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Abstract

This paper offers a comprehensive, end-to-end cricket data analytics project focused on the 2024 ICC T20 World Cup, in which it performs an in-depth analysis of player performances and uses performance to predict the best 11. The project begins with acquiring diverse datasets from trusted sources such as ESPNcricinfo, Kaggle, and Bright Data, which offers a web scraping solution for real-time data extraction, enabling the collection of a wide array of statistics, including player scores, batting averages, bowling performance, team rankings, and match results.

For data quality assurance, preprocessing and cleaning of the dataset were performed in Python and Pandas. There was a focus on dealing with missing values, removing unnecessary data, and ensuring a standardized format to maintain uniformity in different sources. The first step laid down a strong foundation for subsequent analysis that was reliable and accurate.

The next step involved advanced data transformation with Power Query in Power BI. Here, data was reshaped to give a more coherent, structured format to analyse. KPIs(Key Performance Indicators) like batting and bowling strike rates, economy rates, and boundaries hit were calculated to get deeper insights into the player's performances and the team's strategies. Utilized Power Query to join different data sources, perform operations such as grouping and filtering, and also demonstrate different transformations that have brought trends over time into relief.

The second step was using DAX, Data Analysis Expressions, in order to build dynamic models and parameters. These models include complex calculations, such as player form trends, team momentum, and match prediction models. All these enable the production of actionable insights that will be useful in making informed strategic decisions in the tournament by teams and analysts.

The project finally ends with an interactive dashboard in Power BI, that is easy to use and really beautiful. The dashboard carries heatmaps, bar charts, line graphs, and scatter plots, which means stakeholders can analyze and play with data on performances of players, strategies in teams, and match outcomes. The capability of real-time filtering and drill-downs facilitates more detailed analysis in focused areas of interest, like how a player has performed in various match conditions, or team performance across the various stages of the tournament, or comparisons between teams.

This project demonstrates an application of advanced data analytics in sports and contributes to a growing field of sports analytics by offering actionable insights into cricket performance. Combining data from multiple sources with advanced analytical techniques, it provides valuable support to coaches, players, and analysts with the potential to influence on-field performance as well as off-field strategies in future cricket tournaments.

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Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION

The T20 World Cup brings together a diverse audience, with extraordinary performances, which marks the summit of international cricketing excellence. With the next edition in 2024, it will be much more innovative and competitive and, therefore, will need advanced analytical frameworks to interpret trends and come up with insights. It therefore develops a strong data pipeline in collecting, processing, modelling, and visualizing data. This study will make use of Python in pre-processing the data and PowerBI in the creation of interactivity in dashboards and will clarify patterns and dynamics significant to the game's players, analysts, and enthusiasts. Results coming from this effort will shift cricket analytics as they implement data-driven strategies and enjoy better views.

1.1 Purpose of the Project

The objective behind this effort is to design a complete cricket analytics framework that focuses on the T20 World Cup 2024. This will give users an interface to data through visual dashboards which will be significant in displaying insights regarding both player and team performances. This will ultimately enhance the decision-making of coaches, analysts, and cricket enthusiasts.

1.2 Importance of Cricket Data Analytics

Analyzing cricket data is an integral part of the improvement in the strategic and tactical decision-making processes. By using both historic and real-time data, any player or team would be able to get an idea of trends about their performance and improve weaknesses while developing a winning strategy. The technological developments, particularly in gathering and methods of analysis of cricket data, have now brought analytics in cricket to its center as an essential ingredient of contemporary cricket, most particularly the T20 World Cup

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The primary objectives of this study are:

- To collect and preprocess cricket data from various sources.
- To develop an interactive PowerBI dashboard for visualizing key insights.

- To apply data transformation techniques to enhance the accuracy and usefulness of the analysis.
- To evaluate player and team performance trends, identifying strengths and weaknesses.

1.4 Overview of the T20 World Cup 2024

The T20 World Cup 2024 is one of the most anticipated international cricket events, featuring top teams from around the globe competing in the fast-paced T20 format. The tournament is expected to showcase high levels of competition, with both established and emerging players pushing their limits. Understanding team dynamics and player performances during the event will provide valuable insights into the evolving strategies in the game.

Chapter 2: SURVEY OF TECHNOLOGY

2.1 Introduction to Data Analytics

Data analytics is the systematic computer-based examination of data to find out meaningful patterns, trends, and insights. In cricket, data analytics helps to analyze the performance of a particular player or team and find strategic patterns, thus predicting the outcome in the future. It involves the gathering of raw data, cleaning of data, and applying analytical methods to derive actionable knowledge.

2.2 Web Scraping Techniques

This involves extracting data directly from websites using an automated script. For the project, it has been using web scraping to extract match results along with the statistics of the players from ESPNcricinfo. Large sets of data are thus extracted methodically, hence providing inputs relevant for analysis and making decisions.

2.3 Python and Pandas for Data Processing

The programming language Python, in combination with the Pandas library, is heavily used for all the work involved in data processing. The Pandas library helps in cleaning and preparing the data so that unclean data is transformed into usable data for informed decision-making. In this project, Python scripts were created to handle match statistics, player performance metrics, and other relevant information to ensure consistency and accuracy before including it in the PowerBI model.

