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LIMITED-OVERS INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA V PAKISTAN

THE EARLY DAYS OF LIMITED-OVERS CRICKET

Limited-overs cricket had its origins in England, developing in response to the financial difficulties confronting English first-class county cricket after the Second World War, as match receipts and membership subscriptions declined. In the 1962 season four midland counties took part in a one-day tournament which proved so successful that in the following year the English authorities established a 65-over knockout competition involving each of the then 17 first-class counties. Sussex defeated Worcestershire in the final at Lord's watched by 25,000 spectators. The good public acceptance of the new version of the game led to the establishment of other one-day competitions in England and a financial boost to cricket.

Several years elapsed before one-day cricket spread to the other major cricketing nations. Australia, in 1969/70 was next, followed in 1970/71 by South Africa which was then entering its long period of isolation from international cricket. New Zealand, the West Indies, India and Pakistan each followed suit not long afterwards. A team from New Zealand competed in the first five seasons of the Australian tournament. Matches were limited to 40 eight-ball overs per side with each bowler restricted to a maximum of eight overs.

THE FIRST LIMITED-OVERS ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL

England, under the captaincy of Ray Illingworth, came to Australia in the 1970/71 summer to challenge for the Ashes which had been held by the home side since Richie Benaud's team was victorious in 1958/59. In the ensuing period Australia had prevailed during five series held in both countries.

The first two Tests in Brisbane and Perth were drawn with the third to be played in Melbourne. Up to that point in the match programme the weather had been hot and dry. However, a severe weather system then hit south-east Australia with persistent rain over the first three days resulting in the Melbourne Test match being abandoned and a sixth Test in Melbourne being programmed for later in the tour. The delayed Melbourne Test subsequently was played and England won the series two Tests to nil with four being drawn.

At the time of the abandonment of the Melbourne Test officials from both sides resolved that if fine weather applied on the original fifth day the two teams would play a one-day match with each batting for 40 eight-ball overs with no bowler being allowed to bowl for more than eight overs. This would provide some entertainment for the cricket supporters.

This match, played on 5 January, 1971, would become the initial One Day International and summary scores are set out below:

AUSTRALIA won the toss and put England into bat. **ENGLAND 190** (39.4 eight-ball overs) (JH Edrich 82; AA Mallett 3/34, KR Stackpole 3/40) **lost to AUSTRALIA 5/191** (34.6 overs) (IM Chappell 60, KD Walters 41; R Illingworth 3/50) **by five wickets**. *Player of the Match:* JH Edrich

It is now some 53 years since this first ODI was played and to date in excess of 4700 matches have been played around the cricket world. England and Australia have played 156 matches in all countries with Australia winning 88 and England 63 while two have been tied and three have yielded a no result. Australia's current opponent Pakistan had played 108 matches against it before the current series with Australia winning 70, Pakistan 34 with one match tied and three yielding a no result. Against all ODI opponents Australia has played 1000 matches resulting in 609 wins, 348 defeats and nine ties with 34 matches yielding a no result. From 970 matches played, Pakistan has won 512, lost 428, tied 9 and 21 have yielded a no result.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER AT THE MCG

