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2024/25 SHEFFIELD SHIELD VICTORIA V QUEENSLAND

TODAY'S MATCH – BETWEEN THE TEAMS

The two teams have met 184 times in competition for the Sheffield Shield; Queensland winning 59, Victoria winning 67 with 58 matches drawn. The first match was played at the MCG in December 1926, and the second at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground in February 1927. Summary scores from both matches are set out below:

At MCG, December 17, 1926 (timeless match) **QUEENSLAND 147** (62 overs) (LL Gill 36; DD Blackie 4/49, FL Morton 3/39) **and 217** (79.7 overs) (ADA Mayes 70, LPD O'Connor*+ 38; FL Morton 4/67, J Ryder 3/27) **lost to VICTORIA 533** (129.6 overs) (WH Ponsford 151, HSTL Hendry 140, KE Rigg 62, WM Woodfull 56, SP King 50, J Ryder 37; RK Oxenham 4/126) **by an innings and 169 runs.**

At Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, February 5, 1927 (timeless match) **QUEENSLAND 399** (130 overs) (RK Oxenham 104, LPD O'Connor*+ 72, FC Thompson 65, LE Oxenham 42, EC Knowles 40; FL Morton 4/130, LT Mullett 3/68, DD Blackie 3/84) **and 439** (EC Knowles 144, RK Oxenham 73, LL Gill 40, ADA Mayes 37*, NF Grant 36; HSTL Hendry 3/51) **defeated VICTORIA 86** (34.6 overs) (KJ Millar 34, RK Oxenham 4/18, ADA Mayes 3/21) **and 518** (143.2 overs) (HSTL Hendry*137, WH Ponsford 116, FA Baring 73, KJ Millar 64, JL Ellis 32; PM Hornibrook 4/109) **by 234 runs.**

The most recent MCG match between the two teams was played between 16-19 November, 2023. Summary scores from this match are also set out below:

At MCG, November 16, 2023 (four-day match) **VICTORIA 7/300 dec** (128 overs) (MS Harris 73, PSP Handscomb 66, CJ Kellaway 48, FP O'Neill 33*, MJ Perry 33*; JD Wildermuth 3/49, LCJ Guthrie 2/72) **and 9/190 dec** (57 overs) (WJ Sutherland 66, CJ Kellaway 34; LCJ Guthrie 6/60) **defeated QUEENSLAND 219** (98.1 overs) (JD Wildermuth 40, Usman Khawaja 31; SM Boland 4/47, MJ Perry 3/49, FP O'Neill 2/33) **and 158** (81.5 overs) (BE Street 46; WJ Sutherland 4/32, SM Boland 4/49, FP O'Neill 2/24) **by 113 runs.** *Player of the match:* Will Sutherland.

Vale Ian Redpath MBE, 1941-2024

We note the passing this week of Test cricketer Ian Redpath. A tribute to Ian will be printed in the 2024 Boxing Day Test fact sheets.

Past Player Profile: Graham Yallop.

Graham Neil Yallop was born at Balwyn on the 7th October 1952 and educated at Carey Grammar School. He came under the influence of former England international fast bowler, Frank Tyson, who was a French teacher at the school. Yallop explained he was more a bowler than a batsman when he began his cricket career. Anthony Fallick wrote: "A technically correct and diligent batsman, Graham Yallop generally batted near the top of the order for Australia and captained his country in seven Tests." He made his Test debut against the West Indies in 1975/76. Yallop performed well on a tough tour of the West Indies in 1977/78, scoring three half-centuries, and was appointed captain for the home Ashes series the following summer. His side was inexperienced and Mike Brearley's Englishmen convincingly won the series 5/1.

As a Test cricketer Yallop's best performances came during the 1983/84 season when Pakistan toured Australia. In the first Test he made 141 runs, taking part in a 259-run partnership with debutant Wayne Phillips. In a tour match against Pakistan he scored 220 for Victoria before scoring 268 in the fourth Test at the MCG, his highest first-class score. Arthur Morris called him a beautiful player of spin and medium pace and Bob Simpson called the innings: "One of the finest I have seen." In that 1983/84 five-Test series against Pakistan, he accumulated 554 runs @ 92.33. Graham Yallop's Test career involved 39 Tests: Average 41.13, eight 100s and nine 50s.

