



**ICC WORLD TEST  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
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# Welcome

## ICC ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE



ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL, IT IS AN HONOUR TO WELCOME THE MEDIA TO THE ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP (WTC) FINAL 2021, WHETHER IN ATTENDANCE AT THE HAMPSHIRE BOWL OR FOLLOWING VIRTUALLY FROM AFAR.

The ICC World Test Championship Final is the pinnacle event in the Test calendar and is a week-long celebration of the oldest and most traditional form of cricket. It is a format that tests players mentally, physically and technically, and players place enormous value on performances in the Test arena. The Final is the culmination of two years of intense Test cricket, with over 57,000 runs scored and over 1800 wickets being taken during the competition to identify the two best performing teams. An engrossing Ashes series kicked off the tournament in style, a depleted West Indies side chased down a record 395 on the final day in Chattogram against Bangladesh, the high voltage Australia-India series provided so many thrills, New Zealand were the first team to secure their spot in the Final with a nail-biting win over Pakistan, while the climax saw four teams in the running to make the Final depending on the results of England's four Tests in India, in which India prevailed and finished on top of the table. I would like to congratulate both India and New Zealand for becoming part of history

by reaching the first Final. From early in the competition both teams made no secret of their desire to be the first team to win the World Test Championship and to be celebrated in the context of Test cricket's history, tradition, and the great teams of the past.

The Final will be the first ICC world event in 15 months, and we are grateful to be able to get our events back up and running. The past year or so has been extremely difficult for the entire cricket community due to the COVID-19 pandemic and we would like to extend our thoughts and best wishes to everybody affected.

Thank you to all members of the media over the past year or so for your continued coverage of the game. Many new challenges are facing us all, including the way you report on a game of cricket. For the Final we will have an extensive array of content that will be shared with you via the ICC's Online Media Zone wherever you are in the world to assist you those challenges in covering the Final.

On behalf of the ICC, I would like to thank the ECB, its staff, the Hampshire Bowl, the ground staff and everyone involved in helping us deliver this event in a bio-secure environment. The UK government has also provided us with tremendous support in staging the event for which we are grateful. Our priority is the safety and well-being of everyone involved, therefore I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues at the ICC for all the planning and effort in putting together an event of this complexity.

Thanks also to our global broadcast partner Star Sports and to our commercial partners for their continued commitment to the game.

The ICC World Test Championship Final 2021 will be the Ultimate Test and I wish you all an enjoyable experience and hope the culmination of the inaugural championship is a memorable one for you.

**Geoff Allardice**  
ICC Acting Chief Executive





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SECTION 2

# The story of the ICC World Test Championship **2019-2021**





# What is the ICC World Test Championship?

The ICC World Test Championship (WTC) started on 1 August 2019, comprising the top nine Test teams in the world. It was introduced to bring context to bilateral Test cricket with every game counting as the world's best teams went head to head. The WTC honours the importance of the longest format of the game and ensures a pinnacle event for the format just as the World Cups for men and women in the ODI and T20I formats. The league format was agreed to be such that each of the nine teams in the WTC would play six of the eight possible opponents, with three series at home and three series away. The number of matches in each series would vary between a minimum of two matches to a maximum of

five matches, with the number of matches played in each series being agreed by the two competing teams prior to the start of the competition.

With Covid-19 impacting the schedule, the regulations dictated that matches not completed would be treated as a draw with points split. Therefore a decision was taken that the final World Test Championship League standings would be determined by matches played, meaning teams would be ranked in order of percentage of points earned.

For more information please click [here](#).





## The road to the final



India secured their place in the ICC World Test Championship Final with a 3-1 series win at home against England.

# India survive to tell tale of two halves

VIRAT KOHLI'S MEN CAME THROUGH SOME DRAMATIC MOMENTS ON THEIR WAY TO THE SUMMIT MEETING WITH NEW ZEALAND IN SOUTHAMPTON

By R Kaushik

India's tryst with the final of the inaugural ICC World Test Championship was a dramatic journey of two starkly contrasting halves. Untroubled early on when they swept aside the West Indies (away), and South Africa and Bangladesh (at home) to log a maximum possible 360 points, they were forced to dig deep during an arduous second half which included away sojourns to New Zealand and Australia, and culminated in a decisive four-match showdown in their own backyard against England.

