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ODIs: THE BEGINNING AND THE WORLD CUP

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 5 January, 1971. This was the day originally set down for the fifth day of the then abandoned Test match. The 1971 match which was



won by Australia by five wickets became part of cricket's history and is now recognised as the first One Day International (ODI). In the years since, over 4600 ODIs have been played between cricketing countries across the world. The West Indies played its first ODI against England in 1973 at Leeds, losing to the home side by one wicket. However, the visitors tied the series with a win in the second and final match at The Oval.

The first ODI World Cup was played in England in 1975. To date 13 such events have been staged at about four-year intervals around the cricket world with matches played in England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Netherlands, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya. The thirteenth World Cup was staged in India in November 2023; the winner being Australia, while the runner-up was India. The results of the 13 ODI World Cups contested to date are set out below:

The ODI World Cup to date

| Year | Host Countries | Winner | Runner-Up |
|------|--|-------------|-------------|
| 1975 | England | West Indies | Australia |
| 1979 | England | West Indies | England |
| 1983 | England | India | West Indies |
| 1987 | India and Pakistan | Australia | England |
| 1992 | Australia and New Zealand | Pakistan | England |
| 1996 | India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan | Sri Lanka | Australia |
| 1999 | England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Netherlands | Australia | Pakistan |
| 2003 | South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya | Australia | India |
| 2007 | West Indies | Australia | Sri Lanka |
| 2011 | India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka | India | Sri Lanka |
| 2015 | Australia, New Zealand | Australia | New Zealand |
| 2019 | England, Wales | England | New Zealand |
| 2023 | India | Australia | India |

BETWEEN THE TEAMS: AUSTRALIA AND WEST INDIES

The first ODI played between the two teams was at The Oval in London on 14 June, 1975 during the group stage of the inaugural ODI World Cup. Each innings was of 60 six-ball overs. The match was won by the West Indies by seven wickets. West Indies won the toss and decided to field. Summary scores are set out below:

AUSTRALIA 192 (53.4 overs) (R Edwards 58, RW Marsh 52*; AME Roberts 3/39, IVA Richards 2/18, KD Boyce 2/38) **lost to WEST INDIES 3/195** (46 overs) (AI Kallicharran 78, RC Fredericks 58) by seven wickets. *Player of the Match*: Alvin Kallicharran

The second ODI played between the teams was a week later in the same tournament when they met at Lord's in the final of the 1975 World Cup in what was regarded at the time as one of the classic cricket matches. The Australian captain Ian Chappell won the toss and elected to field. The West Indies ultimately won by 17 runs in a thrilling encounter between two of cricket's powerhouses.

The West Indies began their innings shakily losing three early wickets for a relatively slowly-scored 50 runs including a 61-ball 13 from Greenidge. Australia's fine seam bowling attack of Lillee, Thomson and Gilmore and aggressive fields had them well placed. Fredericks, however, could not consider himself unlucky. Having hooked a bouncer from Lillee over the fine-leg fence he then lost balance and stood on his wicket.

Kanhai was then joined by captain Lloyd and the men from the Caribbean began to lift. Lloyd started his innings in style; playing superb shots to all parts of the field including 12 fours and two towering sixes. Kanhai gave great support to his leader and gathered confidence as his innings developed. These two outstanding batsmen added 149 in 36 overs before Lloyd became one of Gilmore's five victims. Lloyd had made his brilliant century from 85 balls and had been at the crease for only one hour and forty-eight minutes. Richards then fell cheaply; another of the rampaging Gilmore's victims followed by the patient Kanhai (55 from 105 balls) whose defence had been overturned by Gilmore. Kanhai had been rock-solid in support of his skipper. The Australian seamer had taken his fourth wicket for the innings including the three most recent to have fallen while only ten runs were added. Australia had fought its way back into the match and had a chance of restricting the West Indies to a reasonable score. It was, however, not to be. Lower middle-order batsmen Boyce (34) and Julian (26 not out) took the score to 261 during an aggressive eighth-wicket partnership after which Julian was joined by wicketkeeper Murray whose 14-run cameo (one four, one six) looked to put the metaphorical icing on the cake. For the Australians none bowled better than Gilmore (5/48) and the express quick Thomson (2/44). Walker (0/71 from 12 overs) had had a day which he probably would have liked to forget.

