Eden Gardens

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Not to be confused with Eden Garden or Garden of Eden.

Eden Gardens

Eden Gardens under floodlights during a match.jpg

Ground information

Location Kolkata, West Bengal, India

Coordinates 22°33′52″N 88°20′36″ECoordinates: 22°33′52″N 88°20′36″E

Establishment 1864; 155 years ago

Capacity 40,000 (1864-1987)

100,000+ (1987-2011)

68,000 (2011-present)

Owner Indian Army[1]

Operator Cricket Association of Bengal

Tenants

India national cricket team

Bengal cricket team

Kolkata Knight Riders

End names

High Court End EdenGardensCricketGroundPitchDimensions.svg

Pavilion End

International information

First Test 5–8 January 1934:

India v England

Last Test 16–20 November 2017:

India v Sri Lanka

First ODI 18 February 1987:

India v Pakistan

Last ODI 21 September 2017:

India v Australia

First T20I 29 October 2011:

India v England

Last T20I 4 November 2018:

India v West Indies

Team information

Bengal cricket team (1908–present)

Kolkata Knight Riders (2008–present)

Mohun Bagan (1889-1984)

East Bengal (1920-1984)

Mohammedan S.C. (1891-present)

As of 5 November 2019

Source: ESPNcricinfo

Eden Gardens is located in KolkataEden GardensEden Gardens

Eden Gardens (Kolkata)

Eden Gardens is a cricket ground in Kolkata, India. It was established in 1864. It is the oldest cricket stadium in India. It is the home venue of the Bengal cricket team and the IPL franchise cricket team Kolkata Knight Riders, and is also a venue for Test, ODI and T20I matches of the India national cricket team.The stadium currently has a capacity of 68,000[2] In October 2019, it was named as the venue to host the first ever day/night test match in India during second Test between India and Bangladesh[3]

Eden Gardens is often regarded informally as India's home of cricket. The ground has been referred to as "cricket's answer to the Colosseum," and is widely acknowledged to be one of the most iconic cricket stadiums in the world.[4] Eden Gardens has hosted matches in major international competitions including the World Cup, World Twenty20 and Asia Cup. In 1987, Eden Gardens became the second stadium to host a World Cup final. The 2016 ICC World Twenty20 final was held at the Eden Gardens where the West Indies beat England in closely fought encounter.

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Stadium History

The stadium was established in 1864. The stadium gets its name from the Eden Gardens, one of the oldest parks in Kolkata, adjacent to the stadium, designed in 1841 and named after the Eden sisters of Lord Auckland, the then Governor-General of India.[5] Initially it was named 'Auckland Circus Gardens' but later changed to 'Eden Gardens' by its makers inspired by Garden of Eden in the Bible.[6] According to popular culture, Babu Rajchandra Das, the then zamindar(landlord) of Kolkata, had gifted one of his biggest gardens besides river Hooghly, to Viceroy Lord Auckland Eden and his sister Emily Eden after they helped him by saving his 3rd daughter from a fatal disease. From then onwards the garden's name was changed from Mar Bagan to Eden Gardens. The cricket grounds were built between Babughat and Fort William.[7] The stadium is in the B. B. D. Bagh area of the city, near the State Secretariat and opposite to the Calcutta High Court.

The first recorded Test at the venue was held in 1934 between England and India,[8] its first One Day International in 1987 between India and Pakistan[9] and its first T20 international in 2011 between India and England.[10] The Hero Cup semi final featuring India and South Africa was the first Day/Night match.[11]

Panoramic View of the Eden Gardens Stadium during IPL 2008. Note that it was pre-renovation and had benches rather than individual seats. In this configuration, the stadium could seat over 94,000 fans on game day

Stadium

Eden Gardens front facade

The Stadium is the headquarters of the Cricket Association of Bengal. Apart from International matches, the stadium hosts matches for domestic Indian cricket and is the home venue for Kolkata Knight Riders. The stadium's Club House is named after former Chief Minister of West Bengal Dr. B. C. Roy.

1987 Renovation

Before the 1987 World Cup, the stadium had a capacity of 40,000. It was expanded to 94,000.[12] Renovations included changes to press box, club house and television infrastructure. 42 columns provided the support for large roofs and multi-tiered covered stands. Even after the renovation, not all seats were covered and many sections lacked individual seats.