2.4 Power BI for Data Visualization

Power BI is one powerful analytical tool for business where data can be represented as interactive dashboards. Being dynamic, it makes an excellent tool for this current project because it changes as soon as the original input is changed. Among the graphics that were made possible using Power BI include: bar graphs, line graphs, and pie charts to show performances of the players and teams, the result of the matches, and the trend of the tournaments.

Chapter 3: REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

3.1 Problem Definition

The project addresses all the issues that exist in modern packages of cricket analytics. All these issues relate to a lack of dynamic interactive visualizations, data heterogeneity, and limited analytical operations that severely restrict critical reviews of performance and strategic decisions. Combining data preprocessing, transformation, and visualization methods does provide a better balance than the traditional segregation of processes.

3.2 Drawback of Existing Systems

Limitations in current cricket analytics practices include:

- **Static Dashboards**: Most systems offer static, one-time reports, limiting real-time or on-the-fly analysis.
- **Inconsistent Data Sources**: Existing systems rely on fragmented datasets that often require manual intervention to consolidate.
- **Limited Predictive Insights**: Existing systems do not integrate predictive analytics to forecast player or team performance.
- Lack of Interactivity: Few systems offer a truly interactive experience, limiting user engagement and exploration of data.

3.3 Requirement Specification

Requirement Type	Details
Hardware	8 GB RAM, Intel i5 processor, SSD storage.
Software	Python 3.9, PowerBI Desktop, Pandas library.
Data Sources	ESPNcricinfo datasets, Kaggle repositories.

TABLE : 3(a)

3.4 Feasibility Study

This project is economically viable because the source tools, Python and PowerBI, are free. The tools applied are known and respected in the industry; operations have a timeline and deliverables, so the project will finish within the defined parameters.

Chapter 4: PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

4.1 Project Timeline

Week	Task
Week 1-2	Requirement Analysis & Web Scraping
Week 3-5	Data Processing, Cleaning, and EDA
Week 6-8	Dashboard Creation and Testing
Week 9	Presentation and Documentation

TABLE : 4(a)

4.2 Milestones

- Milestone 1: Completion of data acquisition and preprocessing.
- Milestone 2: Data transformation and dashboard development.
- **Milestone 3**: Finalization of report and presentation.

Chapter 5: SYSTEM DESIGN

5.1 Data Flow Diagram

The flow chart illustrates the process and components involved in managing and analyzing cricket match data. It is divided into several sections, each representing different roles and functions within the system.

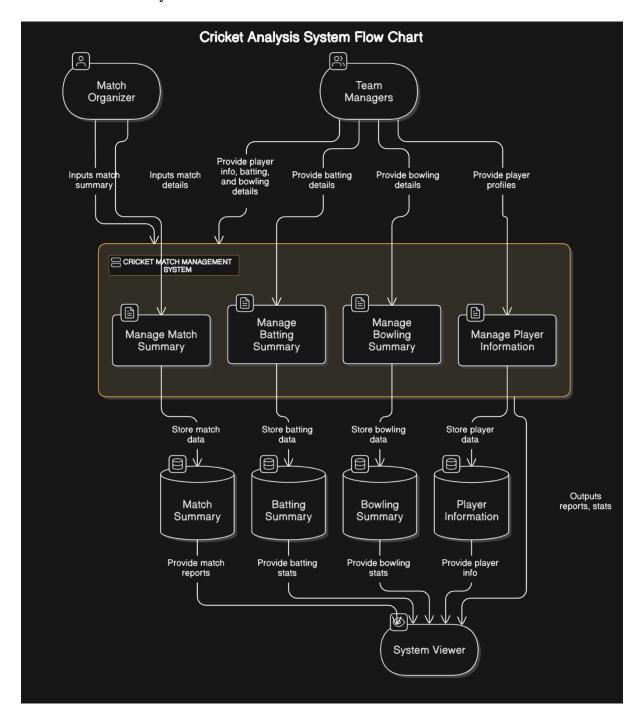


Fig 5.1

5.2 ER Diagram

The provided image depicts a database schema designed to manage and analyze cricket match data. This schema consists of four interconnected tables, each serving a specific purpose within the system.



Fig 5.2

5.3 Data Dictionary and Data Model

Here we can see the detailed segment of a database schema for a T-20 cricket world cup analysis. The schema includes multiple tables designed to manage various aspects of cricket match data, specifically focusing on match summaries, batting summaries, bowling summaries, and player information.

