



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

BOXING DAY TEST
DECEMBER 26-30 2022

AUSTRALIA v SOUTH AFRICA DAY 1
LIBRARY STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT

During the period 15 to 19 March 1877 a match played between an Australian eleven and Lillywhite's English Team on the MCG was subsequently recognised as the first Test. South Africa played its first Test against England at Port Elizabeth (now known as Gqeberha) in March 1889.

AUSTRALIA v SOUTH AFRICA IN TESTS

Team Statistics based on MCG Matches

Match Results Summary (includes the first Test of the current series)

Location	Australia					South Africa				
	P	W	L	T	D	P	W	L	T	D
Australian Venues				-						
MCG	12	7	3	-	2	12	3	7	-	2
SCG	11	8	1	-	2	11	1	8	-	2
Adelaide	9	4	2	-	3	9	2	4	-	3
Brisbane	5	3	-	-	2	5	-	3	-	2
Perth	4	-	3	-	1	4	3	-	-	1
Hobart	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	42	22	10	-	10	42	10	22	-	10
South African Venues										
Johannesburg	19	9	4	-	6	19	4	9	-	6
Cape Town	14	10	4	-	-	14	4	10	-	-
Durban	12	6	3	-	3	12	3	6	-	3
Gqeberha (Fmy Port Elizabeth)	7	3	4	-	-	7	4	3	-	-
Centurion	2	1	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
TOTALS	54	29	16	-	9	54	16	29	-	9
TOTALS AT ALL VENUES	96	51	26		19	96	26	51	-	19

Completed Series Results Summary

In Australia	Tsts	Won by		Dr	Series Result	In Sth. Africa	Tsts	Won by		Dr	Series Result
		Aus	S Afr					Aus	S Afr		
1910/11	5	4	1	-	Aus	1902/03	3	2	-	1	Aus
1931/32	5	5	-	-	Aus	1921/22	3	1	-	2	Aus
1952/53	5	2	2	1	Tied	1935/36	5	4	-	1	Aus
1963/64	5	1	1	3	Tied	1949/50	5	4	-	1	Aus
1993/94	3	1	1	1	Tied	1957/58	5	3	-	2	Aus
1997/98	3	1	-	2	Aus	1966/67	5	1	3	1	Sth Afr
2001/02	3	3	-	-	Aus	1969/70	4	-	4	-	Sth Afr
2005/06	3	2	-	1	Aus	1993/94	3	1	1	1	Tied
2008/09	3	1	2	-	Sth Afr	1996/97	3	2	1	-	Aus
2012/13	3	-	1	2	Sth Afr	2001/02	3	2	1	-	Aus
2016/17	3	1	2	-	Sth Afr	2005/06	3	3	-	-	Aus
						2008/09	3	2	1	-	Aus
						2011/12	2	1	1	-	Tied
						2013/14	3	2	1	-	Aus
						2017/18	4	1	3	-	Sth Afr

NOTE: Matches played between Australia and South Africa in England in 1912 as part of the triangular tournament are not included.

Series in Australia				Series in South Africa			
Played	Aus Won	Sth Africa. Won	Drawn	Played	Aus Won	Sth Africa. Won	Drawn
11	5	3	3	15	10	3	2

Australia v South Africa: Test Match Summary Results at the MCG

At MCG, 31 December, 1910 (1910/11 South African tour of Australia): Australia won the Toss. **AUSTRALIA 348** (W Bardsley 85, WW Armstrong 75, VS Ransford 58, C Hill 39*, VT Trumper 34) **and 327** (VT Trumper 159, C Kelleway 48; RO Schwarz 4/76, CB Llewellyn 4/81) **defeated SOUTH AFRICA 506** (GA Faulkner 204, SJ Snooke 77, JH Sinclair 58*, JW Zulch 42, AW Nourse 33; WW Armstrong 4/134, WJ Whitty 3/81) **and 80** (WJ Whitty 6/17, A Cotter 4/47) **by 89 runs**.

At MCG, 17 February, 1911: South Africa won the toss. **AUSTRALIA 328** (W Bardsley 82, VS Ransford 75, C Kelleway 59, WW Armstrong 48; SJ Pegler 3/40) **and 578** (WW Armstrong 132, C Hill 100, VS Ransford 95, VT Trumper 87, DRA Gers 58, WJ Whitty 39*; GA Faulkner 3/101) **defeated SOUTH AFRICA 205** (AW Nourse 92*, PW Sherwell 41; WJ Whitty 4/78, HV Hordern 3/39) **and 171** (GA Faulkner 80; HV Hordern 5/66) **by 530 runs**.