Pakistan's 1992 World Cup Triumph

Pakistan		R	B	4	6	England		R	B	4	6		
Aamer Sohail	c Stewart b Pringle	4	19	-	-	* GA Gooch	c Aaqib b Mushtaq	29	66	1	-		
Rameez Raja	lbw b Pringle	8	26	1	-	IT Botham	c Moin b Wasim	0	6	-	-		
*Imran Khan	c Illingworth b Botham	72	110	5	1	+ AJ Stewart	c Moin b Aaqib Javed	7	16	1	-		
Javed Miandad	c Botham b Illingworth	58	98	4	-	GA Hick	lbw b Mushtaq Ahmed	17	36	1	-		
Inzamam-ul-Haq	b Pringle	42	35	4	-	N Fairbrother	c Moin b Aaqib	62	70	3	-		
Wasim Akram	run out	33	19	4	-	AJ Lamb	b Wasim Akram	31	41	2	-		
Saleem Malik	not out	0	-	-	-	CC Lewis	b Wasim Akram	0	6	-	-		
Ijaz Ahmed	did not bat					DA Reeve	c Rameez b Mushtaq	15	32	-	-		
+Moin Khan	did not bat					DR Pringle	not out	18	16	1	-		
Mushtaq	did not bat					PA DeFreitas	run out	10	8	-	-		
Ahmed													
Aaqib Javed	did not bat					RK Illingworth	c Rameez b Imran	14	11	2	-		
Extras	(19 lb, 7 nb, 6 w)	32				Extras	(5 lb, 6 nb, 13w)	24					
Total	50 overs	6/249				Total	49.2 overs	227					
Fall: 1/20 (Aamer Sohail, 4.6 ov.), 2/24 (Rameez Raja, 8.2), 3/163 (Javed Miandad 39.3), 4/197 (Imran Khan 43.3), 5/249 (Inzamam-ul-Haq 49.5), 6/249 (Wasim Akram 50)						Fall: 1/6 (Botham, 2.5 ov.), 2/21 (Stewart, 7.3), 3/59 (Hick, 18.6), 4/69 (Gooch, 20.5), 5/141 (Lamb, 34.5), 6/141 (Lewis, 34.6), 7/180, (Fairbrother, 42.5), 8/183 (Reeve, 43.6) 9/208 (DeFreitas, 47.1), 10/227 (Illingworth 49.2)							
England Bowling:	O	M	R	Wk	NB	Wd	Pakistan Bowling:	O	M	R	Wk	NB	Wd
Pringle	10	2	22	3	5	3	Wasim Akram	10	0	49	3	4	6
Lewis	10	2	52	0	2	1	Aaqib Javed	10	2	27	2	1	3
Botham	7	0	42	1	-	-	Mushtaq Ahmed	10	1	41	3	-	1
DeFreitas	10	1	42	0	-	1	Ijaz Ahmed	3	0	13	0	-	2
Illingworth	10	0	50	1	-	-	Imran Khan	6.2	0	43	1	1	-
Reeve	3	0	22	0	-	1	Aamer Sohail	10	0	49	0	-	1

Pakistan, which some considered fortunate to have reached the semi-finals of the tournament, had blossomed late. After winning only one of their first five qualifying matches they won the final three. A point earned in a no result match provided a buffer between Imran Khan's men and the Australian and West Indian teams. England had finished the qualifying stage comfortably in second position with five wins from their eight matches and an enviable run-rate. Both Pakistan and England comfortably won their semi-finals; setting the scene for the final.

Captain Imran Khan, in his fortieth year and nursing injury, won the toss and decided to bat. After losing Sohail and Raja (2/24) to the medium-pace of Pringle, Pakistan recovered with a 139-run partnership in 188 balls between Imran (72 and top score in the match) and Vice-Captain Javed Miandad (58). The two veterans had begun slowly and early in Imran's innings (when on nine from 16 overs) he was put down by Gooch; a mistake England would live to regret. The confidence of the two batsmen then blossomed and the total progressed to 163 before Javed was dismissed by Illingworth. Inzamam (42) and Akram (33 not out) provided good support to their Captain and his deputy later in the innings and both were dismissed off the final two balls of the innings; Inzamam being Pringle's third wicket. He had, however, bowled five no-balls and three wides; a potentially costly mistake in limited-over cricket.

