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Shane Warne vs South Africa in Test cricket

A glance at our companion "Australia v South Africa Statistical Supplement" for the Boxing Day Test reveals an enormous lead at the top of the "Career Wickets" table for SK Warne as the leading wicket taker with 130. Warne is followed by CV Grimmett on 77 and DW Styne on 70. As a tribute to the late, great, Shane Warne on the first day of Test cricket at the MCG since his death, we would like to dedicate today's Fact Sheet to his 130 Test wickets against South Africa.

Career averages

	Span	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	SR	5	10
Vs all opponents	1992-2007	145	273	6784.1	1761	17995	708	8/71	12/128	25.41	2.65	57.4	37	10
Vs South Africa	1993-2006	24	45	1321.2	367	3142	130	7/56	12/128	24.16	2.37	60.9	7	2

Shane Warne's first South African Test wicket was WJ Cronje, caught by DC Boon for 71 in the first innings of the drawn 1993 Boxing Day Test. Mark Waugh and Craig McDermott took the only two other South African wickets in the badly rain affected match. Warne made up for it in the next Test, the New Year match at the SCG. He took 7/56 and 5/72 in Australia's five run loss. It was his first 10+ wicket haul in a match, and the 7/56 would be his most wickets in an innings haul against South Africa.

Overall Warne took seven five+ wickets in an inning seven times in his 24 Tests against South Africa. Four of these were at the SCG, and one each at Adelaide, Cape Town and Kingsmead. He took 10+ wickets in a match against South Africa twice, both at the SCG, in the 1994 and 1998 New Year Tests.

Batter	How out	Fielder	Runs	Inns	Ground	Start Date	
WJ Cronje	caught	DC Boon	71	2	Melbourne	26 Dec 1993	Test # 1242
DJ Cullinan	bowled		9	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
JN Rhodes	lbw		4	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
G Kirsten	stumped	IA Healy	67	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
DJ Richardson	caught	MA Taylor	4	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
KC Wessels	caught	SK Warne	3	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
CR Matthews	caught	MA Taylor	0	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
PL Symcox	bowled		7	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
KC Wessels	bowled		18	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
DJ Cullinan	lbw		2	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
CR Matthews	caught	ME Waugh	4	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
PS de Villiers	lbw		2	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
AA Donald	caught	IA Healy	10	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1994	Test # 1243
PN Kirsten	caught	ME Waugh	79	2	Adelaide	28 Jan 1994	Test # 1246
WJ Cronje	lbw		3	4	Adelaide	28 Jan 1994	Test # 1246
G Kirsten	bowled		7	4	Adelaide	28 Jan 1994	Test # 1246
BM McMillan	lbw		4	4	Adelaide	28 Jan 1994	Test # 1246
RP Snell	caught	SK Warne	1	4	Adelaide	28 Jan 1994	Test # 1246
DJ Richardson	lbw		31	1	Johannesburg	4 Mar 1994	Test # 1252
AC Hudson	bowled		60	3	Johannesburg	4 Mar 1994	Test # 1252
KC Wessels	caught	AR Border	50	3	Johannesburg	4 Mar 1994	Test # 1252
DJ Richardson	caught	AR Border	20	3	Johannesburg	4 Mar 1994	Test # 1252
BM McMillan	bowled		24	3	Johannesburg	4 Mar 1994	Test # 1252
PN Kirsten	lbw		70	1	Cape Town	17 Mar 1994	Test # 1253
BM McMillan	bowled		74	1	Cape Town	17 Mar 1994	Test # 1253
PS de Villiers	caught	MA Taylor	7	1	Cape Town	17 Mar 1994	Test # 1253
G Kirsten	lbw		10	3	Cape Town	17 Mar 1994	Test # 1253

