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Australia v Pakistan in Tests at the MCG

Pakistan came into being following partition of the Indian sub-continent in 1947. Pakistan was divided into two parts: East and West Pakistan. West Pakistan broke away in 1971 to become **Bangladesh**. Pakistan played its first Test match in October, 1952 against India at Delhi, losing by an innings and 70 runs. Bangladesh played its first Test match in November, 2000 also against India at Dhaka, losing by nine wickets.

Team and Individual Statistics based on MCG Matches

Match Results Summary (not including current series)

Location	Australia					Pakistan				
	P	W	L	T	D	P	W	L	T	D
MCG	10	6	2	-	2	10	2	6	-	2

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Highest Innings Totals

Score	Country	Inn	Overs	RPO	Test	Series	Result
624/8 dec.	Australia	2	142.0	4.39	2nd	2016/17	Won
574/8 dec.	Pakistan	2	128.6 x 8 ball	3.45	2nd	1972/73	Lost
555	Australia	2	189.3	2.92	4th	1983/84	Draw
517/8 dec.	Australia	1	92.6 x 8 ball	4.18	2nd	1976/77	Won
500/8 dec.	Pakistan	1	171.3	2.91	3rd	1981/82	Won
470	Pakistan	1	140.4	3.34	4th	1983/84	Draw
454/5 dec.	Australia	1	128.0	3.54	1st	2009/10	Won
448	Australia	2	92.3 x 8 ball	3.63	Only Test	1964/65	Draw
443/9 dec.	Pakistan	1	126.3	3.50	2nd	2016/17	Lost
441/5 dec.	Australia	1	85.5 x 8 ball	3.86	2nd	1972/73	Won
425	Australia	3	87.6 x 8 ball	3.63	2nd	1972/73	Won

NOTE: Six-ball overs used in First-Class Cricket in Australia since 1979/80 season. The runs per over is based on six ball overs.

Lowest Completed Innings Totals

Score	Country	Inn	Overs	RPO	Test	Series	Result
107	Pakistan	2	65.5	1.62	1st	1989/90	Lost
125	Australia	3	72.1	1.73	3rd	1981/82	Lost
151	Pakistan	4	44.1 x 8 ball	2.56	2nd	1976/77	Lost
163	Pakistan	3	53.2	3.05	2nd	2016/17	Lost
163	Pakistan	3	64.2	2.53	2nd	2004/05	Lost
168	Australia	2	61.6 x 8 ball	2.04	1st	1978/79	Lost

NOTE: As for above re overs.

Highest Partnerships

Players	Runs	Wkt	In	Out	Country	Inns	Mat Date
J Benaud, AP Sheahan	233	2	1/18	2/251	Australia	3	29 December 1972
KJ Hughes, GN Yallop	203	3	2/70	3/273	Australia	2	26 December 1983
UT Khawaja, DA Warner	198	2	1/46	2/244	Australia	2	26 December 2016
Majid Khan, Sadiq Mohammad	195	2	1/128	2/323	Pakistan	2	29 December 1972
Mohammad Yousuf, Younis Khan	192	4	3/94	4/286	Pakistan	1	26 December 2004
GRJ Matthews, GN Yallop	185	7	6/354	7/539	Australia	2	26 December 1983
SM Katich, SR Watson	182	1	-	1/182	Australia	1	26 December 2009
AR Border, KJ Hughes	177	4	3/128	4/305	Australia	4	10 March 1979
IC Davis, RB McCosker	176	2	1/6	2/182	Australia	3	1 January 1977
GS Chappell, GJ Cosier	171	5	4/227	5/398	Australia	1	1 January 1977

Australia v Pakistan in Tests at the MCG (continued)

Highest Batting Scores

Player	Country	Runs	Mins	BF	4s	6s	Inns	Mat Date
GN Yallop	Australia	268	716	517	29	-	2	26 December 1983
Azhar Ali	Pakistan	205*	577	364	20	-	1	26 December 2016
GJ Cosier	Australia	168	228	206	20	-	1	1 January 1977
SPD Smith	Australia	165*	412	246	13	1	2	26 December 2016
Majid Khan	Pakistan	158	303	276	18	-	2	29 December 1972
Mohsin Khan	Pakistan	152	354	239	18	1	1	26 December 1983
DA Warner	Australia	144	234	143	17	1	2	26 December 2016
J Benaud	Australia	142	211	207	18	2	3	29 December 1972
DR Martyn	Australia	142	370	245	12	-	2	26 December 2004
Sadiq Mohammad	Pakistan	137	313	261	15	-	2	29 December 1972
IR Redpath	Australia	135	277	204	14	-	1	29 December 1972
AP Sheahan	Australia	127	275	207	12	-	3	29 December 1972
GS Chappell	Australia	121	246	186	9	-	1	1 January 1977
Ijaz Ahmed	Pakistan	121	450	331	11	-	4	12 January 1990
SR Watson	Australia	120*	335	220	10	1	3	26 December 2009
GS Chappell	Australia	116*	230	204	12	-	1	29 December 1972
Mohammad Yousef	Pakistan	111	195	134	11	4	1	26 December 2004
Majid Khan	Pakistan	108	219	157	16	-	3	10 March 1979
Sadiq Mohammad	Pakistan	105	296	262	10	-	2	1 January 1977
RB McCosker	Australia	105	202	178	10	-	3	1 January 1977