Australia, on a fine summer evening in London, needed 292 to be the winner of the first ODI World Cup. Opener McCosker left early, beautifully caught by Kallicharran at slip. Turner and Ian Chappell then took the score to 81 during a partnership which included excellently-played shots to all parts of the ground and reaching the desired objective seemed possible. The Australian batsmen were, however, risky with some of their running between wickets and this was to result in the loss of the next three wickets; Turner, Greg Chappell and brother Ian being run-out by Richards for scores of 40, 15 and 62 respectively. Two of the dismissals were from the stumps being thrown down from backward square leg and the third from Lloyd taking a return to break the stumps at the bowler's end. Both Turner and Ian Chappell were both established at the crease and playing well and their demise seemed an opportunity lost. Then, despite Walters (35) and Edwards (28) making valuable contributions, wickets continued to fall regularly and when Gilmore was dismissed at 7/221 giving the medium-pace seamer Boyce his fourth wicket the end seemed in sight for Australia. A further two wickets were to fall before Lillee and Thomson then came together with Australia needing a further 59 runs to win with 43 balls to be bowled. The two fast bowlers had not given up on the task. They proceeded to attack the bowling and a swashbuckling partnership ensued adding 41 runs before Thomson was run out by wicket-keeper Murray, the fifth run-out of the innings. Australia had lost by 17 runs and left many wondering what may have taken place had those five run-outs or at least some of them not happened.

Scorecard: 1975 ODI World Cup Final: West Indies v Australia at Lord's June 21, 1975

| West Indies | | | | | Australia | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----|----|----|---|------------|----|----|----|
| | R | B | 4s | 6s | | R | B | 4s | 6s |
| RC Fredericks | 7 | 13 | - | - | A Turner | 40 | 54 | 4 | - |
| CG Greenidge | 13 | 61 | 1 | - | BB McCosker | 7 | 24 | 1 | - |
| M Kallicharran | 12 | 18 | 2 | - | IM Chappell* | 62 | 93 | 6 | - |
| RB Kanhai | 55 | 105 | 8 | - | GS Chappell | 15 | 23 | 2 | - |
| CH Lloyd* | 102 | 85 | 12 | 2 | KD Walters | 35 | 51 | 5 | - |
| IVA Richards | 5 | 11 | 1 | - | RW Marsh+ | 11 | 24 | - | - |
| KD Boyce | 34 | 37 | 3 | - | R Edwards | 28 | 37 | 2 | - |
| BD Julien | 26 | 37 | 1 | - | GJ Gilmore | 14 | 11 | 2 | - |
| DL Murray+ | 14 | 10 | 1 | 1 | MHN Walker | 7 | 9 | 1 | - |
| VA Holder | 6 | 2 | 1 | - | JR Thomson | 21 | 21 | 2 | - |
| AME Roberts | | | | | DK Lillee | 16 | 19 | 1 | - |
| Extras | 17 | | | | Extras | 18 | | | |
| Total | 8/291 | | | | Total | 274 | | | |
| | 60 overs | | | | | 58.4 overs | | | |
| Fall: 1/13 (Fredericks), 2/27 (Kallicharran), 3/50 (Greenidge), 4/199 (Lloyd), 5/206 (Kanhai), 6/209 (Richards), 7/261 (Boyce), 8/285 (Murray) | | | | | Fall: 1/25 (McCosker), 2/81 (Turner), 3/115 (GS Chappell), 4/162 (IM Chappell), 5/170 (Walters), 6/195 (Marsh), 7/221 (Gilmore), 8/231 (Edwards), 9/233 (Walker), 10/274 (Thomson) | | | | |
| Australia Bowling: | | | | | West Indies Bowling: | | | | |
| | O | M | R | W | | O | M | R | W |
| Lillee | 12 | 1 | 55 | 1 | Julien | 12 | 0 | 58 | 0 |
| Gilmore | 12 | 2 | 48 | 5 | Roberts | 11 | 1 | 45 | 0 |
| Thomson | 12 | 1 | 44 | 2 | Boyce | 12 | 0 | 50 | 4 |
| Walker | 12 | 1 | 71 | 0 | Holder | 11.4 | 1 | 65 | 0 |
| GS Chappell | 7 | 0 | 33 | 0 | Lloyd | 12 | 1 | 38 | 1 |
| Walters | 5 | 0 | 23 | 0 | | | | | |