However, match day attendance of more than 100,000 spectators[13] have been recorded on at least 6 occasions.

2011 Renovation

The ground before Cricket World Cup 2011 renovation.

Eden Gardens after renovations.

Eden Gardens underwent renovation for the 2011 Cricket World Cup.[14] Renovation had been undertaken to meet the standards set by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for the 2011 World Cup. The Cricket Association of Bengal retained the team of Burt Hill and VMS to renovate the Eden Gardens Cricket Stadium. The plans for the renovated stadium included a new clubhouse and players' facilities, upgrades of the exterior walls to give the stadium a new look, cladding the existing roof structure with a new metal skin, new/upgraded patron amenities & signage and general infrastructure improvements. The upgrade also meant reduction of the seating capacity to about 68,000 from around 94,000 before the upgrade.

Due to unsafe conditions arising from the incomplete renovations, the ICC withdrew the India vs. England match from the Eden Gardens. This match, scheduled on 27 February 2011,[15] was played in Bengaluru at M.Chinnaswamy Stadium.

The stadium hosted the remaining three scheduled World Cup 2011 Matches on 15, 18 and 20 March 2011. In the last of these three matches (Kenya vs Zimbabwe), the stadium had the minimal ticket-purchasing crowd in its recorded history with 15 spectators having bought tickets.[16]

Stands

Eden Gardens stands have been named after prominent local cricketers and soldiers. On January 22, 2017, 2 stands were named after Indian cricketers - Sourav Ganguly and Pankaj Roy while 2 more were after cricket administrators - BN Dutt (BCCI President 1988-1990) and Jagmohan Dalmiya (BCCI President 2001-04, 2013 - interim, 2015).[17] Dalmiya served as ICC President from 1997 to 2000.

On 27 April 2017, 4 stands were named after Indian soldiers[18] - Colonel Neelakantan Jayachandran Nair, Havildar Hangpan Dada, Lieutenant Colonel Dhan Singh Thapa and Subedar Joginder Singh Sahnan. LC Thapa and Subedar Singh are Param Vir Chakra awardees - the highest wartime military decoration in India while Col Nair and Havildar Dada are Ashok Chakra - the highest peacetime military decoration.

Experience

Massive crowd during KKR Vs RCB 2017 IPL match.

Night View of Eden Gardens

Eden Gardens is renowned for its large and vociferous crowds.[19][20] Former Aussie captain Steve Waugh considers the Eden Gardens as 'Lord's of the subcontinent'.[21] Dileep Vengsarkar called Eden Gardens as the second best after Lords.[20] Former Indian Captain and Kolkata Native Sourav Ganguly confessed once in an interview that the roar of crowd at the stadium he heard when India defeated Australia in the Second Test of 2000–01 Border–Gavaskar Trophy was the loudest he had ever heard.

The Bell at the Eden Gardens

In 2016, a bell was added to the stadium to ring in the start of day's play for test cricket and start of match for ODI & T20I matches. Kapil Dev was the first person to ring the bell to start the test match between India and New Zealand in September 2016.[22]

Cricket World Cup matches

Eden Gardens has hosted 15 Cricket World Cup matches hosted in India across formats and men's and women's cricket. Eden Gardens has hosted 6 Cricket World Cup matches in 1987 (2), 1996 (1), 2011 (3). The stadium hosted 5 T20I matches during 2016 ICC World Twenty20. The stadium hosted 2 Women's Cricket World Cup matches - one each in 1978 and 1997 and one Women T20I match during the 2016 ICC Women's World Twenty20 tournament.

Due to Eden Garden's iconic status, it has hosted 4 finals (1987 ODI CWC, 2016 T20I, 1997 Women's CWC and 2016 Women's T20I) and 1 semifinal (1996 ODI CWC).

1987 ICC Cricket World Cup

23 October 1987

Scorecard

Zimbabwe

228/5 (50 overs)

v

New Zealand

229/6 (47.4 overs)

New Zealand won by 4 wickets

8 November 1987

Scorecard

Australia

253/5 (50 overs)

v

England

246/8 (50 overs)

Australia won by 7 runs

1996 ICC Cricket World Cup

13 March 1996

Scorecard

Sri Lanka

251/8 (50 overs)

v

India

120/8 (34.1 overs)

Sri Lanka won by default

The match was awarded to Sri Lanka by match referee Clive Lloyd when play could not continue due to the rioting crowd.