PN Kirsten	caught	MA Taylor	3	3	Cape Town	17 Mar 1994	Test # 1253
PS de Villiers	lbw		0	3	Cape Town	17 Mar 1994	Test # 1253
WJ Cronje	caught	SR Waugh	26	2	Durban	25 Mar 1994	Test # 1256
JN Rhodes	lbw		78	2	Durban	25 Mar 1994	Test # 1256
DJ Richardson	caught	PR Reiffel	59	2	Durban	25 Mar 1994	Test # 1256
CR Matthews	lbw		1	2	Durban	25 Mar 1994	Test # 1256
WJ Cronje	caught	ME Waugh	76	1	Johannesburg	28 Feb 1997	Test # 1356
PR Adams	lbw		15	1	Johannesburg	28 Feb 1997	Test # 1356
G Kirsten	bowled		8	3	Johannesburg	28 Feb 1997	Test # 1356
DJ Cullinan	caught	IA Healy	0	3	Johannesburg	28 Feb 1997	Test # 1356
JN Rhodes	lbw		8	3	Johannesburg	28 Feb 1997	Test # 1356
JH Kallis	bowled		39	3	Johannesburg	28 Feb 1997	Test # 1356
DJ Richardson	caught	GD McGrath	47	1	Gqeberha	14 Mar 1997	Test # 1360
BM McMillan	caught	SR Waugh	55	1	Gqeberha	14 Mar 1997	Test # 1360
AA Donald	caught	SK Warne	9	1	Gqeberha	14 Mar 1997	Test # 1360
SM Pollock	lbw		17	3	Gqeberha	14 Mar 1997	Test # 1360
PR Adams	caught	MA Taylor	1	3	Gqeberha	14 Mar 1997	Test # 1360
WJ Cronje	caught	GS Blewett	0	2	Melbourne	26 Dec 1997	Test # 1392
SM Pollock	lbw		7	2	Melbourne	26 Dec 1997	Test # 1392
L Klusener	lbw		11	2	Melbourne	26 Dec 1997	Test # 1392
AM Bacher	caught	MA Taylor	39	4	Melbourne	26 Dec 1997	Test # 1392
DJ Cullinan	bowled		0	4	Melbourne	26 Dec 1997	Test # 1392
BM McMillan	caught	MA Taylor	16	4	Melbourne	26 Dec 1997	Test # 1392
SM Pollock	caught	MA Taylor	18	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
DJ Richardson	bowled		6	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
WJ Cronje	caught	MA Taylor	88	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
PL Symcox	caught	IA Healy	29	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
PR Adams	caught	SR Waugh	0	1	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
WJ Cronje	caught	RT Ponting	5	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
HH Gibbs	caught	GS Blewett	1	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
BM McMillan	bowled		11	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
SM Pollock	caught	MA Taylor	4	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
DJ Richardson	caught	SK Warne	0	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
JH Kallis	bowled		45	3	Sydney	2 Jan 1998	Test # 1393
WJ Cronje	bowled		73	1	Adelaide	30 Jan 1998	Test # 1397
DJ Richardson	caught	MA Taylor	15	1	Adelaide	30 Jan 1998	Test # 1397
AM Bacher	caught	SCG MacGill	41	3	Adelaide	30 Jan 1998	Test # 1397
HH Gibbs	stumped	AC Gilchrist	78	2	Adelaide	14 Dec 2001	Test # 1576
L Klusener	bowled		22	2	Adelaide	14 Dec 2001	Test # 1576
SM Pollock	caught	AC Gilchrist	0	2	Adelaide	14 Dec 2001	Test # 1576
MV Boucher	caught	JL Langer	64	2	Adelaide	14 Dec 2001	Test # 1576
M Ntini	caught	RT Ponting	9	2	Adelaide	14 Dec 2001	Test # 1576
G Kirsten	caught	RT Ponting	7	4	Adelaide	14 Dec 2001	Test # 1576
SM Pollock	caught	RT Ponting	1	4	Adelaide	14 Dec 2001	Test # 1576
CW Henderson	caught	RT Ponting	3	4	Adelaide	14 Dec 2001	Test # 1576
HH Dippenaar	caught	ML Hayden	23	3	Melbourne	26 Dec 2001	Test # 1580
ND McKenzie	caught	AC Gilchrist	12	3	Melbourne	26 Dec 2001	Test # 1580
MV Boucher	caught	ME Waugh	0	3	Melbourne	26 Dec 2001	Test # 1580
ND McKenzie	bowled		20	2	Sydney	2 Jan 2002	Test # 1582
JL Ontong	lbw		9	2	Sydney	2 Jan 2002	Test # 1582
MV Boucher	caught	RT Ponting	35	2	Sydney	2 Jan 2002	Test # 1582
JH Kallis	caught	AC Gilchrist	34	3	Sydney	2 Jan 2002	Test # 1582
JL Ontong	lbw		32	3	Sydney	2 Jan 2002	Test # 1582
AA Donald	caught	B Lee	2	3	Sydney	2 Jan 2002	Test # 1582
HH Gibbs	lbw		34	2	Johannesburg	22 Feb 2002	Test # 1590
A Nel	lbw		7	2	Johannesburg	22 Feb 2002	Test # 1590
AG Prince	bowled		28	3	Johannesburg	22 Feb 2002	Test # 1590
HH Gibbs	stumped	AC Gilchrist	47	3	Johannesburg	22 Feb 2002	Test # 1590
HH Dippenaar	lbw		1	3	Johannesburg	22 Feb 2002	Test # 1590

