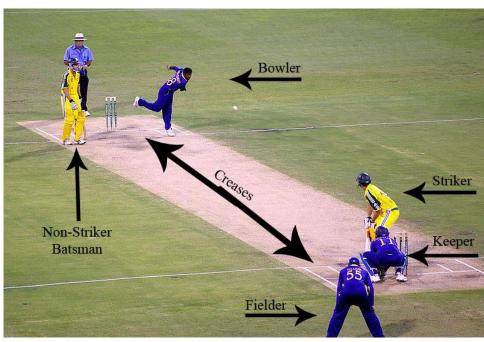
The Strongest Cricket Team (1996- 2005)

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Brief Introduction to the Sport, Cricket





Wicket on which ball is bowled

Batters, Bowler, and Fielders



Toss to decide who bats/bowls first

Data Preparation

- Dataset from Kaggle.com
- Includes features (columns) like 'Teams played in game', 'Runs scored by Team 1 and 2', 'Winner of the Game', 'Venue at which the game was played', 'Toss Winner', 'Toss Decision', and 'Game Date'.
- Apart from these variables, I created calculated fields to determine the loser of the game and the loser of the toss.
- I also created 2 more calculated fields to sort data in a specific storypoint.

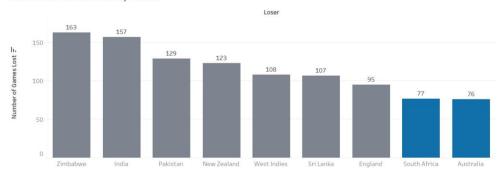
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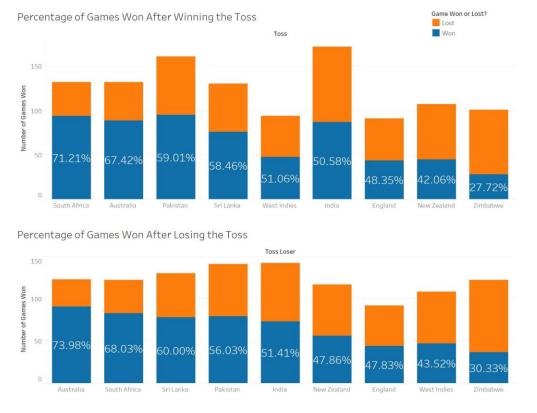


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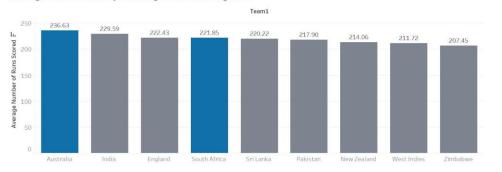
Percentage of Games won by teams after Toss Win/ Loss



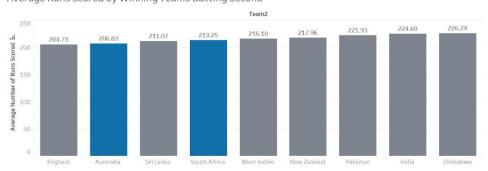
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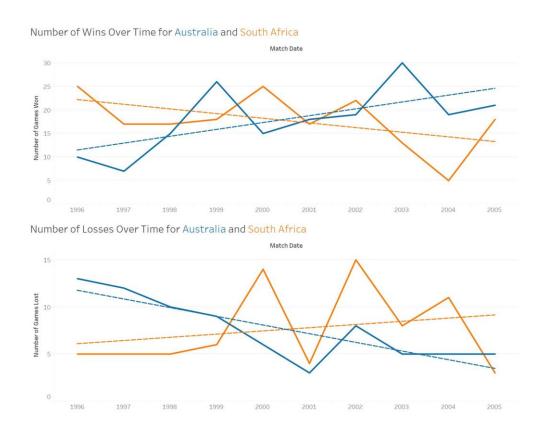


Average Runs Scored by Winning Teams Batting Second



Australia and South Africa have scored more runs when batting first than second which is sign of a strong team.

Wins and Losses Over Time for Australia and South Africa



Australia has improved its performance over time whereas South Africa has seen a drop in performance.

Conclusions

- Australia and South Africa have won more games and lost lesser number of games in comparison to other teams.
- Australia and South Africa won a significant percentage of their games irrespective of whether or not they won the toss. This is a sign they were strong teams.
- Both Australia and South Africa scored more runs when batting first in comparison to batting second which is again a sign of a strong team.
- Australia had improved its performance over time whereas South Africa saw a drop in its performance over the same period.
- Thus, we can conclusively infer that Australia was the best all-round cricket team between 1996 and 2005.