One of only three countries, apart from England and Sri Lanka, to play their full complement of series as the coronavirus pandemic wreaked havoc with scheduling, India's charge to the final received its first setback in New Zealand. Outclassed inside three days in both Tests, Virat Kohli's men weren't unaware of the need to fuse ability with character and steel against two of Test cricket's most intimidating opponents if they weren't to fritter away their dream start.

They were, however, unprepared for the curveballs in Australia. A numbing second-innings meltdown in Adelaide. A slew of injuries that blew key personnel away with gut-wrenching regularity. There would have been little shame in meekly accepting the inevitable. There is, though, little that's meek about this Indian team. Formidable at the best of times, they fought back with the ferocity of a wounded tiger, stunning

all-comers with their courage, belief and fortitude to go with dazzling skills. Despite their historic maiden 2-1 triumph in Australia two years previously, India had won only seven of 48 Tests Down Under, and would be without the talismanic Kohli, away on paternity leave, for three of the last four Tests. More than ever, therefore, it became imperative to begin well, in their first away day-night Test at the Adelaide Oval.

Instead, an extraordinarily inexplicable collapse on the third morning in natural light undid the good work of the two previous days and left their challenge and morale in tatters. India keeled over in a measly 21.2 overs for 36, their lowest Test score. Adding injury to insult, senior pacesman Mohammed Shami was ruled out for the remainder of the series with a broken forearm.

Their shattered confidence seemingly beyond salvage, India appeared ripe for the taking. Stand-in skipper Ajinkya Rahane stepped into the breach admirably, orchestrating a fightback for the ages with the most significant of his 12 Test centuries at the MCG. India left the cricket world gob-smacked with their assurance and composure in adversity, drawing inspiration from their captain to fashion a stunning series-levelling victory. Influential personnel kept dropping out through injury, yet India lost neither heart nor ambition. Every crisis unearthed a hero,







The Indian team celebrates an unlikely series victory against Australia at The Gabba.







Shubman Gill, one of several promising debutants for India, marking his half century in the fourth Test against Australia.

every cloud was eclipsed by a silver lining. No one exemplified their resolve better than the seasoned Cheteshwar Pujara, who rode numerous blows to body and head to negotiate 928 deliveries and amass 271 priceless runs. Boys instantly graduated to men with little assistance from naturally gung-ho head coach Ravi Shastri. The likes of Shubman Gill, Rishabh Pant, Mohammed Siraj, Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur and T Natarajan, some not even in the original Test party, earned the gratitude of a nation desperate for succour as the pandemic ravaged lives and livelihoods.

Precocious wicketkeeper-batsman Pant set stall as the new poster boy. Frustratingly inconsistent until then, the left-hander showcased a maturity many believed was beyond him. At the SCG, he gave Australia a serious scare during a stiff chase of 407, then watched the hamstrung Hanuma Vihari and R Ashwin stonewall for nearly 43 overs to earn a commendable draw. Pant went one better in Brisbane, masterminding a spectacular chase of 328 to breach the Gabba fortress, consign Australia to their first defeat at the venue in 32 years and keep India's aspirations alive. What made the victory even more special was that India's entire first-choice bowling attack was cramming the infirmary.

India entered the home series against England – the four Tests split equally

between Chennai and Ahmedabad – knowing a 2-1 scoreline would seal their passage. Having smiled benevolently on them in Australia, the cricketing Gods must have watched with impish smiles when England rode on Joe Root's double-hundred to complete a commanding victory in the first Test.

The pressure was back on the hosts, still missing key players but with at least their core in place. Debutant Axar Patel grabbed centre-stage to extend the theme of fringe players shaking up the established order. The left-arm spinner grabbed 27 wickets in the last three Tests, while the irrepressible Pant reiterated his credentials with impeccable work behind the stumps on tricky surfaces and a blazing hundred with the chips down in the final Test.

India surged to hard-fought, well-earned victories in the last three matches, doing more than enough to firm up a Southampton date with New Zealand. In four months between December 2020 and March 2021, they showcased their wealth of riches, courtesy of a robust domestic structure, and counter-punched with a resilience not always associated with Indian cricket.