At MCG, 31 December, 1931 (1931/32 South African tour of Australia): Australia won the toss. **AUSTRALIA 198** (KE Rigg 68, AF Kippax 52; AJ Bell 5/69, NA Quinn 4/42) **and 554** (DG Bradman 167, WM Woodfull 161, SJ McCabe 71, AF Kippax 67, WH Ponsford 34; Q McMillan 4/150, CL Vincent 4/154) **defeated SOUTH AFRICA 358** (KG Viljoen 111, SH Curnow 47, HB Cameron 39, DPB Morkel 33; H Ironmonger 3/72, TW Wall 3/98) **and 225** (JAJ Christy 63, B Mitchell 46, HW Taylor 38, CL Vincent 34; CV Grimmett 6/92, H Ironmonger 4/54) **by 169 runs**.

At MCG, 12 February, 1932: South Africa won the toss. **SOUTH AFRICA 36** (H Ironmonger 5/6, LJ Nash 4/18) **and 45** (H Ironmonger 6/18, WJ O'Reilly 3/19) **lost to AUSTRALIA 153** (AF Kippax 42, JHW Fingleton 40; NA Quinn 3/29, Q McMillan 3/29, AJ Bell 3/52) **by an innings and 72 runs**.

At MCG, 24 December, 1952 (1952/53 South African tour of Australia): South Africa won the toss. **SOUTH AFRICA 227** (ARA Murray 51, DJ McGlew 46; KR Miller 4/62, RR Lindwall 3/29) **and 388** (WR Endean 162*, JHB Waite 62, RA McLean 42; KR Miller 3/51) **defeated AUSTRALIA 243** (CC McDonald 82, KR Miller 52, AR Morris 43; HJ Tayfield 6/84, PNF Mansell 3/58) **and 290** (RN Harvey 60, DT Ring 53, R Benaud 45, KR Miller 31; HJ Tayfield 7/81) **by 82 runs**.

At MCG, 6 February, 1953: Australia won the toss. **AUSTRALIA 520** (RN Harvey 205, AR Morris 99, ID Craig 53, CC McDonald 41, AL Hassett 40; ERH Fuller 3/74, HJ Tayfield 3/129) **and 209** (ID Craig 47, AR Morris 44, AL Hassett 30, R Benaud 30; ERH Fuller 5/66, HJ Tayfield 3/73) **lost to SOUTH AFRICA 435** (JC Watkins 92, RA McLean 81, JE Cheetham 66, JHB Waite 64, PNF Mansell 52; WJ Johnstone 6/152) **and 4/297** (RA McLean 76, WR Endean 70, JC Watkins 50, HJ Keith 40*, KJ Funston 35) **by six wickets**.

At MCG, 1 January, 1964 (1963/64 South African tour of Australia): Australia won the toss. **SOUTH AFRICA 274** (EJ Barlow 109, KC Bland 50; GD McKenzie 4/82) **and 306** (JHB Waite 77, AJ Pithey 76, EJ Barlow 54, PL van der Merwe 31; NJN Hawke 3/53) **lost to Australia 447** (WM Lawry 157, IR Redpath 97, BK Shepherd 96; JT Partridge 4/108, PM Pollock 3/98) **and 2/136** (RB Simpson 55*) **by eight wickets**.

At MCG, 26 December, 1993 (1993/94 South African tour of Australia): Australia won the toss. **AUSTRALIA 7/342 dec.** (MA Taylor 170, ME Waugh 84, MJ Slater 32; CR Matthews 3/68) **drew with SOUTH AFRICA 3/258** (WJ Cronje 71, AC Hudson 64, KC Wessels 63*, JN Rhodes 35*). *Player of the Match: Mark Taylor*

At MCG, 26 December, 1997 (1997/98 South African tour of Australia): Australia won the toss. **AUSTRALIA 309** (RT Ponting 105, SR Waugh 96; PL Symcox 4/89, AA Donald 3/74) **and 257** (PR Reiffel 79*, MA Taylor 59, RT Ponting 32; AA Donald 6/59, SM Pollock 3/56) **drew with SOUTH AFRICA 186** (G Kirsten 83, BM McMillan 48; MR Kasprovicz 3/28, SK Warne 3/64) **and 7/273** (JH Kallis 101, WJ Cronje 70, AM Bacher 39; SK Warne 3/97). *Player of the Match: Jaques Kallis*

At MCG, 26 December, 2001 (2001/02 South African tour of Australia): Australia won the toss. **SOUTH AFRICA 277** (ND McKenzie 67, MV Boucher 43, SM Pollock 42*, JH Kallis 38; AJ Bichel 3/44, B Lee 3/77) **and 219** (JH Kallis 99; SK Warne 3/68) **lost to AUSTRALIA 487** (ML Hayden 138, SR Waugh 90, JL Langer 85, DR Martyn 52, ME Waugh 34, AC Gilchrist 30*; SM Pollock 3/64) **and 1/10 by nine wickets**. *Player of the Match: Matthew Hayden*