2011 ICC Cricket World Cup

Eden Gardens was meant to host a Group B Match between India and England on 27 February 2011. The ICC, however, stripped the stadium of the match after deciding that the renovation of the grounds would not be completed in time.

15 March 2011

14:30 (D/N)

South Africa

272/7 (50 overs)

v

Ireland

141 (33.2 overs)

JP Duminy 99 (103)

John Mooney 1/36 (8 overs)

Gary Wilson 31 (48)

Robin Peterson 3/32 (8 overs)

South Africa won by 131 runs

Umpires: Kumar Dharmasena (SL) and Billy Doctrove (WI)

Player of the match: JP Duminy (SA)

Ireland won the toss and elected to field.

18 March 2011

09:30

Netherlands

306 (50 overs)

v

Ireland

307/4 (47.4 overs)

Ryan ten Doeschate 106 (108)

Paul Stirling 2/51 (10 overs)

Paul Stirling 101 (72)

Tom Cooper 2/31 (7 overs)

Ireland won by 6 wickets

Umpires: Billy Doctrove (WI) and Ian Gould (Eng)

Player of the match: Paul Stirling (Ire)

Ireland won the toss and elected to field.

20 March 2011

09:30

Zimbabwe

308/6 (50 overs)

v

Kenya

147 (36 overs)

Craig Ervine 66 (54)

Elijah Otieno 2/61 (10 overs)

Nehemiah Odhiambo 44\* (47)

Ray Price 2/20 (7 overs)

Zimbabwe won by 161 runs

Umpires: Asoka de Silva (SL) and Kumar Dharmasena (SL)

Player of the match: Craig Ervine (Zim)

Zimbabwe won the toss and elected to bat.

2016 ICC World Twenty20

17 March

19:30 (D/N)

Scorecard

Afghanistan

153/7 (20 overs)

v

Sri Lanka

155/4 (18.5 overs)

Asghar Stanikzai 62 (47)

Thisara Perera 3/33 (4 overs)

Tillakaratne Dilshan 83\* (56)

Mohammad Nabi 1/25 (4 overs)

Sri Lanka won by 6 wickets

Umpires: Bruce Oxenford (Aus) and Joel Wilson (WI)

Player of the match: Tillakaratne Dilshan (SL)

Afghanistan won the toss and elected to bat.

16 March

15:00 (D/N)

Scorecard

Pakistan

201/5 (20 overs)

v

Bangladesh

146/6 (20 overs)

Mohammad Hafeez 64 (42)

Taskin Ahmed 2/32 (4 overs)

Shakib Al Hasan 50\* (40)

Shahid Afridi 2/27 (4 overs)

Pakistan won by 55 runs

Umpires: Ian Gould (Eng) and Richard Kettleborough (Eng)

Player of the match: Shahid Afridi (Pak)

Pakistan won the toss and elected to bat.

Shakib Al Hasan became the second player for Bangladesh to pass 1,000 runs in T20Is.[23]

Shakib Al Hasan also became the second all-rounder to score 1,000 runs and take 50 wickets in T20Is.[23]

19 March

19:30 (D/N)

Scorecard

Pakistan

118/5 (18 overs)

v

India

119/4 (15.5 overs)

Shoaib Malik 26 (16)

Suresh Raina 1/4 (1 over)

Virat Kohli 55\* (37)

Mohammad Sami 2/17 (2 overs)

India won by 6 wickets

Umpires: Ian Gould (Eng) and Richard Kettleborough (Eng)

Player of the match: Virat Kohli (Ind)

India won the toss and elected to field.

The start of the match was delayed by a wet outfield and the game was reduced to 18 overs per side.

This was India's eleventh victory against Pakistan in ICC World Cup matches across both ODI and T20I formats.[24]

Ahmed Shehzad became the fifth player for Pakistan to pass 1,000 runs in T20Is.[25]

26 March

15:00 (D/N)

Scorecard

New Zealand

145/8 (20 overs)

v

Bangladesh

70 (15.4 overs)

Kane Williamson 42 (32)

Mustafizur Rahman 5/22 (4 overs)

Shuvagata Hom 16\* (17)

Grant Elliott 3/12 (4 overs)

New Zealand won by 75 runs

Umpires: Johan Cloete (SA) and Michael Gough (Eng)

Player of the match: Kane Williamson (NZ)

New Zealand won the toss and elected to bat.