Following their win at the 1975 tournament the West Indies would go on to win the second World Cup in 1979 and be runner-up in the third event in 1983 – both latter events also being held in England. The men from the Caribbean had become a force in world cricket. They have, however, not appeared in an ODI World Cup Final since and did not qualify to compete in the most recent ODI World Cup played in India.

Over the years Australia and the West Indies have played 143 ODIs with Australia winning 76 and the West Indies 61 while three were tied and three yielded no result. Eighty of the matches have been played in Australia with 41 being won by the home team, 35 by the West Indies and three have yielded no result and one has been tied. In the West Indies the 48 matches played have resulted in 19 wins for the home team and 27 losses while two matches have been tied. The remaining 15 have been played at neutral venues; Australia winning eight and the West Indies seven.

The progressive results through the years appear to reflect the teams' relative standings in the cricket world at the time as set out below:

- In the first 50 ODIs played between the two teams the West Indies recorded 33 wins, Australia 16 with one tie. This was the period from 1975 to 1989 during which the West Indies was more highly ranked than Australia. Examination of the ODI results between the two teams during this period reveals one sequence of 10 wins and another of seven by the men from the Caribbean whereas Australia's best were two of three wins duration – one early in the period and the other at its end.
- The second period reviewed includes the years from 1989 to 2003 and at its end the two teams had played 100 ODIs together. At the end of this period the West Indies' cumulative total was 52 wins since the first match between the teams, Australia's total was 45 with two ties and one no result. During this period Australia won 29 matches including one sequence of nine compared to 19 by the West Indies whose best winning sequence was four. The West Indies performance overall began to decline during this period.
- The third and last period reviewed covers the years 2003 to 2021 and the remaining 43 ODIs played to date between the two teams. During this period the results from matches between the two teams reflected their respective standings internationally; Australia winning 31, the West Indies, whose performance had continued to deteriorate, nine, with two no result matches and one tie. Included in Australia's wins during this period were sequences of 10 and three interrupted by a no result and seven and three interrupted by a loss.

The most recent ODI played between the two teams was in Bridgetown, Barbados in the West Indies on 26 July, 2021.

Australia won the match by six wickets with 117 balls spare. Summary scores are set out below: West Indies won the toss and decided to bat:

At Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, Barbados, July, 26, 2021: **WEST INDIES 152** (45.1 overs) (E Lewis 55; JR Hazlewood 2/18, MA Starc 3/43, A Zampa 2/29, AC Agar 2/31) **lost to AUSTRALIA 4/153** (30.3 overs) (MS Wade 51*, AT Carey 35) **by six wickets**. *Player of the Match*: Ashton Agar.

AUSTRALIA V WEST INDIES: ODIs AT THE MCG

Twenty-eight ODIs have been played between the two countries at the MCG, the first in January 1979 and the most recent in February 2013. Australia has won 13 while the West Indies has won 13 with one match tied and the other yielded a no result.

The relative performance of the two countries at the MCG mirrors to some extent their performance against each other internationally. In the period from 1979 through to 1988 13 matches were played by the two teams at the MCG with the West Indians winning 12 and one was tied. This was a period when the West Indies, with their battery of fast bowlers backed up by reliable opening batsmen and a strong and aggressive middle order were at the top of world cricket. However, with the passing of the years and changes of personnel on the field the Caribbean team's performance fell away. In the period from 1989 to the most recent encounter in 2013 a further 15 matches have been played with Australia winning 13, West Indies one and one yielding a no result. Another possible factor in Australia's superiority over the West Indies during this later period may be 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.