At MCG, 26 December, 2005 (2005/06 South African tour of Australia): Australia won the toss. **AUSTRALIA 355** (MEK Hussey 122, RT Ponting 117, ML Hayden 65; A Nel 4/84, SM Pollock 3/67, M Ntini 3/70) **and 7/321 dec.** (ML Hayden 137, A Symonds 72, MEK Hussey 31) **defeated SOUTH AFRICA 311** (HH Gibbs 94, AB de Villiers 61; A Symonds 3/50, B Lee 3/92) **and 181** (SM Pollock 67; SK Warne 4/74, GD McGrath 3/44) **by 184 runs**. *Player of the match: Mike Hussey*

At MCG, 26 December, 2008 (2008/09 South African tour of Australia): Australia won the toss. **AUSTRALIA 394** (RT Ponting 101, MJ Clarke 88*, SM Katich 54, BJ Haddin 40; DW Steyn 5/87) **and 247** (RT Ponting 99, MG Johnson 43; DW Steyn 5/67) **lost to SOUTH AFRICA 459** (JP Duminy 166, DW Steyn 76, GC Smith 62, PL Harris 39; PM Siddle 4/81, NM Hauritz 3/98) **and 1/183** (GC Smith 75, ND McKenzie 59, HM Amla 30*) **by nine wickets**. *Player of the Match: Dale Steyn*

AUSTRALIA v SOUTH AFRICA IN TESTS AT THE MCG – Statistics

Highest Innings Totals

Score	Overs	Team	Date	Innings in Match	Match Result
578	126.2	Australia	17 February, 1911	Third	Won
554	164.4	Australia	31 December, 1931	Third	Won
520	133.4 x 8b	Australia	6 February, 1953	First	Lost
506	153	South Africa	31 December, 1910	Second	Lost
487	139.0	Australia	26 December, 2001	Second	Won
459	153.0	South Africa	26 December, 2008	Second	Won
447	118.3 x 8b	Australia	1 January, 1964	Second	Won
435	143.1 x 8b	South Africa	6 February, 1953	Second	Won

Note: All overs are six balls unless shown otherwise.

Lowest Completed Innings Totals

Score	Overs	Team	Date	Innings in Match	Match Result
36	23.2	South Africa	12 February, 1932	First	Lost
45	31.3	South Africa	12 February, 1932	Third	Lost
80	32.0	South Africa	31 December, 1910	Fourth	Lost
153	54.3	Australia	12 February, 1932	Second	Won
171	40.2	South Africa	17 February, 1911	Fourth	Lost
181	74.0	South Africa	26 December, 2005	Fourth	Lost

Highest Batting Scores

Score	4s	6s	Mins.	Player	Country	Date
205	19	-	295	RN Harvey	Australia	6 February, 1953
204	26	-	315	GA Faulkner	South Africa	31 December, 1910
170	12	-	495	MA Taylor	Australia	26 December, 1993
167	18	-	183	DG Bradman	Australia	31 December, 1931
166	18	-	448	JP Duminy	South Africa	26 December, 2008
162*	9	-	452	WR Endean	South Africa	24 December, 1952
161	5	-	300	WM Woodfull	Australia	31 December, 1931
159	15	1	172	VT Trumper	Australia	31 December, 1910
157	19	-	329	WM Lawry	Australia	1 January, 1964
138	17	-	290	ML Hayden	Australia	26 December, 2001
137	17	2	356	ML Hayden	Australia	26 December, 2005
132	13	-	208	WW Armstrong	Australia	17 February, 1911
122	14	4	247	MEK Hussey	Australia	26 December, 2005
117	13	0	298	RT Ponting	Australia	26 December, 2005
111	9	0	205	KG Viljoen	South Africa	31 December, 1931

Highest Partnerships

Runs	Wicket	Innings	Players	Country	Date
274	Second	Third	DG Bradman, WM Woodfull	Australia	31 December, 1931
219	First	Second	WM Lawry, IR Redpath	Australia	1 January, 1964
202	First	Second	ML Hayden, JL Langer	Australia	26 December, 2001
180	Ninth	Second	JP Duminy, DQ Steyn	South Africa	26 December, 2008
169	Fourth	First	MA Taylor, ME Waugh	Australia	26 December, 1993
154	Fourth	Third	WW Armstrong, C Hill	Australia	17 February, 1911
152	Second	First	ML Hayden, RT Ponting	Australia	26 December, 2005
148	Fourth	First	ID Craig, RN Harvey	Australia	6 February, 1953
145	Fifth	First	RT Ponting, SR Waugh	Australia	26 December, 1997
143	Fifth	Third	WW Armstrong, VT Trumper	Australia	17 February, 1911
128	Fourth	Third	AJ Pithey, JHB Waite	Australia	1 January, 1964
124	Fifth	Third	ML Hayden, A Symonds	Australia	26 December, 2005