Chasing 250 to win, England lost Botham (0) and Stewart (7) with only 21 scored. Hick (17) was next to depart at 59 and when Captain Gooch (29) became the second victim of leg-spinner Mushtaq, beaten by his googly, England (4/69) was in trouble. Lamb then joined Fairbrother (62) who would go on to top score and 72 were then added for the fifth wicket in 14 overs. Wasim Akram then returned and took the wickets of Lamb and Lewis in successive deliveries. With the score at 6/141 after 35 overs and Fairbrother the only upper-order batsman left, England's task seemed beyond it. Fairbrother, however, despite using a runner, saw another 39 added before he edged to Moin off Aaqib Javed. With contributions from the lower order the final gap was 22 runs; the last three wickets adding 47. The bowling of Wasim Akram (3/49), Mushtaq Ahmed (3/41) and Aaqib Javed (2/27) had been a key factor in Pakistan's win.

Wasim Akram (3/49 and 33) was judged "Man of the Match".

AUSTRALIA AND PAKISTAN AT ODI WORLD CUPS

The two countries have competed in the 13 ODI World Cups played to date around the cricket world. The table below summarises their performance in each tournament.

Year	Australia						Pakistan					
	P	W	L	T	NR	Performance	P	W	L	T	NR	Performance
1975	5	3	2	--	-	Second at Group stage Won Semi-Final. Lost Final.	3	1	2	-	-	Eliminated at Group stage.
1979	3	1	2	-	-	Eliminated at Group stage	4	2	2	-	-	Second at Group stage Lost Semi-Final
1983	6	2	4	-	-	Eliminated at Group stage	7	3	4	-	-	Second at Group stage Lost Semi-Final.
1987	8	7	1	-	-	Second at Group stage Won Semi-Final and Final	7	5	2	-	-	First at Group stage Lost Semi-Final
1992	8	4	4	-	-	Eliminated at Qualifying stage	10	6	3	-	1	Fourth at Qualifying stage.
1996	8	5	3	-	-	Second after Group stage Won Quarter and Semi-Finals. Lost Final	6	4	2	-	-	Second after Group stage Eliminated after Quarter Final stage
1999	12	8	4	-	-	Second after Group stage Second after Super-Six stage Won Semi-Final on run rate Won Final	12	8	4	-	-	First after Group stage. First after Super-Six stage Won Semi-Final Lost Final
2003	13	13	-	-	-	First after Pool stage First after Super-Six stage Won Semi-Final and Final	6	2	3	-	1	Eliminated after Pool stage
2007	12	12	-	-	-	Top after Group stage Top after Super Eight stage Won Semi-Final and Final	3	1	2	-	-	Eliminated after Group stage
2011	7	4	2	-	1	Third after Group stage Eliminated at Quarter Final stage	8	6	2	-	-	Top after Group Stage Top after Quarter Final stage Eliminated after Semi Final stage
2015	9	7	1	-	1	Second after Pool stage. Won Quarter-Final Won Semi-Final and Final	7	4	3	-	-	Third after Pool stage Eliminated after Quarter-Final stage.
2019	10	7	3	-	-	Second after Qualifying stage Eliminated after Semi-Final stage.	9	5	3	-	1	Eliminated after Qualifying stage
2023	11	9	2	-	-	Third after Qualifying stage Won Semi-Final and Final	9	4	5			Eliminated after Qualifying stage

Notes on Table:

- In the 13 ODI World Cups staged around the cricket world to date Australia has played 112 matches, winning 82, losing 28 and two have yielded a No Result. Pakistan's corresponding statistics are 91, 37, and three.
- Both countries have competed in all tournaments; Australia winning in 1987, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2015, and 2023 while Pakistan's only win was in the 1992 event where the final was staged at the MCG.
- Australia was runner-up in 1975 and 1996 while Pakistan only had a similar finish in the 1999 tournament.
- Australia was eliminated from four tournaments prior to the semi-final stage. Pakistan has met the same fate on seven occasions.