Best Bowling in an Innings

Player	W	R	Ov	Mdns	Econ	Inn	Country	Mat Date
Sarfraz Nawaz	9	86	35.4	7	1.81	4	Pakistan	10 March 1979
B Yardley	7	187	66.0	16	2.83	1	Australia	11 December 1981
Wasim Akram	6	62	30.0	9	2.06	1	Pakistan	12 January 1990
DK Lillee	6	82	23.0	4	2.67	2	Australia	1 January 1977
Arif Butt	6	89	21.3	1	3.12	2	Pakistan	4 December 1964
Mohammad Amir	5	79	24.0	6	3.29	3	Pakistan	26 December 2009
Wasim Akram	5	98	41.4	12	2.35	3	Pakistan	12 January 1990
NM Hauritz	5	101	24.0	5	4.20	4	Australia	26 December 2009
TM Alderman	5	105	33.5	6	3.10	4	Australia	12 January 1990
Shoaib Akhtar	5	109	27.0	4	4.03	2	Pakistan	6 December 2004
Imran Khan	5	122	25.5	2	3.57	3	Pakistan	1 January 1977
Danish Kaneria	5	125	39.3	5	3.16	2	Pakistan	26 December 2004
Abdul Qadir	5	166	54.3	12	3.04	2	Pakistan	26 December 1983
Imran Khan	4	26	18.0	8	1.08	2	Pakistan	10 March 1979
GD McGrath	4	35	11.2	1	3.08	3	Australia	26 December 2004
MA Starc	4	36	15.2	4	2.34	3	Australia	26 December 2016

Wicket-keeping dismissals in an innings

player	HM	For	I	M	Season	start date	ct	st	byes	oppn R	score	OM#
Wright, KJ	5	Australia	1	1	1978-79	10 Mar 1979	5	0	2	196	9	849
Wasim Bari	4	Pakistan	3	2	1972-73	29 Dec 1972	3	1	0	425	7	705
Jarman, BN	4	Australia	3	1	1964-65	04 Dec 1964	3	1	5	326	33	570
Kamran Akmal	4	Pakistan	3	1	2009-10	26 Dec 2009	3	1	0	225	12	1943
Gilchrist, AC	4	Australia	1	2	2004-05	26 Dec 2004	2	2	0	341	48	1729
Healy, IA	4	Australia	2	1	1989-90	12 Jan 1990	4	0	1	107	48	1134

Wicket-keeping career dismissals in MCG Tests

Player	For	M	Inn	Ct	St	Total	Byes	OpR	W/In	B/Inn	B%R	Start	End
Wasim Bari	Pakistan	5	9	15	5	20	40	3149	2.22	4.44	1.27	29 Dec 1972	30 Dec 1983
Marsh, RW	Australia	4	7	10	0	10	24	2466	1.43	3.43	0.97	29 Dec 1972	30 Dec 1983
Wright, KJ	Australia	1	2	7	0	7	6	549	3.50	3.00	1.09	10 Mar 1979	15 Mar 1979
Gilchrist, AC	Australia	1	2	4	2	6	4	504	3.00	2.00	0.79	26 Dec 2004	29 Dec 2004
Haddin, BJ	Australia	1	2	4	1	5	17	509	2.50	8.50	3.34	26 Dec 2009	30 Dec 2009
Kamran Akmal	Pakistan	2	4	4	1	5	3	1185	1.25	0.75	0.25	26 Dec 2004	30 Dec 2009
Salim Yousuf	Pakistan	1	2	4	0	4	2	535	2.00	1.00	0.37	12 Jan 1990	16 Jan 1990
Jarman, BN	Australia	1	2	3	1	4	9	613	2.00	4.50	1.47	04 Dec 1964	08 Dec 1964
Healy, IA	Australia	1	2	4	0	4	2	443	2.00	1.00	0.45	12 Jan 1990	16 Jan 1990