Match_Summary

Attribute Name	Description	Data Type	Constraints
match_id	Unique identifier for the match	INTEGER	Primary Key
Ground	Location where the match is played	VARCHAR(50)	
Margin	Winning margin of the match	VARCHAR(20)	
Match_Date	Date when the match took place	DATE	
Stage	Stage of the tournament	VARCHAR(30)	
Team_1	Name of the first team	VARCHAR(50)	
Team_2	Name of the second team	VARCHAR(50)	
Winner	Name of the winning team	VARCHAR(50)	

TABLE : 5(a)

Batting_Summary

Attribute Name	Description	Data Type	Constraints
match_id	Identifier for the match	INTEGER	Foreign Key (match_id)
batsmanName	Name of the batsman	VARCHAR(50)	
battingPos	Position in the batting order	INTEGER	
balls	Number of balls faced	INTEGER	

boundary_runs	Runs scored from	INTEGER	
	boundaries		
fours	Number of fours hit	INTEGER	
minutes	Minutes spent batting	INTEGER	
out	How the batsman got out	VARCHAR(30)	
runs	Total runs scored	INTEGER	
sixes	Number of sixes hit	INTEGER	
SR	Batting strike rate	FLOAT	
team	Name of the team	VARCHAR(50)	

TABLE : 5(b)

Bowling_Summary

Attribute	Description	Data Type	Constraints
Name			
match_id	Identifier for the match	INTEGER	Foreign Key
			(match_id)
bowlerName	Name of the bowler	VARCHAR(50)	
balls	Number of balls bowled	INTEGER	
boundary_runs	Runs conceded from	INTEGER	
	boundaries		
economy	Bowling economy rate	FLOAT	
fours	Number of fours conceded	INTEGER	
maiden	Number of maiden overs	INTEGER	
	bowled		
noBalls	Number of no balls bowled	INTEGER	

overs	Total overs bowled	FLOAT	
runs	Total runs conceded	INTEGER	
wickets	Number of wickets taken	INTEGER	
wides	Number of wides bowled	INTEGER	
zeros	Number of dot balls bowled	INTEGER	
team	Name of the team	VARCHAR(50)	

TABLE : 5(c)

Players_Info

Attribute Name	Description	Data Type	Constraints
name	Name of the player	VARCHAR(50)	Primary Key
age	Age of the player	INTEGER	
battingStyle	Batting style of the player	VARCHAR(30)	
bowlingStyle	Bowling style of the player	VARCHAR(30)	
Custom_Batting_Order	Custom batting order number	INTEGER	
image	URL or path to the player's image	VARCHAR(255)	
playingRole	Role of the player (e.g., batsman)	VARCHAR(30)	
team	Name of the team	VARCHAR(50)	Foreign Key (team)

TABLE: 5(d)

Relationships:

- match_summary is connected to batting_summary and bowling_summary via the match_id attribute (Primary Key → Foreign Key).
- 2. **players_info** connects to **batting_summary** and **bowling_summary** through the team attribute.

5.4 Schema Design

The schema design outlines the structure of the databases used in the project, showing how data is organized and related within the tables for efficient querying and analysis.

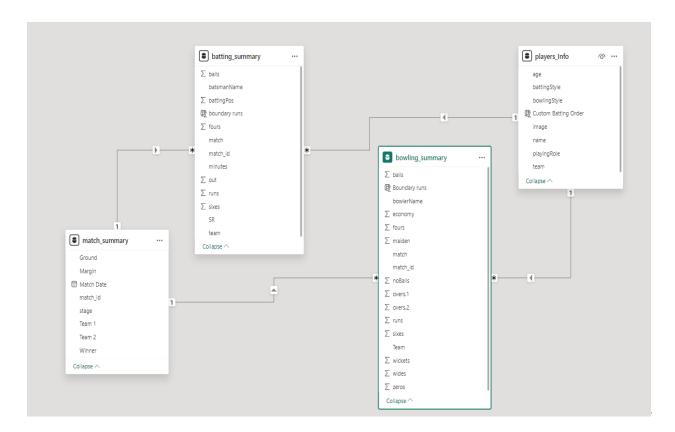


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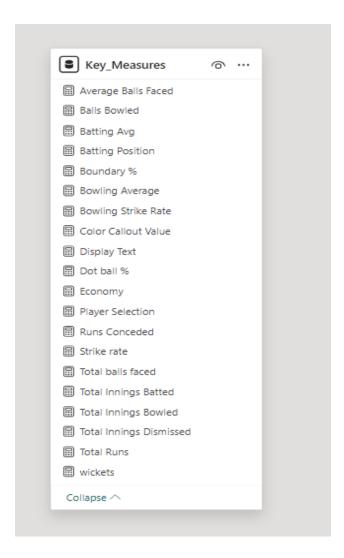


Fig 5.4(b)