MCG ODI CRICKET RECORDS

Largest attendance:	93,013 Australia v New Zealand WC Final, March 29, 2015
Largest Pakistan attendance:	68,179 v Australia, World Series Cup, January 12, 1993
Highest team total:	5/355 (48 overs), Australia v England, November 22, 2022
Highest individual score:	180 JJ Roy, England v Australia, January 14, 2018
Best bowling innings:	6/42 AB Agarkar, India v Australia, January 9, 2004
Most career runs:	RT Ponting (2108 runs @ average of 56.97)
Most wickets:	SK Warne (46 wickets @ average of 22.60)
Most wicket-keeping dismissals:	IA Healy (50 – 46 catches, 4 stumpings)
Most appearances:	Allan Border (60)

AUSTRALIA AND PAKISTAN IN ODIs

The First Match Played Against Each Other

Australia played its first ODI against Pakistan at Leeds on 7 June 1975 during the inaugural World Cup. Summary scores of the match are set out below:

AUSTRALIA won the toss and decided to bat. **AUSTRALIA 7/278** (60 overs) (R Edwards 80*, A Turner 46, GS Chappell 45; Naseer Malik 2/37, Imran Khan 2/44) **defeated PAKISTAN 205** (53 overs) (Majid J. Khan 65, Asif Iqbal 53, Wasim Raja 31; DK Lillee 5/34, MHN Walker 2/32) **by 73 runs**. “*Man of the Match*”: Dennis Lillee.

The Australian openers, Turner and McCosker, put on 63 steadily-made runs and after controlled driving around the ground by the Chappell brothers the score had reached 148 after 40 overs. The Pakistani bowling attack had not been savaged by the batsmen but neither had they made a serious impact on the innings. At the fall of Walters' wicket Edwards came to the crease and played the innings of the match; an outstanding display of power hitting to all parts of the ground yielding 80 undefeated runs. During his innings and over Australia's final 20 overs the score was more than doubled. In the final stages of the innings Edwards received handy assistance from tailenders Walker (18) and Thomson (20).

The Pakistan response began shakily with the third wicket falling at 68; Sadiq, Zaheer and Mushtaq all failing against an aggressive pace attack led by Lillee. Recovery, however, came from the Captain Asif Iqbal and opener Majid Khan; both hitting half-centuries. The batting was a mix of edged shots and mistimed drives punctuated by classical shots as only those from the sub-continent can play. With the score at 4/181 and Iqbal and Wasim Raja at the crease there was hope of victory among supporters. The situation then changed drastically. Iqbal and Raja were dismissed within eight runs by Lillee and Walker and a quick fold-up of the tail then took place. Six wickets had fallen for 24 runs. The seamers Lillee, Thomson and Walker had taken eight wickets between them. Lillee's 5/34 from 12 overs earned him the “*Man of the Match*” award.

Australia finished second to the West Indies in its World Cup Group with two wins from three matches. They won their Semi-Final at Headingley against England but lost by 17 runs to the West Indies in the Final at Lord's. Pakistan was in the same Group as Australia but won only one match and was eliminated from the tournament at the Group stage.

Pakistan's First ODI

This match was played in New Zealand as part of a three-Test tour by Pakistan. The visitors won the series 1-0. It was Pakistan's first Test series win overseas. The ODI was played at Lancaster Park, Christchurch some two years after Australia and England had played the match which became the first ODI. Summary scores of Pakistan's first ODI are set out below:

At Lancaster Park, Christchurch, 11 February, 1973 (40-over match, maximum eight-overs per bowler) **PAKISTAN** won the toss and decided to field. **NEW ZEALAND 187** (38.3 overs) (MG Burgess 47, KJ Wadsworth 30; Sarfraz Nawaz 4/46, Saleem Altaf 2/22) **defeated PAKISTAN 165** (33.3 overs) (Sadiq Mohammad 37; DR Hadlee 4/34, BE Congdon 2/17, HJ Howarth 2/30) **by 22 runs**. “*Batsman of the Match*”: Sadiq Mohammad, “*Bowlers of the Match*”: Sarfraz Nawaz, Dale Hadlee.

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