

CRICKET

Cricket is a sport which is played between two teams of eleven players each who score runs (points). This is done by hitting the ball across the boundary, or by running between two sets of three small, wooden posts called wickets. The wickets are at each end of a rectangle of short grass called 'the pitch'. The pitch is inside a much larger oval of grass called the 'area of play'. The area of play is a 30-yard circle inside the cricket ground or stadium. The game started England in the 16th century.

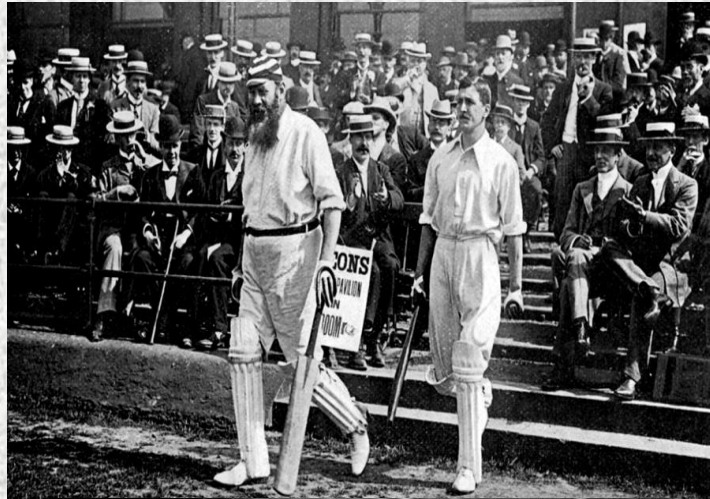
There are two teams: The team of bowling has 11 players on the field. The team batting has 2 players, one at each end of the wicket and rest of the players are sitting. Runs are got after a ball is bowled, by hitting the ball over the boundary, or by the umpires penalizing the bowling side for bowling an illegal ball.

HISTORY OF CRICKET



In 17th century, Village cricket had developed by the middle of the century and the first English “county teams” were formed in the second half of the century, as “local experts” from village cricket were employed as the earliest professionals. The first known game in which the teams use county names is in 1709.

In 19th century, the game survived a lack of investment early due to the Napoleonic Wars and recovery began in 1815. Sussex was the first of the English county clubs to be formed in 1839 and the rest followed suit by the end of 19th century.



Women's cricket played a significant role in the development of the sport in the 19th century and the first women's county match was played in 1811. Women's matches were often played out in front of large crowds, particularly across the South of England and in Australia the first Women's sides began playing the sport in the 1890.

In 20th century, Indian Cricket Team has been formed in 1930.



When the Imperial Cricket Conference (as the ICC was originally called) was founded in 1909, only England, Australia and South Africa were members. However, the West Indies (1928), New Zealand (1930) and India (1932) became Test nations before the Second World War and Pakistan (1952) soon afterwards.



In 21st century, September 2007 India's victory over Pakistan in the final of the first ever ICC WT20, played in Johannesburg.

The 21st century has seen some of the most rapid changes in the history of the game, with arguably none bigger than the creation of a new format of the sport, the shortest version that is the three-hour spectacle of Twenty20 cricket.

CRICKET FORMATS

- Test Cricket
 - Matches last up to five days.
- Day International (50 over's)
 - One inning for each team w/limited overs.
- Twenty20
 - Limited over's to complete match in around 3hrs.

EXTRAS

- Bye
- No Ball
- Wide
- Leg Bye

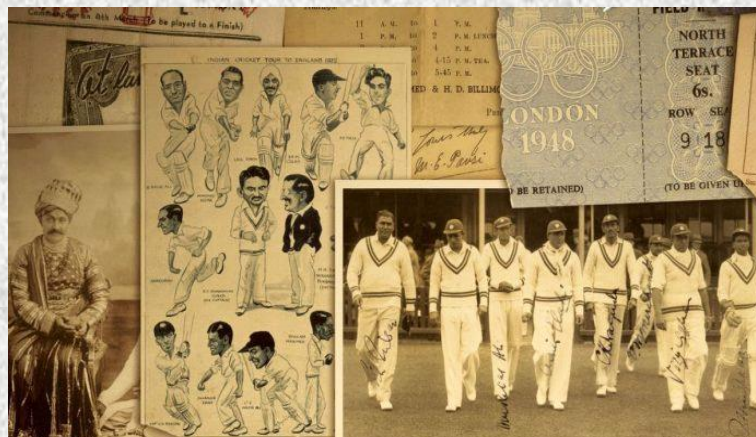
DISMISSALS



- Bold or Clean Bold
- Caught
- Leg before Wicket (lbw)
- Run Out
- Stumped
- Hit Wicket



INTERESTINGFACTS ABOUTCRICKET



- The first recorded game was played in 1646.
- The longest cricket match took place in 1939 between England and South Africa.
- In 1877, Charlie Bannerman from Australia scored the first century in a Test match.
- Charlie Bannerman scored 165*; the first test Century in the match played between Australia and England at Melbourne Cricket Ground in March 1887.



- Shahid Afridi used Sachin Tendulkar's bat to hit 37 ball centuries in an ODI.
- The first ODI Century was scored by Denis Amiss (103) against Australia at Old Trafford in 1972.
- The first ODI Double Century was scored by Sachin Tendulkar against South Africa at Gwalior in 2010.
- First test Century partnership was put on by W.G.Grace and A.P. Lucas batting for England against Australia, played at the Kennington oval in 1880.
- New Zealand's Amelia Kerr was just 17 when she scored 232* and taking 5 for 17 in a women's Odi against Ireland.
- India is the only country to win the 60-Over, 50-Over and 20-Over World Cup.



- Billy Midwinter was the first Bowler to take a five wicket haul in test Cricket against Australia in 1877.
- Billy Voce was the first Bowler to take a five wicket's haul in ODI Cricket.
- Courtney Walsh holds the best (economy rate) five wicket haul 5/1 against Sri Lanka in ODI.
- Jim Laker with a 10-wicket haul against Australia at Old Trafford in 1956.
- Courtney Walsh became the first bowler to take 500 wickets in the history Test Cricket.

- First Hat-trick in Test Cricket was taken by Harbhajan Singh against Australia in March 2001.
- First Hat-trick in ODI Cricket was taken by Chetan Sharma against New Zealand in 1987.
- Anil Kumble was the bowler to take all 10 wickets (10/74) in an innings against Pakistan in Delhi, 1999

-Pratham G. Pednekar (TE EXTC)

-Bhagyashree Shirkar (TE EXTC)