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AUSTRALIA V ENGLAND
FACT SHEET

MCG ODI CRICKET RECORDS

Largest attendance:.....93,013 Australia v New Zealand WC Final, March 29, 2015
Largest England attendance: 87,182 Pakistan v England WC Final, March 25, 1992
Highest team total:..... 8/344 – World XI v Asia XI Tsunami Benefit ODI, Jan 10, 2005
Highest individual score: 180 JJ Roy, England v Australia, Jan 14, 2018
Best bowling/innings:..... 6/42 AB Agarkar, India v Australia, Jan 9, 2004
Most career runs: RT Ponting (2108 runs at average of 56.97)
Most wickets: SK Warne (46 wickets at average of 22.60)
Most wicket keeping dismissals: IA Healy (50 – 46 catches, 4 stumpings)

BETWEEN THE TEAMS

When the third Test match of the 1970/71 Ashes series, set down for the MCG, was abandoned on the third day as a result of inclement weather it was decided, weather permitting, that a one-day limited overs match would be played between the two teams on the MCG on January 5, 1971. This was the day originally set down for the fifth day of the then abandoned Test match. The 1971 match became part of cricket's history and is now recognised as the first One Day International (ODI). In the years since, over 4500 ODIs have been played between cricketing countries across the world. In the ODI matches between the two countries to date the outstanding performances have been:

Highest innings score: England 481/6 (50 overs), Nottingham, 19 June 2018
Lowest completed innings score: Australia 70 (25.2 overs), Birmingham, 4 June 1977
Best batting JJ Roy, England 180 (16 fours, five sixes) Melbourne, 14 January, 2018
Best bowling AJ Bichel, Australia 7/20 (10 overs), Port Elizabeth, 2 March 2003
Highest partnership RT Ponting/SR Watson, 252, second wicket, Centurion, 2 October, 2009
Best wicket-keeping AC Gilchrist, Australia, six dismissals (five caught, one stumped), Sydney, 23 January, 2003

Australia has met England in 154 ODIs; won 86, lost 63, and tied two, while three failed to produce a result.

Team	In Australia					In England					At Neutral Venues				Totals				
	P	W	L	T	NR	P	W	L	NR	T	P	W	L	NR	P	W	L	T	NR
Australia	73	47	25	0	1	73	33	36	2	2	8	6	2	-	154	86	63	2	3
England	73	25	47	0	1	73	36	33	2	2	8	2	6	-	154	63	86	2	3

AUSTRALIA WINS PREVIOUS AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND ODI SERIES

Prior to the current series, the most recent ODI series played between Australia and England were three games, all hosted at Old Trafford, Manchester, that were a part of Australia's T20 and limited overs tour in 2020. Australia won the first match by 19 runs on September 11, but England won the second by 24 runs on September 13. The deciding game was played on September 16 and Australia won the match by three wickets with two balls to spare. Chasing a score of 302 Australia recovered from 5/73, relying heavily on a brilliant 212 sixth wicket partnership between Alex Carey and Glenn Maxwell who both scored centuries. With this win Australia also won the ODI series between the teams 2-1.

2020 Australia in England

3rd ODI: At Old Trafford, Manchester, September 16, 2020. Toss won by England (elected to bat)

ENGLAND 7/302 (50 overs) (JM Bairstow 112, SW Billings 57, CR Woakes 53*; MA Starc 3/74, A Zampa

3/51) **were defeated by AUSTRALIA 7/305** (49.4 overs) (GJ Maxwell 108, AT Carey 106; CR Woakes 2/46, JE Root 2/46) **by three wickets.**

Player of the Match: Glenn Maxwell (Aus)

AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND ODIs AT THE MCG

Twenty-three ODIs have been played between the two countries at the MCG, the first in January 1971 and the most recent in January 2018. Australia has won 16 while England has won seven. A further match set down for 26 December, 1978 was abandoned (no toss) as a result of inclement weather. The relative performance of the two countries at the MCG mirrors to some extent their performance against each other internationally. In the first 10 matches at the MCG Australia won six to England's four. However during the period from 1988 to the present time Australia has won ten matches to England's three. Australia's superiority over England during this period may reflect its overall position in the developing ODI scene at the time. During the period from 1987 to the present Australia has won five ICC World Cups – 1987, 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2015.