Chapter 6: IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Web Scraping

This section outlines the approach and scripts used for web scraping to extract cricket data from websites like ESPNcricinfo.

```
navigate(input.url);
collect(parse());
//----- 2.b Parser Code -----//
var match = $('div').filter(function(){
    return $(this)
      .find('span > span > span').text() === String("Match Details")
}).siblings()
team1 = $(match.eq(0)).find('span > span > span').text().replace(" Innings", "")
team2 = $(match.eq(1)).find('span > span > span').text().replace(" Innings", "")
matchInfo = team1 + ' Vs ' + team2
var tables = $('div > table.ds-table');
var firstInningRows = $(tables.eq(1)).find('tbody > tr').filter(function(index, element){
 return $(this).find("td").length >= 11
var secondInningsRows = $(tables.eq(3)).find('tbody > tr').filter(function(index, element){
 return $(this).find("td").length >= 11
});
```

```
var bowlingSummary = []
firstInningRows.each((index, element) => {
  var tds = $(element).find('td');
  bowlingSummary.push({
        "match": matchInfo,
        "bowlingTeam": team2,
        "bowlerName": $(tds.eq(0)).find('a > span').text().replace('[', ''),
        "overs": $(tds.eq(1)).text(),
        "maiden": $(tds.eq(2)).text(),
        "runs": $(tds.eq(3)).text(),
        "wickets": $(tds.eq(4)).text(),
        "economy": $(tds.eq(5)).text(),
        "0s": $(tds.eq(6)).text(),
        "4s": $(tds.eq(7)).text(),
        "6s": $(tds.eq(8)).text(),
        "wides": $(tds.eq(9)).text(),
        "noBalls": $(tds.eq(10)).text()
  });
});
```

```
secondInningsRows.each((index, element) => {
  var tds = $(element).find('td');
   bowlingSummary.push({
        "match": matchInfo,
        "bowlingTeam": team1,
        "bowlerName": $(tds.eq(0)).find('a > span').text().replace('□', ''),
        "overs": $(tds.eq(1)).text(),
        "maiden": $(tds.eq(2)).text(),
        "runs": $(tds.eq(3)).text(),
        "wickets": $(tds.eq(4)).text(),
        "economy": $(tds.eq(5)).text(),
        "0s": $(tds.eq(6)).text(),
        "4s": $(tds.eq(7)).text(),
        "6s": $(tds.eq(8)).text(),
        "wides": $(tds.eq(9)).text(),
        "noBalls": $(tds.eq(10)).text()
 });
});
return {"bowlingSummary": bowlingSummary}
```

```
//----- 1.a Interaction Code ----- //
navigate('https://www.espncricinfo.com/records/tournament/team-match-results/icc-men-s-t20-world-cup-2024-15946');

let links = parse().matchSummaryLinks;
for(let i of links) {
    next_stage({url: i})
}

//----- 1.b Parser Code ------//
let links = []
const allRows = $('table.engineTable > tbody > tr.data1');
Tabnine|Edit|Test|Explain|Document|Ask
allRows.each((index, element) => {
    const tds = $(element).find('td');
    const rowURL = "https://www.espncricinfo.com" +$(tds[6]).find('a').attr('href');
    links.push(rowURL);
})

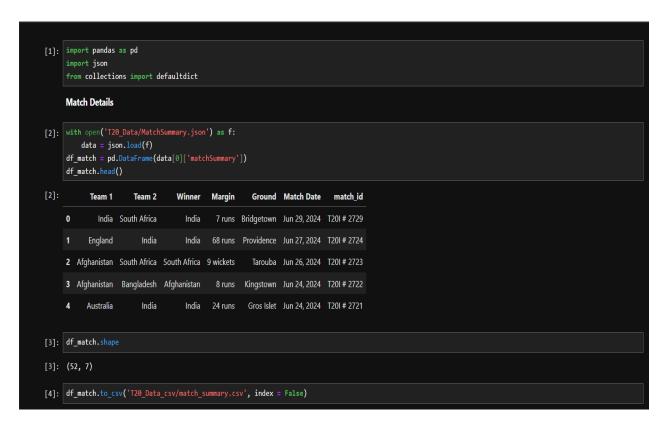
return {
    'matchSummaryLinks': links
};
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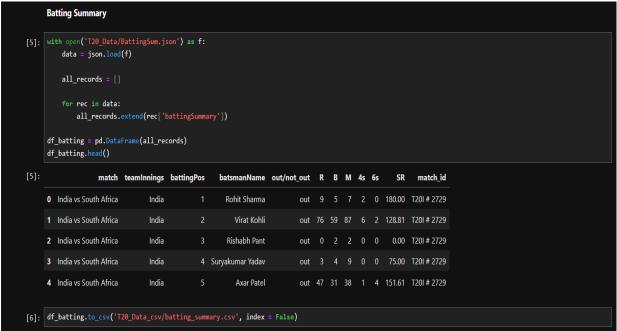
```
var battingSummary = []
firstInningRows.each((index, element) => {
 var tds = $(element).find('td');
 battingSummary.push({
        "match": matchInfo,
       "teamInnings": team1,
       "battingPos": index+1,
       "batsmanName": $(tds.eq(0)).find('a > span > span').text().replace('[', ''),
       "dismissal": $(tds.eq(1)).find('span > span').text(),
       "runs": $(tds.eq(2)).find('strong').text(),
       "balls": $(tds.eq(3)).text(),