New Zealand will take nothing for granted, come June 18.







Neil Wagner celebrates after dismissing Steve Smith of Australia with his iconic short-pitched bowling approach.

# Blackcaps come through searching examination

NEW ZEALAND QUALIFY FOR CRICKET'S INAUGURAL ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL AS OTHER RESULTS GO THEIR WAY

By Andrew Alderson

The Blackcaps' initial foray into the competition produced mixed results – a 1-1 drawn series in Sri Lanka, a 3-0 trouncing in Australia and a 2-0 home triumph against India. Then Covid-19 stumped the 2020 cricketing landscape. A bulldozed itinerary and a rejigged points table saw the Kane Williamson-led side emerge as finals contenders, albeit with work to do and requiring a plethora of results to go their way.

Yet, New Zealand had topped the MRF Tyres ICC Men's Test Team Rankings for the first time by the end of their summer, courtesy of a probing pace attack and robust top order. They were anchored by a metronomic skipper whose 639 runs at an average of 159.75 made green-tops look like red herrings. By 2 February, when Australia postponed their series in South Africa due to the pandemic, a final berth was guaranteed. Australia effectively missed out due to points deducted for a slow over rate in their Boxing Day Test defeat by India.

New Zealand's exalted status was a bonus to a 'normal summer', words which held more weight than usual considering the coronavirus chaos raging beyond the border. Crowded embankments watched at boutique grounds as the home side sought four wins to maximise their chances of attending the Southampton showpiece. The West Indies and Pakistan sides grappled with social distancing in

quarantine which threatened their tours.

On exit from hotel isolation, they were just as ill-equipped to cope with a juggernaut of runs and a barrage of pace. Only one Test – the first against Pakistan – went to a fifth day. By 6 January, the strains of the New Zealand team song – known as The Pledge, and solely delivered after victories – emanated from the dressing room at Christchurch's Hagley Oval. The Blackcaps had extended their unbeaten run to a record six Tests, and 17 at home.

Pivotal moments marked the path to the WTC final. After losing their first Test of the competition to Sri Lanka at Galle in August 2019, New Zealand responded with an innings-and-65-run victory at Colombo. Tom Latham and BJ Watling eked out centuries in a bat-once-and-bat-well scenario. In contrast, the 3-0 blitz by Australia represented a campaign nadir, despite returns to Melbourne and Sydney for the first time in 32 years. Attrition came through furnace-like conditions and the scrutiny of opponents re-asserting a dominance diluted by the 2018 ball-tampering scandal.

The absence of Williamson, Trent Boult, Tim Southee, Henry Nicholls, Mitchell Santner and Lockie Ferguson at various times dealt further blows. Déjà vu reigned as New Zealand failed to meet the follow-on, replying to each of Australia's 400-plus totals batting first. Respective defeats by 296, 247 and 279 runs followed, inside four







New Zealand's players celebrate bowling Ajinkya Rahane on their way to a key win against WTC Final opponents India.







New Zealand celebrate the wicket of Mohammad Abbas of Pakistan during day five of the First Test match in the series.

days. The tourists fielded every day of the series. Highlights were sparse. Opener Tom Blundell became the first New Zealander to score a Test century at the MCG in a forlorn second innings, while Neil Wagner's short-pitched attack saw the terms "leg theory" and "Bodyline" banded about after he dismissed Steve Smith four times out of five.

The Blackcaps responded with a rousing

dispatch of India, highlighted by the debut of Kyle Jamieson. He has intimidated batsmen ever since from his 2.03m height with short-of-a-length deliveries that jar the splice. Before the England series, Jamieson had 36 wickets at an average of 13.27 and a batting average of 56.50 in six victorious Tests. A buffer of runs against the West Indies, spearheaded by innings from Williamson and Nicholls in Hamilton

and Wellington respectively, and a series of bowling interrogations ensured follow-on victories.

Williamson's declaration was also key in the opening New Zealand-Pakistan Test at Mt Maunganui when the visitors pursued the 373-run target. The spectacle finished as all Tests should – fielders camped around the bat in the final session, willing

on the last wicket. Spinner Mitchell Santner leapt for a one-handed caught-and-bowled off Naseem Shah to seal the 101-run win with 27 balls to spare. That result provided a further catalyst to New Zealand's WTC ambitions. Jamieson ensured a summer clean-sweep with 11 for 117 at Hagley Oval, supplementing another Williamson double century and Nicholls century as New Zealand's home fortress held.