Most Career Runs

Player	For	Span	Mat	Inns	No	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	O
Majid Khan	Pakistan	1972-1981	4	7	-	489	158	71.28	2	2	-
Zaheer Abbas	Pakistan	1972-1983	5	9	-	478	90	53.11	-	6	-
GS Chappell	Australia	1972-1983	4	7	1	393	121	65.50	2	2	1
Imran Khan	Pakistan	1977-1990	5	9	2	367	83	52.42	-	3	-
GN Yallop	Australia	1979-1983	2	3	-	301	268	100.33	1	-	-
AR Border	Australia	1979-1990	4	7	1	251	105	41.83	1	1	-
Azhar Ali	Pakistan	2016-2016	1	2	1	248	205*	248.00	1	-	-
Sadiq Mohammad	Pakistan	1972-1977	2	4	-	247	137	61.75	2	-	1
KJ Hughes	Australia	1979-1983	3	5	-	242	94	48.40	-	2	-
Javed Miandad	Pakistan	1977-1990	5	9	-	218	65	24.22	-	2	-
SR Watson	Australia	2009-2009	1	2	-	213	120*	213.00	1	1	-
Mohammad Yousef	Pakistan	2004-2009	2	4	-	206	111	51.50	1	1	-

Most Career Wickets

Player	For	Span	Mat	Inns	Balls	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	5/I	10/M
Sarfraz Nawaz	Pakistan	1972-1983	4	7	1295	484	22	9/86	11/125	22.00	1	1
DK Lillee	Australia	1972-1983	4	7	1139	572	18	6/82	10/135	31.77	1	1
Imran Khan	Pakistan	1977-1990	5	8	1127	472	16	5/122	5/62	29.50	1	-
Iqbal Qasim	Pakistan	1977-1981	2	4	842	378	14	4/44	7/148	27.00	-	-
Wasim Akram	Pakistan	1990-1990	1	2	430	160	11	6/62	11/160	14.54	2	1
TM Alderman	Australia	1981-1990	2	3	479	197	8	5/105	8/135	24.62	1	-
Arif Butt	Pakistan	1964-1964	1	2	216	118	7	6/89	7/118	16.85	1	-
NJN Hawke	Australia	1964-1964	1	2	336	141	7	4/72	7/141	20.14	-	-
RM Hogg	Australia	1979-1979	1	2	288	124	7	4/49	7/124	17.71	-	-
GD McKenzie	Australia	1964-1964	1	2	372	140	7	4/74	7/140	20.00	-	-
KJ O'Keefe	Australia	1972-1977	2	4	569	205	7	4/38	5/101	29.28	-	-
B Yardley	Australia	1981-1981	1	1	396	187	7	7/187	7/187	26.71	1	-

MCG Test Cricket Records – All Contests

Largest day's attendance: 91, 112, Australia v England December 26 2013

Largest match attendance: 350,534, Australia v England January 1-7 1937 (6-day match))

Highest team total: 8/624 – Australia v. Pakistan 2016/17

Highest individual score: 307 – Bob Cowper, Australia v England, 1965/66

Best bowling / innings: 9/86 – Sarfraz Nawaz, Pakistan v Australia, 1978/79

Most runs: Don Bradman (1671 at 128.53)

Most wickets: Dennis Lillee (82 at 21.92)

Most wicket keeping dismissals: Rod Marsh (62 - 61ct, 1st)

Most appearances: Alan Border (20)

Attendances at Australia v Pakistan Test matches at the MCG

Test day 1	Series	Test	T#	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Total
4th December 1964	Pakistan in Australia 1964/65	Only Test	t570	9,057	14,035	6,584	3,391		33,067
29th December 1972	Pakistan in Australia 1972/73	2nd Test	t705	29,304	36,127	25,843	12,649	11,798	115,721
1st January 1977	Pakistan in Australia 1976/77	2nd Test	t790	30,583	48,188	45,582	41,139	4,000	169,492
10th March 1979	Pakistan in Australia 1978/79	1st Test	t849	10,356	12,017	9,192	2,793	3,067	37,425
11th December 1981	Pakistan in Australia 1981/82	3rd Test	t913	9,817	7,947	9,453	5,151	1,375	33,743
26th December 1983	Pakistan in Australia 1983/84	4th Test	t973	40,240	27,481	18,825	12,994	10,121	109,661
12th January 1990	Pakistan in Australia 1989/90	1st Test	t1134	17,989	15,223	19,636	8,689	5,328	66,865
26th December 2004	Pakistan in Australia 2004/05	2nd Test	t1729	61,552	34,656	20,086	12,785		129,079
26th December 2009	Pakistan in Australia 2009/10	1st Test	t1943	59,222	39,623	36,816	15,629	5,053	156,343
26th December 2016	Pakistan in Australia 2016/17	2nd Test	t2242	63,478	39,339	25,392	6,410	5,186	139,805
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Largest crowd for each day is underlined