In matches between the two countries on the MCG the highest score is Australia's 9/342 scored off 50 overs in a pool match during the 2015 ICC World Cup. England's best is 5/308 scored in a winning fixture played on 14 January, 2018. Six centuries have been scored by Australians in the matches including four in recent years. The highest score is 161 not out (150 balls, 12 fours and four sixes) by Shane Watson in a winning performance on 16 January 2011. Other Australian century-makers were Aaron Finch 107 on 14 January, 2018, 135 on 14 February, 2015 and 121 on 12 January 2014, Adam Gilchrist 124 on 15 December, 2002, and Ricky Ponting 119 on 15 December 2002. England's three centuries have come from Jason Roy 180 on 14 January 2018, Paul Collingwood 120 not out on 9 February 2007 and 101 not out from David Gower on 4 February 1979. As with the individual batting Australia has dominated the century partnership records in matches at the MCG between the two countries. Australia's batsmen have recorded 13 such partnerships with the largest being 225 for the second wicket (1/15 to 2/240) between Adam Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting on 15 December, 2002; both players scoring centuries. A further two partnerships yielded over 150; Aaron Finch and David Warner (163 on 12 January, 2014) and Dean Jones and Robbie Kerr (157 unfinished on 17 February, 1985).

For England the highest of only three such partnerships at the MCG has been 221 for the third wicket (2/60 to 3/281) between Jason Roy and Joe Root on 14 January 2018. With the ball two Australians and one Englishman have recorded five-wicket hauls in Anglo-Australian ODIs at the MCG. Brett Lee (5/30 off 9.3 overs on 25 January, 2003) is best for Australia followed closely by Mitchell Marsh (5/33 off nine overs on 14 February, 2015). For England Steven Finn's 5/71 in 2014/15 is best. In addition, five bowlers have recorded four-wicket analyses as follows: Glen McGrath (4/25 on 10 January, 1995 and 4/54 on 15 January, 1999) and Mark Waugh (4/37 on 10 January, 1991) for Australia and Angus Fraser (4/22 on 10 January, 1995), Mike Hendrick (4/25 on 24 January, 1979) and Chris Old (4/57 on 1 January, 1975).

THE FIRST ODI MATCH, JANUARY 5, 1971

(By Ray Webster, from a previous Fact Sheet)

In late December a severe weather system hit south-east Australia... The weather was still threatening on the opening (Thursday) morning of the Melbourne Test and delayed the toss until after the lunch break. England captain Ray Illingworth won the toss and sent Australia in to bat. The rain returned before the players could take the field and the first day was abandoned. Some discussions took place on a proposal to defer the start of the match until the scheduled second day and play on the Sunday. The matter lapsed however, the rain persisted for the next two days and the Test match was abandoned... It was also decided that, in order to give the Melbourne people some cricket, a one-day limited overs match would be played (weather permitting) between the teams on the scheduled fifth day of the abandoned Test. The match would be played under the rules applying to the then Australian domestic one-day limited overs competition – each team would bat for 40 eight-ball overs with no bowler being allowed to bowl more than eight overs. A cigarette company agreed to sponsor the match to the tune of \$5000.

The weather had cleared and Bill Lawry, the Australian captain who was about to play in his only one-day international, won the toss and put the visitors in to bat on a wicket which looked mottled and yellow, having been mostly hidden from view while the rain tumbled down. It was to prove to be a slower than normal track, probably because of the inclement weather affecting preparation. England lost opener Geoffrey Boycott (their batting star of the summer) early for eight to an excellent catch by Lawry close in on the leg side off a hook shot. They then consolidated through a partnership of 66 between fellow opener John Edrich and Keith Fletcher (24) before Fletcher was dismissed by off-spinner Ashley Mallett.

John Edrich, who also had had an outstanding tour with the bat, played with an urgency hitherto not seen and went on to top score with 82 from 119 balls and be judged "Man of the Match" in a losing side. After Fletcher left, the opener then took part in useful partnerships of 37 with Basil D'Oliveira and 20 with John Hampshire. D'Oliveira looked particularly threatening but his innings was ended by Ian Chappell's superb cut-off and return to wicketkeeper Rod Marsh for a run out. At one point England was 3/144 but after Hampshire became Mallett's third victim seven wickets fell for 46. Of the remaining batsmen only Alan Knott (24 in 31 balls) made a reasonable

contribution. The England batsmen had hit only seven fours in the innings, including four by Edrich. The score of 190 from 39.4 overs was low by the standards of the time.

