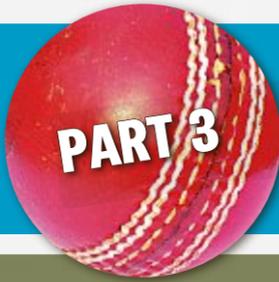


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Did you know?

SINCE 1877, Australia and England have played 341 official Test matches. Australia has won 140, lost 108, tied 0, and drawn 93. 69 Ashes Test series have been played since 1882, with Australia winning 32 and England 32. The remaining five series were drawn.

TERMS

LIKE all sports, the game of cricket comes with its own set of rules. Knowing these terms will help you understand the game better.

run - The basic unit of scoring. To complete a run, each batsman must run from one end of the pitch to the other and may turn and run more runs without being run out.

score - the batting side's score is expressed as a total of runs scored for wickets lost eg 5 for 266.

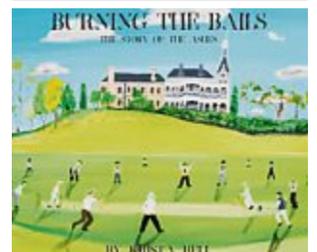
average, batting -The total of a batsman's runs during the period for which the average is calculated, divided by the number of his completed innings, i.e. the number of times he batted in that period. An average of 40+ is considered very good, 50+ outstanding. Don Bradman (Australia) averaged 99.6 in Tests.

duck - a batsman given out without having scored

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YOU'RE OUT

There are 10 ways to get out in cricket. These methods of getting out are listed in approximate order of how commonly they occur.

Caught - a fielder catches the ball on the full after the batsman has hit it with his bat or the ball hits the batter on the hand, below the wrist.

Bowled - If the batsman misses the bowler's delivery or deflects the ball onto the stumps off their bat or pad and the ball hits and breaks the wicket. Can't be bowled off a no-ball.

Leg before wicket (LBW) – if the umpire believes the ball would have hit the stumps if it had not been obstructed by the batsman's pads and provided several other conditions.

Run-out - A run-out is when the batters are going for a run but fall short of the batting crease when the stumps are broken by the fielding team.

Stumped - when the keeper collects the ball and knocks off the bails before the batter gets their bat or any part of their body grounded behind the batting crease.

Hit wicket - the batsman touches and breaks the wicket with their bat or a piece of their equipment eg helmet.

Handle the ball - If a batsman touches the ball with a hand without the permission of the fielding side.

Obstructing the field - If a batsman deliberately interferes with the efforts of fielders to gather the ball or effect a run-out.

Hit the ball twice - If a batsman hits a delivery with his bat and then deliberately hits the ball again other than to defend his wicket.

Timed out - If a new batsman takes longer than three minutes to appear on the field.



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