For Victoria he played from 1972/73 to 1984/85. He led Victoria to two Sheffield Shield titles. (1978/79 and 1979/80). His batting record for Victoria is as follows:

| M | I | NO | Runs | Ave | HS | 100s | 50s | Cts |
|----|-----|----|------|-------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 87 | 156 | 14 | 6815 | 47.99 | 246 | 20 | 37 | 72 |

He later toured South Africa on a rebel tour. Yallop had a ghost writer compose his story: "*Lambs to the Slaughter*" which is on Library open cricket shelves at 915.2 YALLO

SHEFFIELD SHIELD PLACINGS FOR SEASON 2023/2024

| | | P | W | L | D | A | BatBP | BowBP | Adj | Pts |
|---|--------------------------|----|---|---|---|---|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Western Australia | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5.53 | 9.4 | 0 | 47.93 |
| 2 | Tasmania | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 6.06 | 8.3 | 0 | 47.36 |
| 3 | New South Wales | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6.31 | 9 | 0 | 42.31 |
| 4 | Victoria | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4.74 | 8.2 | 0 | 38.94 |
| 5 | South Australia | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5.19 | 9.3 | 0 | 33.49 |
| 6 | Queensland | 10 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 3.54 | 8.3 | 0 | 25.84 |

Notes: Point allocation: Win (W) 6, Loss (L) 0, Draw (D) 1, Abandoned without a ball bowled (A) 1
 Bonus Points (BP): Batting: 0.01 points for every run scored beyond 200 in first 100 overs of first innings
 Bonus Points (BP): Bowling: 0.1 points for every wicket taken in first 100 overs of first innings

SHEFFIELD SHIELD PLACINGS END OF SEASONS 1892/93 - 2023/24

| State | First | Second | Third | Fourth | Fifth | Sixth | Seasons |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| New South Wales | 47 | 26 | 23 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 122 |
| Victoria | 31 | 39 | 25 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 122 |
| South Australia | 14 | 22 | 35 | 13 | 22 | 16 | 122 |
| Queensland | 9 | 20 | 18 | 28 | 14 | 3 | 92 |
| Western Australia | 18 | 9 | 16 | 19 | 15 | - | 77 |
| Tasmania | 3 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 47 |

After 122 seasons of the Shield two of the three pioneers still lead the results table. New South Wales has by far the best record of all participants (winner of the Shield in 38.5% of seasons participated) followed by Victoria (25.4%). The next best performer is Western Australia (23.4%). Tasmania has the poorest winning record (6.3%).

The Shield was first won by Victoria (1892/93) and South Australia followed with New South Wales victorious in 1895/96. In its first season (1926/27) Queensland finished bottom of the table and did not show sustained movement until some years after the competition recommenced following the end of World War II. The men from the north did not win the trophy until the 1994/95 season. They challenged their supporters; being runner-up 11 times in the 20 years before their break-through. Western Australia proved to be the champion of debutants; winning the Shield in its first season (1947/48). However, 20 years elapsed before its next success and consistent performance did not eventuate until the 1970s and 1980s. Tasmania endured the same fate in its first season in 1977/78 as Queensland had done in 1926/27. Thirty seasons then elapsed before it won its first Shield in the 2006/07 season.

The three states which entered the competition in the years after it commenced did not initially play the same number of matches per season as those already participating. Queensland, in its first season, played five matches, one less than New South Wales and Victoria. Western Australia played about half as many matches as the other four competitors during its first nine seasons while Tasmania did the same during the first five seasons it played.

In the first season of the Sheffield Shield the six matches played (four each by the three founders – New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia) were all timeless matches. Victoria won its four matches with the other teams winning one each. For the 1893/94 season timeless matches were again played but the Australasian Cricket Council changed the rules for determining the winner of the Shield. In the event of the two top teams winning an equal number of matches during the season, places would be determined by obtaining a batting average for each team (total runs scored/wickets lost) and a bowling average (total runs conceded/wickets taken) and then dividing the batting average by the bowling average. The team with the higher quotient would then hold the Shield.

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