Australia v Pakistan: Test Match Results at the MCG

At MCG, December 4-8, 1964: **PAKISTAN 287** (87.6 overs) (Hanif Mohammad 104, Saeed Ahmed 80; GD McKenzie 3/66, DJ Sincok 3/67, NJN Hawke 3/69) **and 326** (96.4 overs) (Hanif Mohammad 93, Intikhab Alam 61, Javed Burki 47, Abdul Kadir 35; NJN Hawke 4/72, GD McKenzie 4/74) **drew with AUSTRALIA 448** (92.3 overs) (TR Veivers 88, RM Cowper 83, BC Booth 57, BK Shephard 55, RB Simpson 47, WM Lawry 41, BN Jarman 33; Arif Butt 6/89) **and 2/88** (11.5 overs) (BK Shepherd 43*).

At MCG, December 29-30, 1972 and January 1-3 1973: **AUSTRALIA 5/441 dec.** (85.5 overs) (IR Redpath 135, GS Chappell 116*, RW Marsh 74, IM Chappell 66) **and 425** (87.6 overs) (J Benaud 142, AP Sheahan 127, GS Chappell 62) **defeated PAKISTAN 8/574 dec.** (124.6 overs) (Majid Khan 158, Sadiq Mohammad 137, Intikhab Alam 68, Mushtaq Mohammad 60, Zaher Abbas 51, Saeed Ahmed 50; AA Mallett 3/124) **and 200** (Intikhab Alam 48, Majid Khan 47, Asif Iqbal 37; MHN Walker 3/39) **by 92 runs.**

At MCG, January 1-6, 1977: **AUSTRALIA 8/517 dec.** (92.6 overs) (GJ Cosier 168, GS Chappell 121, A Turner 82, IC Davis 56, KD Walters 42; Iqbal Qasim 4/111, Asif Iqbal 3/52) **and 8/315 dec.** (61.5 overs) (RB McCosker 105, IC Davis 88, GS Chappell 67; Imran Khan 5/122, Iqbal Qasim 3/119) **defeated PAKISTAN 3/33** (Sadiq Mohammad 105, Zaheer Abbas 90, Majid Khan 76, Asif Iqbal 35; DK Lillee 6/82) **and 151** (44.1 overs) (Zaheer Abbas 58, Majid Khan 35; KJ O'Keefe 4/38, DK Lillee 4/53) **by 348 runs.**

At MCG, March 10-15, 1979: **PAKISTAN 196** (61.7 overs) (Mushtaq Mohammad 36, Sarfraz Nawaz 35; RM Hogg 4/49, AG Hurst 3/55) **and 353** (81.5 overs) (Majid Khan 108, Zaheer Abbas 59, Asif Iqbal 44; RM Hogg 3/75, AG Hurst 3/115) **defeated AUSTRALIA 168** (61.6 overs) (DM Whatmore 43; Imran Khan 4/26) **and 310** (92.4 overs) (AR Border 105, KJ Hughes 84, AMJ Hilditch 62; Sarfraz Nawaz 9/86) **by 71 runs.**

At MCG, December 11-15, 1981: **PAKISTAN 500** (171.3 overs) (Mudassar Nazar 95, Zaheer Abbas 90, Majid Khan 74, Imran Khan 70*, Javed Miandad 62, Wasim Raja 50; B Yardley 7/187) **defeated AUSTRALIA 293** (134.1 overs) (GM Wood 100, BM Laird 35, KJ Hughes 34, RW Marsh 31; Imran Khan 3/41, Iqbal Qasim 3/104) **and 125** (72.1 overs) (BM Laird 52; Iqbal Qasim 4/44, Sarfraz Nawaz 3/11) **by an innings and 82 runs.**
Man of the Match: Bruce Yardley