       "4s": $(tds.eq(5)).text(),
       "6s": $(tds.eq(6)).text(),
       "SR": $(tds.eq(7)).text()
secondInningsRows.each((index, element) => {
  var tds = $(element).find('td');
  battingSummary.push({
        "match": matchInfo,
       "teamInnings": team2,
       "battingPos": index+1,
        "batsmanName": $(tds.eq(0)).find('a > span > span').text().replace('[', ''),
        "dismissal": $(tds.eq(1)).find('span > span').text(),
        "runs": $(tds.eq(2)).find('strong').text(),
       "balls": $(tds.eq(3)).text(),
       "4s": $(tds.eq(5)).text(),
       "6s": $(tds.eq(6)).text(),
        "SR": $(tds.eq(7)).text()
 });
});
return {"battingSummary": battingSummary}
```

Fig 6.1

6.2 Data Preprocessing

A detailed explanation of how raw data was cleaned and transformed using Python and Pandas, ensuring that it is ready for analysis and visualization. This includes handling missing values, data normalization, and feature engineering.





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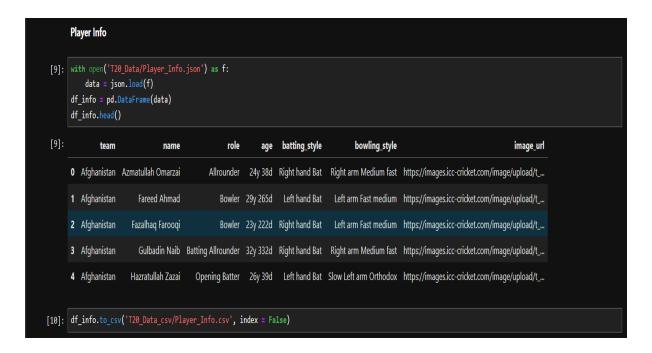


Fig 6.2

6.3 Building Dynamic Models and parameters

The image provides an organized list of various cricket statistics measures along with their respective descriptions, DAX formulas, and the table names from which the data is derived. This table is essential for understanding and calculating cricket performance metrics dynamically using DAX (Data Analysis Expressions) in tools like Power BI.

ures:				
	Measures	Description / Purpose	DAX FORMULA	TABLE
	1 Total Runs	Total number of runs scored by the batsman	Total Runs = SUM(batting_summary[runs])	batting_summary
	2 Total Innings Batted	Total number of innings a batsman got a chance to bat	Total Innings Batted = COUNT(batting_summary[match_id])	batting_summary
	3 Total Innings Dismissed	To find the number of innings batsman got out	SUM(batting_summary[out])	batting_summary
			Batting Avg = DIVIDE([Total Runs],[Total Innings	
	4 Batting Average	Average runs scored in an innings	Dismissed],0)	batting_summary
	5 Total balls Faced	Total number of balls faced by the batsman	total balls faced = SUM(batting_summary[balls])	batting summary
	6 Strike Rate	No of runs scored per 100 balls	Strike rate = DIVIDE([Total Runs].[total balls faced].0)*100	
	6 Strike Kate	No of runs scored per 100 balls	Strike rate = Divide([Total Runs],[total balls raced],0)*100	batting_summary
			Batting Position =	
	7 Batting Position	Batting position of a player	ROUNDUP(AVERAGE(batting_summary[batting_pos]),0)	batting_summary
		g particular property	Boundary % = DIVIDE(SUM(batting_summary[Boundary	
	8 Boundary %	Percentage of boundaries scored by the Batsman	runs]),[Total Runs],0)	batting_summary
	9 Avg. balls Faced	Average balls faced by the batter in an innings	AVERAGE(batting_summary[balls])	batting_summary
	10 Wickets	Total number of wickets taken by a bowler	wickets = SUM(bowling_summary[wickets])	bowling_summary
	11 balls Bowled	Total number of balls bowled by the bowler	balls Bowled = SUM(bowling_summary[balls])	bowling_summary
	12 Runs Conceded	Total runs conceded by the bowler	Runs Conceded = SUM(bowling_summary[runs])	bowling_summary
		According to the second	5	
	13 Bowling Economy	Average number of runs conceded in an over	Economy = DIVIDE([Runs Conceded], ([balls Bowled]/6),0)	bowling_summary
	14 Bowling Strike Rate	Number of balls bowled per wicket	Bowling Strike Rate = DIVIDE([balls Bowled], [wickets],0)	bowling_summary