MV Boucher	bowled		1	3	Johannesburg	22 Feb 2002	Test # 1590
ND McKenzie	bowled		20	1	Cape Town	8 Mar 2002	Test # 1593
M Ntini	caught	ME Waugh	14	1	Cape Town	8 Mar 2002	Test # 1593
HH Gibbs	caught	RT Ponting	39	3	Cape Town	8 Mar 2002	Test # 1593
GC Smith	caught	AC Gilchrist	68	3	Cape Town	8 Mar 2002	Test # 1593
JH Kallis	lbw		73	3	Cape Town	8 Mar 2002	Test # 1593
AG Prince	caught	RT Ponting	20	3	Cape Town	8 Mar 2002	Test # 1593
M Ntini	caught	JL Langer	11	3	Cape Town	8 Mar 2002	Test # 1593
D Pretorius	caught	ME Waugh	0	3	Cape Town	8 Mar 2002	Test # 1593
JH Kallis	caught	SK Warne	16	2	Durban	15 Mar 2002	Test # 1595
AG Prince	caught	B Lee	0	2	Durban	15 Mar 2002	Test # 1595
MV Boucher	caught	SK Warne	0	2	Durban	15 Mar 2002	Test # 1595
M Ntini	caught	GD McGrath	14	2	Durban	15 Mar 2002	Test # 1595
ND McKenzie	caught	ML Hayden	4	4	Durban	15 Mar 2002	Test # 1595
AG Prince	caught	ME Waugh	48	4	Durban	15 Mar 2002	Test # 1595
AB de Villiers	bowled		68	2	Perth	16 Dec 2005	Test # 1777
AG Prince	lbw		28	2	Perth	16 Dec 2005	Test # 1777
MV Boucher	caught	ML Hayden	62	2	Perth	16 Dec 2005	Test # 1777
AB de Villiers	caught	BJ Hodge	12	4	Perth	16 Dec 2005	Test # 1777
AG Prince	lbw		8	4	Perth	16 Dec 2005	Test # 1777
JM Kemp	caught	RT Ponting	55	4	Perth	16 Dec 2005	Test # 1777
AG Prince	caught	RT Ponting	6	2	Melbourne	26 Dec 2005	Test # 1779
N Boje	bowled		12	2	Melbourne	26 Dec 2005	Test # 1779
AB de Villiers	stumped	AC Gilchrist	8	4	Melbourne	26 Dec 2005	Test # 1779
HH Gibbs	bowled		9	4	Melbourne	26 Dec 2005	Test # 1779
MV Boucher	caught	RT Ponting	5	4	Melbourne	26 Dec 2005	Test # 1779
AG Prince	caught	ML Hayden	26	4	Melbourne	26 Dec 2005	Test # 1779
AG Prince	lbw		119	1	Sydney	2 Jan 2006	Test # 1780
A Nel	caught	BJ Hodge	12	1	Sydney	2 Jan 2006	Test # 1780
GC Smith	lbw		16	3	Cape Town	16 Mar 2006	Test # 1789
JA Rudolph	bowled		41	3	Cape Town	16 Mar 2006	Test # 1789
M Ntini	caught	MS Kasprovicz	6	3	Cape Town	16 Mar 2006	Test # 1789
AG Prince	caught	A Symonds	33	2	Durban	24 Mar 2006	Test # 1792
JA Rudolph	caught	MEK Hussey	13	2	Durban	24 Mar 2006	Test # 1792
AB de Villiers	stumped	AC Gilchrist	46	4	Durban	24 Mar 2006	Test # 1792
GC Smith	caught	JL Langer	40	4	Durban	24 Mar 2006	Test # 1792
JH Kallis	lbw		7	4	Durban	24 Mar 2006	Test # 1792
JA Rudolph	caught	JL Langer	36	4	Durban	24 Mar 2006	Test # 1792
A Nel	caught	ML Hayden	14	4	Durban	24 Mar 2006	Test # 1792
M Ntini	lbw		0	4	Durban	24 Mar 2006	Test # 1792
JA Rudolph	caught	ML Hayden	25	1	Johannesburg	31 Mar 2006	Test # 1795
HH Gibbs	caught	DR Martyn	53	3	Johannesburg	31 Mar 2006	Test # 1795
AG Prince	caught	A Symonds	9	3	Johannesburg	31 Mar 2006	Test # 1795
N Boje	caught	A Symonds	4	3	Johannesburg	31 Mar 2006	Test # 1795