The superb fielding of the Australians had been a factor in keeping the scoring down. The two pacemen, Garth McKenzie (2/22) and Alan Thomson (1/22), bowled with quite some hostility but the greater impact with the ball came from the slow bowlers. Mallett (3/34) bowled with flight and accuracy and was well backed up by Keith Stackpole (3/40). In the early days of one-day limited overs cricket, many saw the bowling crease as being the domain of the medium-pacers but the spinners were destined to prove a valuable asset to most teams. The Australians, despite being less experienced at the limited overs game than their opponents, chased down the 191 runs needed with 42 balls and five wickets to spare. Stackpole started aggressively and was dismissed early for 13 but Ian Chappell (60 in 103 balls with five fours and one six over long-on) took part in two partnerships of 32 with captain Lawry (27) and 66 with Doug Walters (41) to consolidate the innings. Walters scored his runs off 51 balls with six superb boundaries and looked back to his best form. Chappell added a further 41 with Ian Redpath and despite both being dismissed off the bowling of England skipper Illingworth the total was comfortably reached in a partnership between Greg Chappell and Rod Marsh. Ian Chappell, who had blossomed after a quiet start, and Walters stood out in a more consistent batting performance with all contributors reaching double figures.

The England pace bowlers could not break through the Australian top order. Captain and off-spinner Illingworth (3/50) was the best performed of the tourists' attack. Thus this match, which was to be recognised ultimately as the first One-Day International, proved to be a triumph for the two off-spinners and wrist spinner Stackpole, who took nine wickets between them. England however may have erred in not selecting the wily left-arm spinner Derek Underwood. His inclusion on that wicket could have been of great benefit. At one point near the end, medium-pacer D'Oliveira had 21 taken off an over.

In this match the great England batsman Colin Cowdrey, who had made an exceptional contribution to his country's fortunes, was dismissed for one in what was to be his only appearance in a one-day limited overs international. Man of the Match, the 33-year-old left-hander Edrich, suffered a tendon strain in his left calf near the end of his innings and did not field when Australia batted. He did, however, go on to play in the Fourth Test a few days later in Sydney.

Beforehand the organisers and the media appeared to have some doubters in their ranks about how popular the match would be. The predicted crowd was about 20,000. However, there were long queues when the gates opened and the final attendance figure (on a working day) was in excess of 46,000. Officials and journalists hailed the match a success and were optimistic that such matches would be part of future tours. After discussion between officials on both sides it was agreed that the two teams in the match would be called Australia and England. Notwithstanding, *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack* 1972 only gave a summary of the scores and described the game as being between "Australians and M.C.C."

1970/71 England (MCC) in Australia and New Zealand

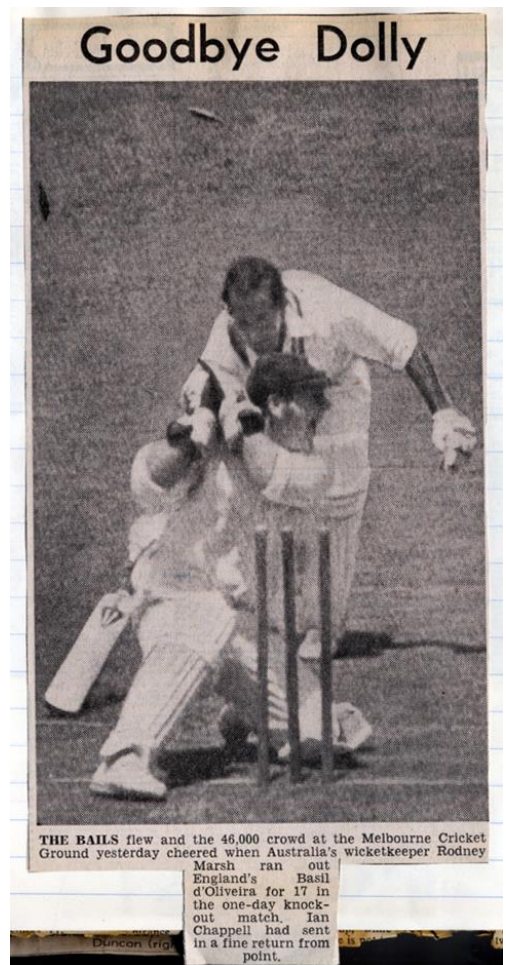
Only ODI (40 8-ball overs): At the Melbourne Cricket Ground, January 5, 1971.