	15 Bowling Average	No. of runs allowed per wicket	Bowling Average = DIVIDE([Runs Conceded],[wickets],0)	bowling_summary
			Total Innings Bowled =	
	16 Total Innings Bowled	Total number of innings bowled by a bowler	DISTINCTCOUNT(bowling_summary[match_id])	bowling_summary
			Dot ball % = DIVIDE(SUM(bowling_summary[zeros]),	
	17 Dot Ball %	Percentage of dot balls bowled by a bowler	SUM(bowling_summary[balls]),0)	bowling_summary
	18 Player Selection	To understand if a player is selected or not	Player Selection = if(ISFILTERED(players_Info[name]),"1","0")	
	,		Display Text = if([Player Selection] = "1", " ", "Select Player(s)	
			by clicking	
			the player's name to see their individual or combined	
	10 Disales Test	To display a text of no player is selected	strength.")	
	19 Display Text	To display a text of no player is selected	Color Callout Value = if([Player Selection]="0",	
	20 Color Callout Value	To display a value only when a player is selected	"#D0CF1D", "#1D1D2E")	
	20 Color Callout Value	10 display a value only when a player is selected	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	

Calculated Columns							
Sno.	Calculated Column Name	Description / Purpose	DAX formula	Table			
		to find the total number of runs scored by hitting fours and	boundary runs = batting_summary[fours]*4 +				
	1 boundary runs	sixes	batting_summary[sixes]*6	batting_summary			
		to find the total number of runs conceded by bowlers in	Boundary runs = bowling_summary[fours]*4				
	2 Boundary runs bowling	boundaries	+bowling_summary[Sixes]*6	bowling_summary			

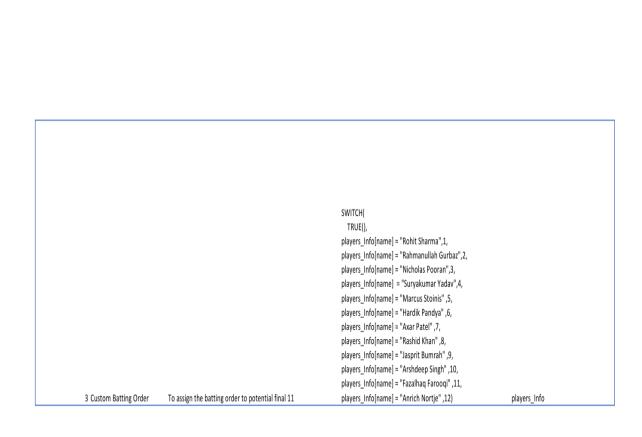
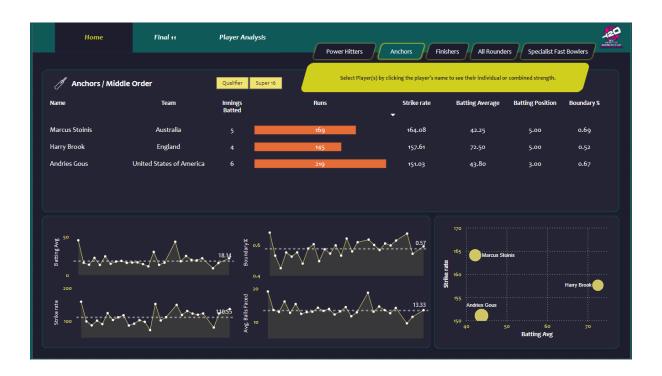


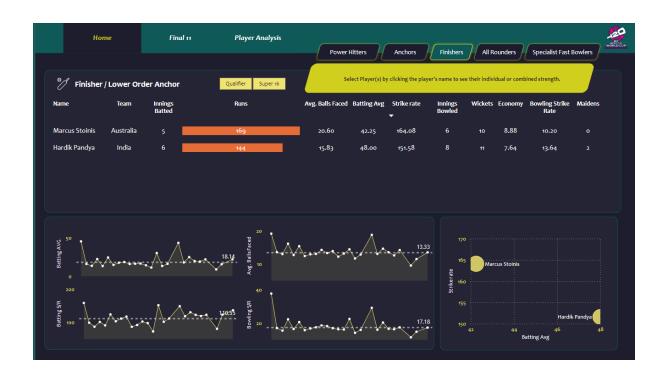
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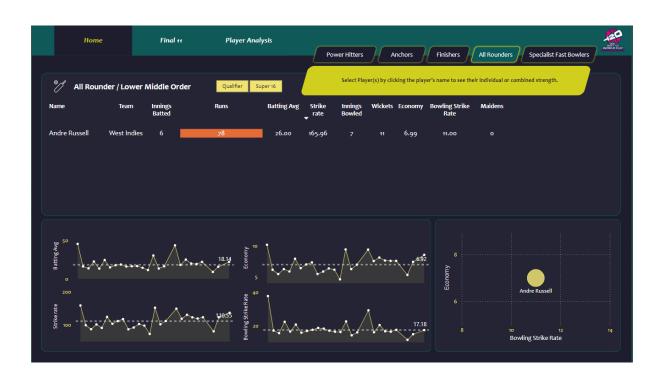
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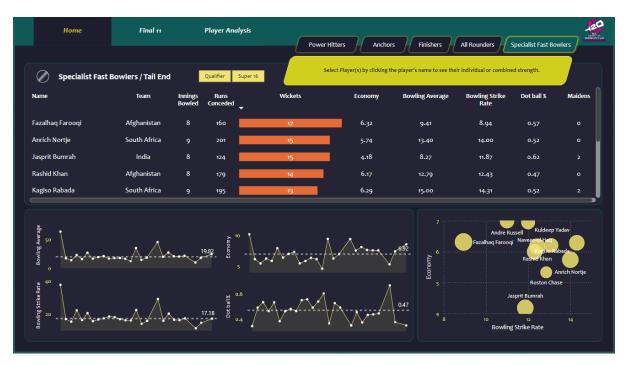
This chapter contains screenshots of the PowerBI dashboard and visualizations, showcasing the results and how insights into player and team performances were effectively presented.

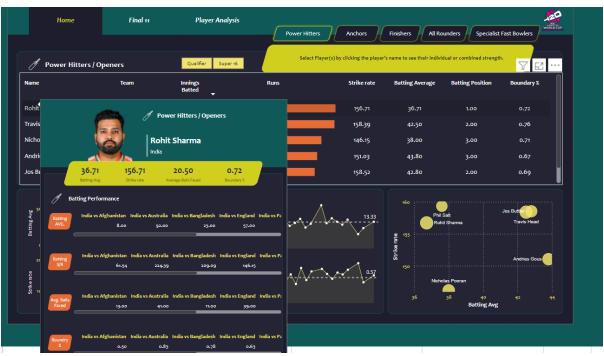


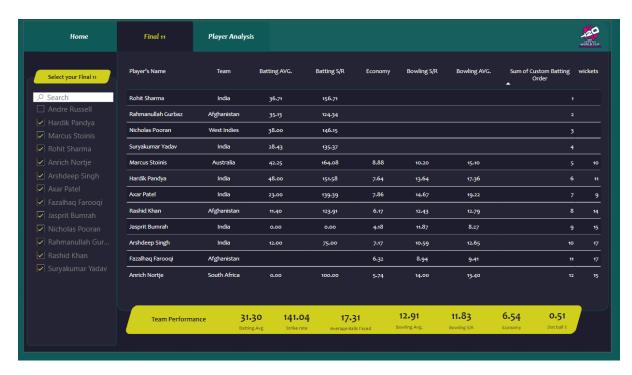


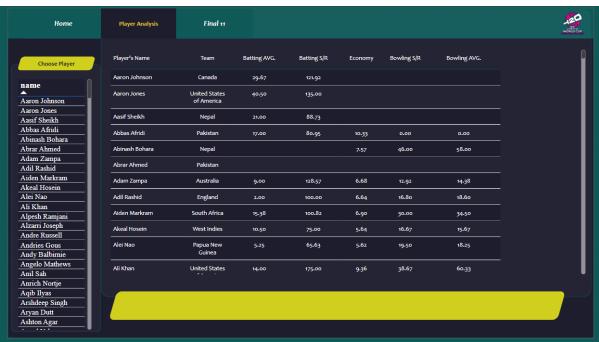












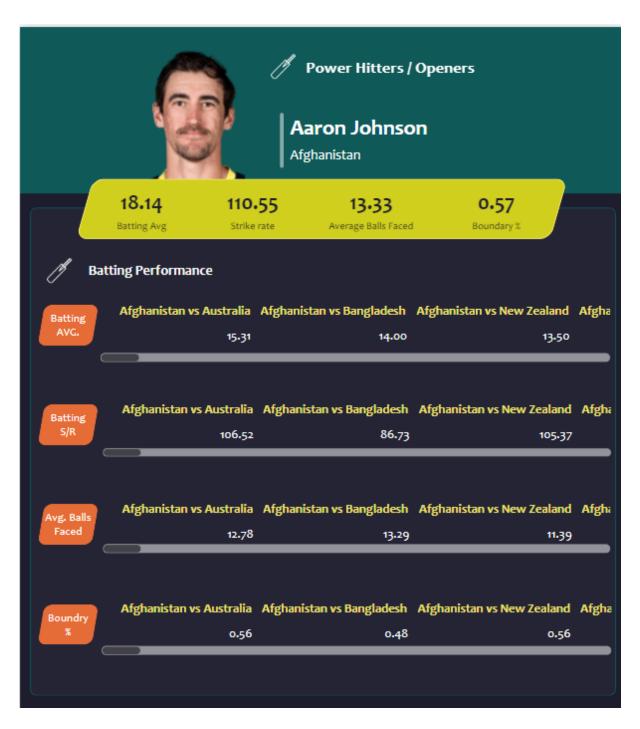


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Chapter 8: TESTING

8.1 Types of Testing Conducted

- Unit Testing: Ensured that every script and every function behaves as it should.
- **Integration Testing**: Verified data sent between modules is correctly and seamlessly integrated with PowerBI.
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT): Conducted to ensure the dashboard meets the user requirements and provides intuitive insights.

Test Cases:

1. Data Ingestion Test Cases

I. Verify Data Import:

- o **Test Case**: Ensure that raw data is correctly imported into the Python environment from various sources (e.g., CSV files, databases).
- Failed Case: Certain CSV files failed to import due to incorrect file encoding.

II. Validate Data Integrity:

- Test Case: Check that the imported data maintains integrity (e.g., no missing values in critical columns).
- Failed Case: Found few data's with few missing values and a few with some unwanted characters.

2. Data Processing and Transformation Test Cases

I. Verify Data Cleaning:

 Test Case: Ensure that data cleaning scripts remove or correct erroneous data without losing critical information.