Core to the New Zealand cause has been a cast of match-winners, a wealth of depth to fill their playing XI, and the nurturing of a culture which shuns individual statistics but celebrates collective contributions. Fans cherish a team built on inclusivity, humility and the pursuit of excellence. Of the current squad, Williamson, Boult, Southee and Ross Taylor are established among the world's best; Watling, Latham, Nicholls, Wagner and Colin de Grandhomme have grown to deliver command performances; and the likes of Jamieson, Blundell and Daryl Mitchell have emerged from the domestic nursery. Spin remains an area of vulnerability with so few opportunities of substance at home, although Ajaz Patel has inspired victories overseas.

The onus now goes on securing the inaugural ICC World Test Championship, without the threat of losing by zero runs when they contested for silverware in England two years ago at the 50-over World Cup! Redemption is within their grasp.



# ICC World Test Championship 2019-2021 Results

Start Date	Series	Match	Venue	Result
1 Aug 2019	England v Australia	1st Test	Birmingham	Australia won by 251 runs
14 Aug 2019	England v Australia	2nd Test	Lord's	Drawn
22 Aug 2019	England v Australia	3rd Test	Leeds	England won by 1 wicket
4 Sep 2019	England v Australia	4th Test	Manchester	Australia won by 185 runs
12 Sep 2019	England v Australia	5th Test	The Oval	England won by 135 runs
14 Aug 2019	Sri Lanka v New Zealand	1st Test	Galle	Sri Lanka won by 6 wickets
22 Aug 2019	Sri Lanka v New Zealand	2nd Test	Colombo-PSS	New Zealand won by an innings and 65 runs
22 Aug 2019	West Indies v India	1st Test	North Sound	India won by 318 runs
30 Aug 2019	West Indies v India	2nd Test	Kingston	India won by 257 runs
2 Oct 2019	India v South Africa	1st Test	Visakhapatnam	India won by 203 runs
10 Oct 2019	India v South Africa	2nd Test	Pune	India won by an innings and 137 runs
19 Oct 2019	India v South Africa	3rd Test	Ranchi	India won by an innings and 202 runs
14 Nov 2019	India v Bangladesh	1st Test	Indore	India won by an innings and 130 runs
22 Nov 2019	India v Bangladesh	2nd Test	Kolkata	India won by an innings and 46 runs
21 Nov 2019	Australia v Pakistan	1st Test	Brisbane	Australia won by an innings and 5 runs
29 Nov 2019	Australia v Pakistan	2nd Test	Adelaide	Australia won by an innings and 48 runs

Start Date	Series	Match	Venue	Result
11 Dec 2019	Pakistan v Sri Lanka	1st Test	Rawalpindi	Drawn
19 Dec 2019	Pakistan v Sri Lanka	2nd Test	Karachi	Pakistan won by 263 runs
12 Dec 2019	Australia v New Zealand	1st Test	Perth	Australia won by 296 runs
26 Dec 2019	Australia v New Zealand	2nd Test	Melbourne	Australia won by 247 runs
3 Jan 2020	Australia v New Zealand	3rd Test	Sydney	Australia won by 279 runs
26 Dec 2019	South Africa v England	1st Test	Centurion	South Africa won by 107 runs
3 Jan 2020	South Africa v England	2nd Test	Cape Town	England won by 189 runs
16 Jan 2020	South Africa v England	3rd Test	Port Elizabeth	England won by an innings and 53 runs
24 Jan 2020	South Africa v England	4th Test	Johannesburg	England won by 191 runs
7 Feb 2020	Pakistan v Bangladesh	1st Test	Rawalpindi	Pakistan won by an innings and 44 runs
21 Feb 2020	New Zealand v India	1st Test	Wellington	New Zealand won by 10 wickets
29 Feb 2020	New Zealand v India	2nd Test	Christchurch	New Zealand won by 7 wickets
8 Jul 2020	England v West Indies	1st Test	Southampton	West Indies won by 4 wickets
16 Jul 2020	England v West Indies	2nd Test	Manchester	England won by 113 runs
24 Jul 2020	England v West Indies	3rd Test	Manchester	England won by 269 runs
5 Aug 2020	England v Pakistan	1st Test	Manchester	England won by 3 wickets
13 Aug 2020	England v Pakistan	2nd Test	Southampton	Drawn
21 Aug 2020	England v Pakistan	3rd Test	Southampton	Drawn
3 Dec 2020	New Zealand v West Indies	1st Test	Hamilton	New Zealand won by an innings and 134 runs
11 Dec 2020	New Zealand v West Indies	2nd Test	Wellington	New Zealand won by an innings and 12 runs
17 Dec 2020	Australia v India	1st Test	Adelaide	Australia won by 8 wickets
26 Dec 2020	Australia v India	2nd Test	Melbourne	India won by 8 wickets
7 Jan 2021	Australia v India	3rd Test	Sydney	Drawn
15 Jan 2021	Australia v India	4th Test	Brisbane	India won by 3 wickets
26 Dec 2020	New Zealand v Pakistan	1st Test	Mount Maunganui	New Zealand won by 101 runs
3 Jan 2021	New Zealand v Pakistan	2nd Test	Christchurch	New Zealand won by an innings and 176 runs