Toss won by Australia (elected to field)

ENGLAND 190 (40 overs) (JH Edrich 82; AA Mallett 3/34, KR Stackpole 3/40) **lost to AUSTRALIA 5/191** (36.4 overs) (IM Chappell 60, KD Walters 41; R Illingworth 3/50) **by five wickets.**

Man of the Match: John Edrich (Eng)

Attendance: 46,006



DID YOU KNOW?

One of the scorers for the first ever One Day International was Mike Ringham, a scorer with the Melbourne Cricket Club from the summer of 1975/76 until today. The scorers for the 1971 match were BW Bright (Australia), MP Ringham (Australia) and GAA Saulez (England). Mike had migrated to Australia in 1956, and joined the Essendon Cricket Club. He first scored for Victoria in 1964/65 and that season he also scored his first Test match for Australia. Mike has scored 40 Tests, 135 first-class matches, and 70 One Day Internationals. He retired from scoring MCC 1st XI matches in 2010, however, he was enticed to score for the MCC's 3rd XI and 4th XI teams, after the MCC established a ground at Beaumaris Secondary College in 2012. Mike recently contributed an article to the spring 2022 edition of the MCC Library's journal *The Yorker*, in which he charted the phenomenal rise of the MCC's women's cricket program over its first decade.

MOST RECENT AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND ODI AT THE MCG

In what was the first in a series of five ODIs, England won the toss and put Australia in on what looked a good batting wicket. A stuttering start saw Warner (2), Head (5) and Captain Smith (23) all out with 78 on the board. Finch in fine touch, was then joined by Mitchell Marsh (50) and they added 118 runs in 116 balls. Finch would go on to compile 107 (10 4s and three 6s). It was his fourth ODI century against England, three of which had been made at the MCG. Marsh's wicket soon followed and the momentum was not retained despite an aggressive innings of 60 by Stoinis (40 balls, five 4s and two 6s) including 22 off his last 10 balls. Stoinis's main support came from wicket-keeper Payne (27). England's bowlers, particularly Moeen Ali, had reined in the scoring; the 304 total being considered under requirement.

England's openers passed 50 in 4.2 overs; savaging Cummins and Starc. The loss of two wickets had little impact as Jason Roy (180 from 151 balls including 16 4s and five 6s) played the innings of a lifetime. Roy was then joined by Joe Root (91 not out from 110 balls including five fours) and the two batsmen added 221 for the third wicket from 220 balls; a new record for England for the third wicket in ODIs. Roy was dismissed with the score on 281 but the result was in little doubt despite the cheap dismissals of Captain Morgan and wicket-keeper Buttler; Root guiding his team home with seven balls to spare. Starc, Cummins and Zampa, often the Australians' trump cards all went for over a run a ball.

2018/19 England in Australia

1st ODI: At the Melbourne Cricket Ground, January 14, 2018. Toss won by England (elected to field)

AUSTRALIA 8/304 (50 overs) (AJ Finch 107, MP Stoinis 60, MR Marsh 50; LE Plunkett 3/71, AU Rashid 2/73) **lost to ENGLAND 5/308** (48.5 overs) (JJ Roy 180, JE Root 91*; PJ Cummins 2/63, MA Starc 2/71) **by five wickets.**

Man of the Match: Jason Roy (Eng)

Attendance: 37,171

AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND ODIs DID YOU KNOW?

- The three matches which did not yield a result were at Sydney 1979, Birmingham 2005 and Birmingham 2013.
- The two tied matches were at Nottingham 1989 and Lord's 2005.
- Of the eight matches played at neutral venues three were part of World Cups (Kolkata, India 1987, Port Elizabeth, South Africa 2003 and North Sound, Antigua, West Indies 2007), two were part of the 2006 and 2009 ICC Champions Trophy tournaments (Jaipur, India and Centurion, South Africa respectively) and three were part of tournaments in Sharjah (Middle East) and Hyderabad (India).
- A further three matches set down for Melbourne on 26 December, 1978, Birmingham on 4 July 2012 and Leeds on 6 September 2013 were abandoned (no toss taking place) due to inclement weather and are not included in the total played.
- Australia's win/loss margin of 21 matches over England is due to its performances at home and at neutral venues. After the first 20 years of ODIs played between the two countries (1971-1991) both had recorded 24 wins. Australia has built up its 21 winning-match margin during the 31 years from 1991 to the present time. During this period Australia had a number of outstanding performances against England including:

Period

January, 1999 to March, 2003

June, 2010 to February 2011

September, 2013 to September, 2015

Performance

15 wins from 16 matches played

Eight wins from nine played

12 wins from 14 matches (one no result match excluded)

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