At MCG, December 26-30, 1983: **PAKISTAN 470** (140.4 overs) (Mohsin Khan 152, Imran Khan 83, Abdul Qadir 45, Zaheer Abbas 44, Saleem Malik 35; JN Maguire 3/111) **and 7/238** (100 overs) (Imran Khan 72*, Zaheer Abbas 50, Mudassar Nazar 35; DK Lillee 3/71) **drew with AUSTRALIA 555** (189.3 overs) (GN Yallop 268, KJ Hughes 94, GRJ Matthews 75, WB Phillips 35, AR Border 32; Abdul Qadir 5/166, Azeem Hafeez 3/115). *Man of the Match:* Graham Yallop

At MCG, January 12-16, 1990: **AUSTRALIA 223** (90.1 overs) (MA Taylor 52, IA Healy 48, GR Marsh 30; Wasim Akram 6/62) **and 8/312 dec.** (108.4 overs) (MA Taylor 101, AR Border 62*, MG Hughes 32; Wasim Akram 5/98) **defeated PAKISTAN 107** (65.5 overs) (TM Alderman 3/30, CG Rackemann 3/32, MG Hughes 3/34) **and 336** (137.5 overs) (Ijaz Ahmed 121, Javed Miandad 65, Imran Khan 45, Saleem Yousuf 38) **by 92 runs.**
Man of the Match: Wasim Akram

At MCG, December 26-29, 2004: **PAKISTAN 341** (107.3 overs) (Yousuf Youhana 111, Younis Khan 87, Salman Butt 70; JN Gillespie 3/77, SK Warne 3/103) **and 163** (64.2 overs) (Shoaib Malik 41; GD McGrath 4/35, SK Warne 3/66) **were defeated by AUSTRALIA 379** (99.3 overs) (DR Martyn 142, JN Gillespie 50*, Langer 50, AC Gilchrist 48; Shoaib Akhtar 5/109, Danish Kaneria 5/125) **and 1/127** (27.5 overs) (RT Ponting 62*, ML Hayden 56*) **by nine wickets.** *Man of the Match:* Damien Martin

At MCG, December 26-30, 2009: **AUSTRALIA 454** (128 overs) (SM Katich 98, SR Watson 93, MEK Hussey 82, NM Hauritz 75, RT Ponting 57; **and 8/225 dec.** (73.1 overs) (SR Watson 120, MJ Clarke 37; Mohammad Aamer 5/79) **defeated PAKISTAN 258** (99 overs) (Misbah-ul-Haq 65*, Umar Akmal 51, Salman Butt 45; MG Johnson 3/36, DE Bollinger 3/50) **and 251** (72 overs) (Mohammad Yousuf 61, Faisal Iqbal 48, Kamran Iqbal 30; NM Hauritz 5/101, MG Johnson 3/46) **by 170 runs.** *Man of the match:* Shane Watson

The Most Recent Test Match played at the MCG between the two Countries

At MCG, December 26-30, 2016: **PAKISTAN 443** (126.3 overs) (Azhar Ali 205*, Sohail Khan 65, Asad Shafiq 50; JR Hazelwood 3/50, JM Bird 3/113) **and 163** (53.2 overs) (Azhar Ali 43, Sarfraz Ahmed 43; MA Starc 4/36, NM Lyon 3/33) **were defeated by AUSTRALIA 8/624 dec.** (SPD Smith 165*, DA Warner 144, Usman Khawaja 97, MA Starc 84, PSP Handscomb 54; Sohail Khan 3/131, Yasir Shah 3/207) **by an innings and 18 runs.** *Man of the Match:* Steve Smith

Australia went into this match having won the first of the three-Test series in Brisbane by 39 runs after setting the visitors 490 to win. Captain Steve Smith won the toss and sent Pakistan into bat. As a result of interruptions from inclement weather the visitors were still batting into the third day with over 140 overs being lost. Opener Ali's 205 run-anchor lasting 580 minutes contrasted with his fellow batters; only Shafiq (50) from the upper order providing real support while Sohail Khan (65 including four sixes) hit lustily near innings end. Hazlewood (3/50 from 32.3 overs) was best with the ball. The Australians batted in superior conditions; not losing their fifth wicket until they drew near to level with their opposition. Warner (144 from 143 balls) recorded his first MCG century and was partnered by the elegant Khawaja (97) while 198 were added for the second wicket. Smith then took control and was undefeated (165) at the end of the innings. He was supported by Handscomb (54) and when the sixth wicket fell the home team was ten runs ahead of Pakistan's total. Starc then joined Smith and a further 154 runs were added; Starc hitting 84 from 91 balls including seven sixes. Pakistan began its second innings before lunch on the final day and were dismissed for 163 from 53.2 overs; Azhar Ali and Sarfraz Ahmed top scoring on 43 while Starc and Lyon took seven wickets between them.

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