Thanks to Eddie Perfect's *Shane Warne the Musical*, we think of Darryl Cullinan as Warne's "Bunny in the Headlights". In actual fact, Warne only dismissed Cullinan in four Test innings. Of his other South African victims, Warne dismissed Hansie Cronje and David Richardson eight times, Mark Boucher and Herschelle Gibbs seven times, Jacques Kallis, Brian McMillan, Makhaya Ntini and Shaun Pollock six times, and Gary Kirsten five times. However Warne's real South African bunny was Ashwell Prince, who was out to Warne in eight consecutive Test innings (a Test record), and 11 times in total.

For the eight consecutive Test dismissals, Warne started by having Prince caught by RT Ponting for 20 in Cape Town on March 11, 2002. He was then caught for a duck by B Lee, and caught ME Waugh for 48 at Durban on March 16 & 18, 2002. In Perth in December 2005, Warne dismissed Prince LBW in both innings – for 28 on the 17th, and for 8 on the 20th. At the 2005 Boxing Day Test Warne had Prince caught by RT Ponting for 6 on December 28, and caught by ML Hayden for 26 on December 30. Finally at the SCG on January 3, 2006, Warne trapped Prince LBW when he was on 119. The run was broken in the 2nd innings when Prince was caught on 18 by RT Ponting off the bowling of SCG MacGill.

