break more records

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James Anderson says he has no plans to hang up his boots yet after overtaking Glenn McGrath to become the most prolific fast bowler in Test history as the Australian challenged the Englishman to reach 600 wickets.

Anderson went past McGrath's tally of 563 wickets when he knocked out Mohammed Shami's middle stump as England bowled out India for 345 to seal a 4-1 series victory at the Oval on Tuesday.

The Lancashire swing bowler, with 564 scalps, now trails just the spin trio of Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan (800 wickets), Australia's Shane Warne (708) and India's Anil Kumble (619) in the all-time list.

The 36-year-old downplayed his personal achievement, saying he was more focused on helping England win the final match of the series.

"When I sit down at the end of my career, when I finish, it will mean a hell of a lot to me to be able to see what I've achieved," he said. "But right now it's hard when you put all your energy into the present and trying to perform well for England. That's all I really focus on."

Anderson is three years older than his great friend Alastair Cook, who retired from Test cricket after the match at the



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Oval but has no immediate plans to quit.

When asked how long he would go on, Anderson, who no longer plays one-day cricket for England, said: "I don't really think about it. I think I play my best when I focus on what's ahead of me, the next game, the next series, whatever it is."

"I read something that Glenn McGrath said," he added. "He went into the 2006 Ashes with no intention of retiring and then by the end of it he thought his time was up. That could happen

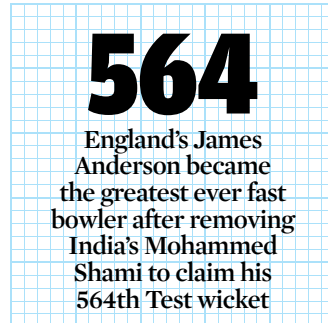
to me. Who knows? I don't like looking too far ahead."

McGrath praise

McGrath posted a message of congratulations on Instagram praising Anderson's "dedication, commitment, hard work, skill and mental toughness".

And he has challenged the England bowler, who made his debut in 2003 and has played 143 Tests, to go on and reach the 600 mark.

"If he can raise the bar to 600 wickets, that's an incredible ef-



fort," McGrath told BBC radio.

"Being a fast bowler is the toughest part of the game and injuries do play a part," he added. "To think that Jimmy's played for so long and continued at the top of his game shows his work ethic, his physical and mental strength and everything else that goes into it."

McGrath, who spearheaded one of the finest teams in Test history, said Anderson's record would stand for a long time.

"The game is quicker, it's faster. And will bowlers play enough Test cricket in the future to get anywhere near the mark?"

An emotional Anderson said he would miss Cook's influence in the dressing room.

"For me he's been a very good friend but he's been someone I look up to," he said. "His work ethic and the way he conducts himself, he's a real idol not to just me but to the rest of the team."



Virat Kohli

Kohli confident India can compete with Australia

London

Virat Kohli is optimistic that India can compete in challenging conditions in Australia despite a crushing 4-1 defeat to England that compounded a disappointing away record in Tests.

England wrapped up victory at the Oval on Tuesday, winning the final match of the series against the number one side in the world by 118 runs late on the fifth day.

But despite the comprehensive nature of the series defeat, Kohli took positives from the tour as he looked forward to Australia, where India have never won a Test series.

"What matters to me is the kind of attitude you play cricket with," the Indian captain said. "We said at the end of the fourth game that we won't throw in the towel and we didn't."

"This kind of series shows you exactly the kind of character of individuals and I see that as an opportunity and not adversity because if you keep



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winning all the time a lot of faults are swept under the carpet, you don't realise the faults you need to work on."

Kohli, who was top-scorer in the series with 593 runs, said India had created pressure at various times in England but had not capitalised on key moments.

"We were not able to hold that pressure for long enough with the bat and the ball as well, so at crucial stages we could not keep that pressure on for long, and that is why they took advantage of those situations better than us," he said.

Brave CF signs television talent from Belfast

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Brave Combat Federation signed Phil Campbell to the commentary team for the upcoming Brave 16 hosted in Abu Dhabi, UAE on 21st September.

Prior to Brave Combat Federation, Phil Campbell had taken up commentary for multiple events in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Apart from his experience as a commentator, Campbell is also a competing fighter who has an undefeated career record with four straight wins in his career. Campbell had recently been a



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part of the commentary team who covered the Clan Wars 32 which was covered by BBC.

"I've been a fighter, corner-

man and coach at IFS martial arts centre Belfast and now I'm embracing the newest chapter in my martial arts journey by taking up commentary. When I was in rehab after an injury and couldn't compete, I got the opportunity to commentate alongside Noel O'Keefe. We clicked instantly and soon realised we had the exact same love, enthusiasm and passion for MMA. We bring that passion and enthusiasm to every fight making it a celebration from bell to bell. I'm so happy to be a part of Brave and can't wait to get started", said Phil Campbell.

Federations to attend evaluation meetings

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The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) sent invitations to all participating federations to the Asian Games, held in Indonesia, to attend a series of meetings to evaluate the results of its teams.

During these meetings, technical information and data will be presented and looked into to evaluate the teams' results. Each federation will be discussing their results with representatives of the BOC.

The sports affairs directorate sent a circular to all the participating federations – bowling, cycling, the maritime sports and the self-defence federation, to attend the first technical meeting on Sunday September 16.

The mixed martial arts federation, the shooting, the triathlon, the royal equestrian federation will meet on Monday, while the athletics, football and handball federations are to attend the technical meeting on Tuesday.

S Korea to propose joint Olympics with North

AFP | Seoul

South Korea plans to propose a joint hosting of the 2032 Summer Olympics with North Korea at next week's summit in Pyongyang, sports minister Do Jong-hwan said Wednesday, according to a Yonhap report.

Do will make the proposal when he accompanies President Moon Jae-in to the North Korean capital for a third summit with Kim Jong Un from Tuesday, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said.

"I plan to make this proposal to the

North for the settlement of peace" on the Korean peninsula, he was quoted as telling journalists in Tokyo.

"Seoul and Pyongyang would co-host the games", he said.

The two Koreas discussed the co-hosting of the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics but negotiations fell apart over differences on how to share the events.

North and South Korea formed their first-ever unified Olympic team -- a joint women's ice hockey squad -- for February's winter games in the South Korean resort of Pyeongchang, leading to a diplomatic thaw.

Olympics chief Thomas Bach said this month he was open to talks with the two Koreas about marching and competing together at the 2020 Tokyo Games.

Bach was speaking at the Asian Games in Indonesia, where the two Koreas paraded together at the opening ceremony and formed unified teams for the second time this year.

The two Koreas formed joint teams in rowing, canoeing and women's basketball at the regional Olympics, winning one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.



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