Henry Nicholls (NZ) made his T20I debut.

Mustafizur Rahman became the second bowler for Bangladesh and 16th player overall to take a five-wicket haul in a T20I match.[26]

Bangladesh's total is their lowest total in a T20I match.[27]

Ten dismissals in this match were bowled, the most in a T20I match.[28]

3 April

19:00 (D/N)

Scorecard

England

155/9 (20 overs)

v

West Indies

161/6 (19.4 overs)

Joe Root 54 (36)

Carlos Brathwaite 3/23 (4 overs)

Marlon Samuels 85\* (66)

David Willey 3/20 (4 overs)

West Indies won by 4 wickets

Umpires: Kumar Dharmasena (SL) and Rod Tucker (Aus)

Player of the match: Marlon Samuels (WI)

West Indies won the toss and elected to field.

Marlon Samuels (WI) scored the highest total in a World T20 final.[29]

West Indies became the first team to win both the men's and women's World Twenty20s on the same day, with the women defeating Australia by 8 wickets.

Eden Gardens under floodlights during 2016 ICC World Twenty20 Final.

1978 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup

1 January 1978

(scorecard)

India

63 (39.3 overs)

v

England

65/1 (30.2 overs)

England won by 9 wickets

1997 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup

29 December 1997

Scorecard

New Zealand

164 (49.3 overs)

v

Australia

165/5 (47.4 overs)

Australia won by 5 wickets

2016 ICC Women's World Twenty20

3 April

14:30

Scorecard

Australia

148/5 (20 overs)

v

West Indies

149/2 (19.3 overs)

Elyse Villani 52 (37)

Deandra Dottin 2/33 (4 overs)

Hayley Matthews 66 (45)

Kristen Beams 1/27 (4 overs)

West Indies won by 8 wickets

Umpires: Aleem Dar (Pak) and Richard Illingworth (Eng)

Player of the match: Hayley Matthews (WI)

Australia won the toss and elected to bat.

Notable events

Eden Gardens Manual Scoreboard

Eden Gardens Block Map

In 1946, an in-form Mushtaq Ali was dropped from the Indian team selected to play an unofficial test against Australian Services XI. Following crowd protests (with slogans like "No Mushtaq, No Test"), the selectors brought him back to play.[30]

Rioting occurred at the ground during the 1966/67 West Indies and 1969/70 Australian tours.[13]

In 1977, New York Cosmos played a Football match against Mohun Bagan at the stadium. Pelé played in that match for the Cosmos. The match was drawn at 2-2.

16 football fans died in a stampede after a derby league game between East Bengal and Mohun Bagan on 16 August 1980.

Hosted Nehru Cup in 1984, where India national football team played against Argentina, Poland, China PR, Romania U-21 and Vasas Budapest.[31]

Hosted the memorable World Cup final of 1987 which ended with Australia defeating England by 7 runs.

The 1996 World Cup semi-final was called off and Sri Lanka awarded the match after crowd disturbances following an Indian batting collapse.[13]

During the 2nd final of the 1997 Pepsi Independence Cup, the Test and ODI captains of the Indian cricket team of all time (with a few notable exceptions) were given a lap of honour around the stadium.

In 1999, leading Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar was run out after colliding with Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar. Akhtar had impeded Tendulkar and the crowd rioted, forcing the police to evict the spectators. The match continued in front of an empty stadium.

Kapil Dev took an ODI hat-trick against the Sri Lankans in 1991 at the ground.

Harbhajan Singh took a hat-trick against Australia in 2000/01 at the ground. He became the first Indian to take a hat-trick in Test cricket.

In 2000/01, V.V.S. Laxman scored 281 against Australia in the Second Test, 2000–01 Border–Gavaskar Trophy. This remains the highest score at the ground. He was involved in a memorable 376 runs partnership with Rahul Dravid who scored 180. They batted through the whole Day 4 of the test match without losing their wickets. Australia were defeated despite enforcing India to follow-on. It was only the third time in Test history that a team had won after being forced to follow on.[32] It is widely considered to be one of the greatest Test matches in cricket history.[33]

In 2005, in an ODI against South Africa, Eden Gardens crowd booed the Indian team and Greg Chappell because of Sourav Ganguly's dropping from the team. Chappell allegedly showed middle finger to the crowd.