II. Validate Data Transformation:

 Test Case: Verify that data transformation processes (e.g., aggregations, calculations) are performed correctly.

III. Check Data Enrichment:

 Test Case: Ensure that additional data sources are correctly integrated and enrich the existing dataset.

3. Data Export and Loading Test Cases

I. Verify Data Export:

 Test Case: Ensure that processed data is correctly exported to the desired format (e.g., CSV, Excel) for loading into Power BI.

II. Validate Data Loading:

 Test Case: Ensure that Power BI correctly loads the exported data without errors.

4. Data Visualization and Reporting Test Cases

I. Verify Dashboard Accuracy:

o **Test Case**: Ensure that Power BI dashboards accurately reflect the underlying data.

II. Validate Interactive Features:

 Test Case: Check that interactive features (e.g., filters, slicers) on Power BI dashboards work correctly.

III. Ensure Visualization Clarity:

 Test Case: Verify that visualizations are clear, well-labeled, and easy to understand.

5. Performance Test Cases

I. Check Data Processing Speed:

 Test Case: Ensure that Python scripts process data within acceptable time limits.

II. Verify Dashboard Performance:

 Test Case: Ensure that Power BI dashboards load and update efficiently, even with large datasets.

6. Security Test Cases

I. Ensure Data Confidentiality:

 Test Case: Verify that sensitive data is securely stored and not exposed in visualizations.

8.2 Testing Results and Feedback

The results of testing indicated that the system performed efficiently with no major problem at any point during testing phases. Testees were also of the opinion that it is an efficient dashboard through which one gets insight into things, though some proposed adding more interactivity, like filtering.

Chapter 9: LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE SCOPE

9.1 Limitations of the Current Analysis

Although the system is good for insight into the current cricket performance, it has limitations that restrict its overall efficacy.

- 1. **Data Dependency on External Sources**: The system depends mostly on external sources like ESPNcricinfo and Kaggle, which rarely update data; in such cases, the information they provide cannot be relied upon at times.
- 2. **Limited Real-Time Data Integration**: The current system is not capable of adding real-time match data and therefore cannot perform real-time match analysis. It thereby fails to provide insight throughout active tournaments.
- 3. **Scalability Concerns**: As data increases, particularly with additional tournaments and player data, there could be a drop in performance unless optimized techniques are used when dealing with large volumes of data.
- 4. Lack of Predictive Analytics: The system does after-match analysis but never attempts to integrate predictive models that predict on outcomes, player performance, and even team strategies based on historical data.
- 5. **Simple Visualization**: PowerBI supports interactivity for dashboards but is very far from the perfect visualisations that should be provided-such as predictive trend line or sentiment analysis.

9.2 Suggestions for Future Work

There are areas wherein improvement and potential can be noted for the cricket analytics system to make it more efficient and functional.

1. Real-Time Analytics:

Live Data Integration: Including real-time data streams, for example, scores
and the statistics of the players of the match, would provide live analysis of