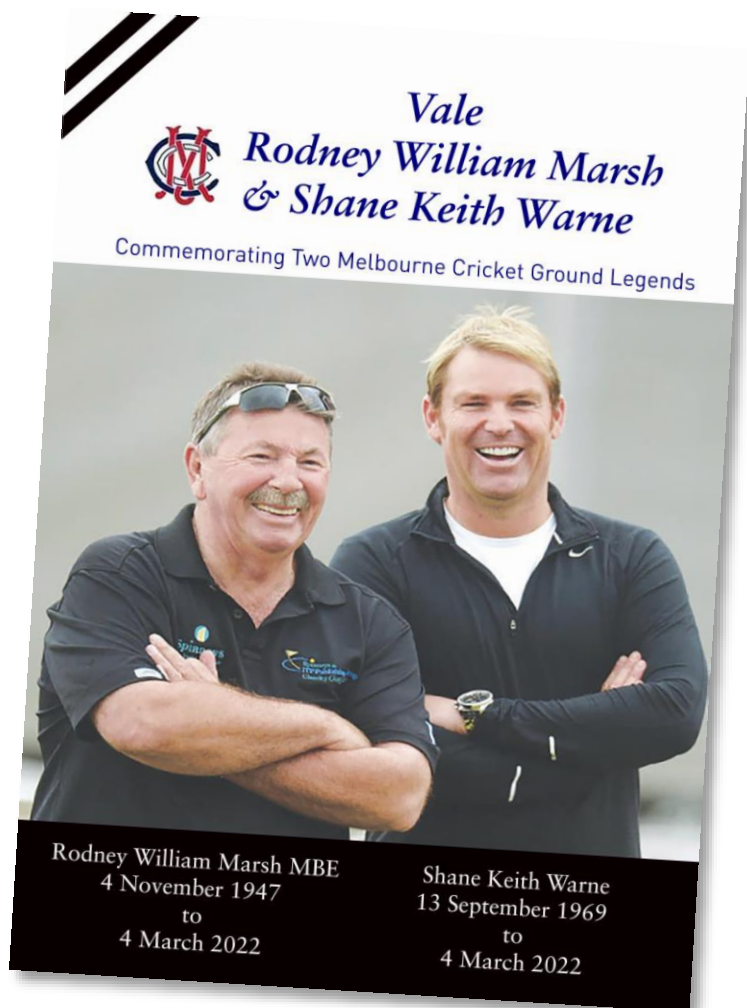
Our memorial tribute booklet to Rod Marsh and Shane Warne is available from the MCC Library reference desk during the 2022 Boxing Day Test.

This contains statistical analysis of their two careers, and their achievements in Test and One Day International matches on the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

We look at Marsh's century during the 1977 Centenary Test, the first by an Australian wicketkeeper. We also look at his involvement in the inaugural One-Day international in 1971.

In the section commemorating Shane Warne, we look at his hat-trick during the 1994 Boxing Day Test against England, as well as his three 5+ wicket hauls in Tests at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. We also detail the Shane Warne statue by Louis Laumen that was unveiled on Thursday December 22, 2011.

A digital version is available on the MCC Library catalogue



Test Cricket at the MCG

Beginning with the inaugural Test match in March 1877, 114 Tests have been staged at the MCG. South Africa has been involved in 12 of the Tests played here. Australia has won 7 of these contests and South Africa 3, with the other two drawn.

Other sides to play Tests at the MCG are England (57) the West Indies (15), India (14), Pakistan (10), New Zealand (4) and Sri Lanka (2). One Test, scheduled against England in 1970/71, was abandoned without a ball bowled and is not counted in the records.

Boxing Day Tests at the MCG

Traditionally, the Victoria versus New South Wales Sheffield Shield clash was played at the MCG over Christmas, and prior to the 1968/69 season, only two MCG Tests had included play on Boxing Day: the 2nd Test against England in 1950/51, which began on Friday December 22 (Boxing Day, a Tuesday, being the third day of the match), and the 2nd Test against South Africa in 1952/53, which commenced on Christmas Eve.

The first Test to **begin** on Boxing Day at the MCG was the 2nd Test against the West Indies in 1968/69, the 56th at the ground, when bleak conditions restricted the attendance to 18,786. During the following decade only two MCG Tests featured play on December 26: the 2nd Test against England in 1974/75, and the 2nd Test against the West Indies the following season, both of which commenced on that day.

Since 1980/81, only one season has not featured Test cricket at the MCG on Boxing Day. This was in 1989/90 when, owing to the late arrival of the Pakistan team, a One-Day International against Sri Lanka was played instead, the MCG Test involving Pakistan being put back to mid-January.

MCG Tests have begun on Boxing Day in each of the other seasons during this period, apart from 1984/85, when the 4th Test against the West Indies started on December 22 and in 1988/89 and 1994/95, when matches against the West Indies and England both commenced on Christmas Eve.

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