The table below shows performance records between the two teams in ODIs played at the MCG

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|--|---|
| Highest innings score: | Australia 338/6 (50 overs), 9 February 2001 |
| Lowest completed innings score: | Australia 107 (32.2 overs), 24 January, 1982 |
| Best batting | ME Waugh, Australia 173 (16 fours, three sixes), 9 February 2001 |
| Best bowling | CEL Ambrose, West Indies 5/17 (8.2 overs), 15 December, 1988 |
| Highest partnership | DL Haynes, IVA Richards 205, second wicket, 9 December, 1979 |
| Best wicket-keeping | D Ramdin, West Indies, four dismissals (all caught), 7 February, 2010 |

The most recent MCG Australia-West Indies ODI was on 10 February, 2013. The West Indies won the toss and put Australia in to bat. Summary scores are set out below:

AUSTRALIA 5/274 (50 overs) (AC Voges 112*, BJ Haddin 43, SE Marsh 43, JP Faulkner 31*, DJ Bravo 2/62, TL Best 2/71) **defeated WEST INDIES 257** (49.5 overs) (J Charles 100, KA Pollard 45, DM Bravo 33; MG Johnson 3/50, CJ McKay 3/52) **by 17 runs.**

Player of the Match: Adam Voges, *Player of the Series:* Mitchell Starc

This was the final match in a five-match series between the two teams. The first two matches were played in Perth (Australia won the first by nine wickets and the second by 54 runs), the third was played in Canberra (Australia won by 39 runs) and the fourth in Sydney where Australia won by five wickets.

In matches between the two countries on the MCG the highest score is Australia's 9/338 scored off 50 overs on 9 February, 2001. The match was the second final played as part of a three-team tournament including Zimbabwe. West Indies' best is 299 scored in the same match. Australia's lowest completed innings score is 107 scored off 32.2 overs on 24 January, 1982 in a final of a three-team tournament including Pakistan. The West Indies' lowest is 143 scored off 34.2 overs on 7 February, 2010.

Three centuries have been scored by Australians in the 28 matches. The highest score is 173 by Mark Waugh on 9 February, 2001 including 16 fours and three sixes. Centuries have also been scored by Adam Voges (112 not out on 10 February, 2013) and David Boon (100 on 18 March, 1992). West Indian century-makers are Vivian Richards (153 not out including 16 fours, one six on 9 December, 1979, and 106 on 22 January, 1984), Desmond Haynes (123 not out on 6 January, 1985) and Johnson Charles (100 on 10 February, 2013). Seventeen century batting partnerships have been recorded between the two teams in the 28 MCG matches. Twelve have been scored by Australia. The highest partnership was for the second wicket between West Indians Desmond Haynes and Vivian Richards on 9 December, 1979 and yielded 205 runs. The highest Australian partnership was 136 for the fourth wicket between Michael Bevan and Mark Waugh on 9 February, 2001. Other notable partnerships were 135 (Steve Smith-Graeme Wood, first wicket, 10 February, 1985), 125 (Ricky Ponting-Mark Waugh, second wicket, 9 February, 2001) and 124 (Jeff Dujon-Augustine Logie, fourth wicket, 12 February, 1984).

The best bowling performance in the MCG ODIs played is 5/17 from 8.2 overs by the West Indian paceman Curtly Ambrose on 15 December 1988. For the Australians Mark Waugh is best with his 5/24 from six overs on 15 December, 1992. Other five-wicket hauls were made by Curtly Ambrose (5/26 on 14 January 1989), Joel Garner (5/31 on 12 February, 1984) and Brad Hogg (5/32 on 14 January, 2005).

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Highlights of the exhibition are displayed in the MCC Library foyer, with three rotations across the 12 months, we started with predominantly football-themed items in September, and moved to cricket-themed and summer sports items from December, & finally Olympic & general sport-themed items will be installed at the end of April and conclude in August 2024. Tours of specific groups of Library treasures will take place across the year & will be advertised on the MCC Library's social media & the Club's website. Search Instagram for the hashtag

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87/150 FEBRUARY 2 – [AUTOGRAPHS OF 1960-61 WEST INDIES TOURING CRICKET TEAM]

Sheet of paper with Victorian Cricket Association letterhead, listing members of the 1960/61 West Indies touring party names with their autographs alongside it.

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