MCG TEST CRICKET RECORDS – ALL CONTESTS

Largest day's attendance: 91, 112, Aus. v Eng. Dec 26 2013	Most runs: Don Bradman (1671 at 128.53)
Largest match attendance: 350,534, Aus. V Eng Jan 1-7 1937 (6 day)	Most wickets: Dennis Lillee (82 at 21.92)
Highest team total: 8/624 – Australia v. Pakistan 2016/17	Most wicket keeping dismissals: Rod Marsh (62 - 61ct, 1st)
Highest individual score: 307 – Bob Cowper, Aust v Eng, 1965/66	Most appearances: Allan Border (20)
Best bowling / innings: 9/86 – Sarfraz Nawaz, Pak v Aust, 1978/79	

Best Bowling in an Innings
(Australia/South Africa in Tests at the MCG continued)

Wickets/Runs	Overs	Balls/Ov	Maidens	Inns	Player	Country	Date
7/81	37.1	8	13	Fourth	HJ Tayfield	South Africa	24 December, 1952
6/17	16.0	6	7	Fourth	WJ Whitty	Australia	31 December, 1910
6/18	15.3	6	7	Third	H Ironmonger	Australia	12 February, 1932
6/59	27.0	6	8	Third	AA Donald	South Africa	26 December, 1997
6/84	29.4	8	9	Second	HJ Tayfield	South Africa	24 December, 1952
6/92	46.0	6	14	Fourth	CV Grimmett	Australia	31 December, 1931
6/152	46.0	8	8	Second	WA Johnston	Australia	6 February, 1953
5/6	7.2	6	5	First	H Ironmonger	Australia	12 February, 1952
5/66	30.2	8	4	Third	ERH Fuller	South Africa	6 February, 1953
5/66	14.2	6	2	Fourth	HV Hordern	Australia	17 February, 1911
5/67	20.2	6	3	Third	DW Steyn	South Africa	26 December, 2008
5/69	26.1	6	9	First	AJ Bell	South Africa	31 December, 1931
5/87	29.0	6	6	First	DW Steyn	South Africa	26 December, 2008
4/18	12.0	6	6	First	LJ Nash	Australia	12 February, 1932
4/42	31.0	6	13	First	NA Quinn	South Africa	31 December, 1931

Most Career Runs

Player	Country	Span	Runs	Mat	Inns	No	Hs	Ave	100	50	0
RT Ponting	Australia	1997-2008	487	4	8	1	117	69.57	3	1	0
M L Hayden	Australia	2001-2008	374	3	6	1	138	74.80	2	1	0
GA Faulkner	South Africa	1910-1911	312	2	4	0	204	78.00	1	1	0
JH Kallis	South Africa	1997-2008	311	4	7	0	101	44.42	1	1	0
VT Trumper	Australia	1910-1911	287	2	4	0	159	71.75	1	1	0
WW Armstrong	Australia	1910-1911	284	2	4	0	132	71.00	1	1	0
RN Harvey	Australia	1952-1953	283	2	4	0	205	70.75	1	1	0
VS Ransford	Australia	1910-1911	251	2	4	0	95	62.75	0	3	0
WR Endean	South Africa	1952-1953	250	2	4	1	162*	83.33	1	1	0

Most Career Wickets

Player	Country	Span	Wkt	Runs	Mat	Inns	BBI	BBM	Ave	5/I	10/M
HJ Tayfield	South Africa	1952-1953	19	367	2	4	7/81	13/165	19.31	2	1
H Ironmonger	Australia	1931-1932	18	150	2	4	6/18	11/24	8.33	2	1
SK Warne	Australia	1993-2005	16	484	4	7	4/74	6/136	30.25	0	0
WJ Whitty	Australia	1910-1911	15	208	2	4	6/17	9/98	13.86	1	0
AA Donald	South Africa	1993-2001	13	348	3	5	6/59	9/133	26.76	1	0
SM Pollock	South Africa	1997-2005	12	349	3	6	3/56	4/90	29.38	0	0
DW Steyn	South Africa	2008-2008	10	154	1	2	5/67	10/154	15.40	2	1

Best Wicket-Keeping

Player	Country	Span	Dismissals	Catches	Stumpgs	Matches	Innings
WAS Oldfield	Australia	1931-1932	10	7	3	2	4
PW Sherwell	South Africa	1910-1911	8	4	4	2	4
MV Boucher	South Africa	2001-2008	7	7	0	3	6
AC Gilchrist	Australia	2001-2005	7	6	1	2	4
ATW Grout	Australia	1964-1964	6	5	1	1	2
DJ Richardson	South Africa	1993-1997	5	4	1	2	3
GR Langley	Australia	1952-1953	5	3	2	2	4

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