Eden Gardens hosted the historic 199th (penultimate) Test match of Sachin Tendulkar's career against West Indies from 6-10 Nov 2013. India defeated West Indies by an innings and 51 runs in 3 days.

On its 150th anniversary, on 13 November 2014, Eden Gardens witnessed the highest ever score by a batsman in One Day Internationals, a 264 off 173 balls scored by Rohit Sharma during the 4th One Day International of Sri Lanka vs India at the venue.

On 3 April 2016, in this venue, within a span of hours, the finals of the ICC world cup Twenty20 tournaments for the women and for the men were won by the respective women's and men's teams of the West Indies.

The stadium hosted the 200th and 250th home tests for India in 2005 and 2016 respectively.

On January 22, 2017, Ravindra Jadeja became the first Indian left arm spinner to take 150 One Day International wickets, when he dismissed Sam Billings.

On September 21, 2017, Kuldeep Yadav became the third bowler for India to take a hat-trick in an ODI after Chetan Sharma and Kapil Dev. When he took a hat-trick against Australia.

Stats & Records

Matches Hosted

( as on 5 November 2019)

Test — 41

ODI — 30

T20I — 7

Records

The most runs in Test Matches played here are scored by V.V.S. Laxman (1217 runs),[34] followed by Rahul Dravid (962 runs) and Sachin Tendulkar (872 runs). The most wickets taken here was by Harbhajan Singh (46 wickets) followed by Anil Kumble (40 wickets) and Bishen Singh Bedi (29 wickets).

The most runs in ODIs scored here by a batsman is by Sachin Tendulkar (496 runs), followed by Mohammed Azharuddin (332 runs) and Virat Kohli (326 runs). The most wickets taken here is by Anil Kumble and Kapil Dev (14 wickets each), followed by Ravindra Jadeja (9 wickets).

VVS Laxman and Mohammed Azharuddin have scored 5 centuries each at this venue.

The highest ever ODI individual score of 264 is made by Rohit Sharma on this ground against Sri Lanka in 2014.

On September 21, 2017, Kuldeep Yadav became the third bowler for India to take a hat-trick in an ODI after Chetan Sharma and Kapil Dev. When he took a hat trick against Australia.

The highest runs scored ever in Ipl at Eden Gardens was scored on 28 April 2019. The score was scored by Kolkata Knight Riders against Mumbai Indians. The score was 232/2. MI Scored 198/7 After Hardik Pandya Scored 91(34) Deliveries handing KKR its 100th T20

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Eden Gardens Records

Category Test Matches ODI Matches T20I Matches

Highest Inning Score 657/d - India vs Australia (2001)[35] 404/5 - India vs Sri Lanka (2014)[36] 201/5 - Pakistan vs Bangladesh (2016)[37]

Lowest Inning Score 90 - India vs West Indies (1983)[38] 120/8 - India vs Sri Lanka (1996)[39] 70 - Bangladesh vs New Zealand (2016)[40]

Largest Victory - By Innings Innings & 336 runs - West Indies vs India (1983)[41] N/A N/A

Largest Victory - By Runs 329 runs - South Africa vs India (1996)[41] 161 runs - Zimbabwe vs Kenya (2011)[42] 75 runs - New Zealand vs Bangladesh (2016)[40]

Largest Victory - By Wickets 10 Wickets - Australia vs India (1969)[41] 10 Wickets - South Africa vs India (2005)[42] 6 Wickets - England vs India (2011) and Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan (2016)[40]

Largest Victory - By Balls Remaining N/A 90 balls - India vs Kenya (1998)[42] 13 balls - India vs Pakistan (2016)[40]

Narrowest Victory - By Runs 28 runs - India vs England (1972)[43] 2 runs - India vs South Africa (1993)[44] 55 runs - Pakistan vs Bangladesh (2016)[45]

Narrowest Victory - By Wickets 7 Wickets - England vs England (2012)[43] 2 Wickets - Pakistan vs India (1987)[44] 4 Wickets - West Indies vs England (2016)[45]

Narrowest Victory - By Balls Remaining N/A 1 ball - Pakistan vs West Indies (1989)[44] 2 ball - West Indies vs England (2016)[45]

See also