matches with current insights.

 Live Dashboards: The live dashboards on PowerBI can potentially depict actual performance trends during a game, thus allowing immediate changes in strategy.

2. Predictive Analytics:

- Player Performance Prediction: Using machine learning algorithms such as linear regression, decision trees, or neural networks, the system can predict further performance in light of past trends, environment, and player conditions.
- Match Outcome Prediction: The algorithms of machine learning can predict
 the results of the future matches based on team performance, venue information,
 and condition of players.

3. Advanced Data Visualizations:

- Heat Maps and Geospatial Analysis: Using advanced visualization tools to generate heat maps or geographical analysis could give insights into player movements, scoring patterns, and team strategies.
- Advanced Charts: Implementing more complex charts such as radar charts for player comparisons or Sankey diagrams for team strategies could enrich the user experience.

4. Sentiment Analysis:

- Fan Sentiment Analysis: Scraping social media platforms and analyzing fan sentiment could provide insights into public opinion, helping analysts understand how external factors (like fan pressure) may influence team strategies.
- Player Sentiment: Incorporating sentiment analysis of player interviews, press conferences, and social media posts could gauge player morale and mental state, which can be crucial for match predictions.

5. Incorporating Wearable Data:

 Player Fitness Monitoring: Incorporating data from wearable devices (such as fitness trackers) could provide a deeper analysis of player fitness levels, fatigue, and recovery, influencing performance predictions. Biomechanical Analysis: Including data on players' movements, shot technique, and bowling action could help assess the physical efficiency and injury risk, contributing to player management strategies.

6. Extended Tournaments and Data Sources:

- Cross-Tournament Analysis: Expanding the scope to include data from other tournaments, like IPL, BBL, and international T20 series, would allow for a broader analysis of player performance across different conditions and formats.
- Incorporation of Additional Data: Incorporating more detailed data, such as
 player injuries, weather conditions, and pitch reports, would make the analysis
 more comprehensive.

7. Cloud-Based Solution:

• Cloud Integration: Moving the project to the cloud (e.g., AWS, Azure) would make the system more scalable, allowing for faster data processing and realtime analytics on larger datasets. This would also help in providing easier access to dashboards and reports globally.

8. Interactive Decision Support System (DSS):

Incorporation of AI-Based Recommendations: Creating an AI-based decision support system where coaches and team strategists can input real-time match conditions and get tactical recommendations would be highly beneficial. For example, recommending the best bowling attack or optimal batting order based on the current match data.

By implementing these future enhancements, the cricket analytics system can be elevated from a basic performance tracking tool to a dynamic, real-time, predictive analytics platform that can significantly assist teams, analysts, and cricket enthusiasts in making informed decisions.

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