

Comprehensive Guide to Cricket with Detailed Stats

1. Introduction to Cricket:

Cricket is a globally popular sport with a rich history dating back to 16th century England.

2. History Highlights:

- 1844: First international match (USA vs Canada)
- 1877: First Test match (Australia vs England)
- 1971: First ODI (Australia vs England)
- 2003: First T20 match (England domestic)

3. Cricket Formats:

- Test: 5-day matches, 2 innings per team.
- ODI: 50 overs per side.
- T20: 20 overs per side.
- New Formats: T10, The Hundred.

4. Popular Tournaments:

- ICC Mens Cricket World Cup
- ICC T20 World Cup
- ICC World Test Championship
- Asia Cup, IPL, PSL, BBL, CPL

5. Governing Body:

- ICC, founded in 1909. Headquartered in Dubai.

6. Cricket Records (As of 2024):

BATTING:

- Most Test Runs: Sachin Tendulkar 15,921
- Most ODI Runs: Sachin Tendulkar 18,426
- Most T20I Runs: Virat Kohli 4,037
- Fastest ODI Century: AB de Villiers 31 balls
- Highest Individual Test Score: Brian Lara 400*
- Highest ODI Score by Team: England 498/4 vs Netherlands (2022)
- Most Centuries: Sachin Tendulkar 100 (Test + ODI)

BOWLING:

- Most Test Wickets: Muttiah Muralitharan 800
- Most ODI Wickets: Muttiah Muralitharan 534
- Most T20I Wickets: Shakib Al Hasan 140+
- Best Bowling in ODI: Chaminda Vaas 8/19

FIELDING:

- Most Test Catches (non-wicketkeeper): Rahul Dravid 210
- Most ODI Dismissals (Wicketkeeper): MS Dhoni 444

ALL-ROUNDERS:

- Jacques Kallis: 10,000+ runs & 250+ wickets (Test & ODI)
- Kapil Dev, Ben Stokes, Shakib Al Hasan: Renowned modern all-rounders

TEAM RECORDS:

- Most ICC Trophies: Australia (ODI WC 6, T20 WC 1, CT 2)

- Highest T20I Team Score: Nepal 314/3 vs Mongolia (2023)
- Longest Unbeaten Streak: Australia Women 26 ODIs

7. Impact of Technology:

- DRS (Umpire Review System)
- Hawk-Eye, Ball-Tracking, UltraEdge
- Wearables & AI Performance Tools

8. Youth and Cricket:

- U19 World Cups as breeding grounds for stars.
- Social media & fantasy leagues fueling engagement.
- Grassroots development programs in Asia, Africa.

9. Famous Venues:

- Lords (England), MCG (Australia), Eden Gardens (India), Gaddafi Stadium (Pakistan), Newlands (South Africa).

10. Rising Stars (As of 2024):

- Yashasvi Jaiswal (India)
- Harry Brook (England)
- Marco Jansen (South Africa)
- Naseem Shah (Pakistan)

11. Notable Retired Legends:

- Ricky Ponting, MS Dhoni, Jacques Kallis, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene

12. Womens Cricket:

- Fastest growing format.
- ICC Womens World Cup and T20 WC.
- Stars: Ellyse Perry, Smriti Mandhana, Meg Lanning

This document now includes in-depth statistical knowledge for training a powerful cricket RAG model.