# ICC World Test Championship 2019-2021 Results










Start Date	Series	Match	Venue	Result
26 Dec 2020	South Africa v Sri Lanka	1st Test	Centurion	South Africa won by an innings and 45 runs
3 Jan 2021	South Africa v Sri Lanka	2nd Test	Johannesburg	South Africa won by 10 wickets
14 Jan 2021	Sri Lanka v England	1st Test	Galle	England won by 7 wickets
22 Jan 2021	Sri Lanka v England	2nd Test	Galle	England won by 6 wickets
26 Jan 2021	Pakistan v South Africa	1st Test	Karachi	Pakistan won by 7 wickets
4 Feb 2021	Pakistan v South Africa	2nd Test	Rawalpindi	Pakistan won by 95 runs
3 Feb 2021	Bangladesh v West Indies	1st Test	Chittagong	West Indies won by 3 wickets
11 Feb 2021	Bangladesh v West Indies	2nd Test	Mirpur	West Indies won by 17 runs
5 Feb 2021	India v England	1st Test	Chennai	England won by 227 runs
13 Feb 2021	India v England	2nd Test	Chennai	India won by 317 runs
24 Feb 2021	India v England	3rd Test	Ahmedabad	India won by 10 wickets
4 Mar 2021	India v England	4th Test	Ahmedabad	India won by an innings and 25 runs
21 Mar 2021	West Indies v Sri Lanka	1st Test	North Sound	Drawn
29 Mar 2021	West Indies v Sri Lanka	2nd Test	North Sound	Drawn
21 Apr 2021	Sri Lanka v Bangladesh	1st Test	Pallekele	Drawn
29 Apr 2021	Sri Lanka v Bangladesh	2nd Test	Pallekele	Sri Lanka won by 209 runs

For more information on each Test match please click [here](#).





# ICC World Test Championship 2019-2021 Standings

POINTS TABLE				ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP		
AS ON 3 MAY 2021						
	PCT (%)	POINTS	SERIES	MATCHES		
				WON	LOST	DRAWN
 INDIA	72.2	520	6	12	4	1
 NEW ZEALAND	70.0	420	5	7	4	0
 AUSTRALIA	69.2	332	4	8	4	2
 ENGLAND	61.4	442	6	11	7	3
 PAKISTAN	43.3	286	5.5	4	5	3
 WEST INDIES	33.3	200	5	3	6	2
 SOUTH AFRICA	30.0	144	4	3	8	0
 SRI LANKA	27.8	200	6	2	6	4
 BANGLADESH	4.8	20	3.5	0	6	1

ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP (2019-2021)

\*The ICC World Test Championship 2019-21 two-match Test series between West Indies and South Africa is scheduled to be played 10-22 June, 2021.



# ICC World Test Championship 2019-2021 Records

## HIGHEST TEAM TOTALS

Team	Score	Opposition	Ground	Start Date
New Zealand	659/6d	Pakistan	Christchurch	3 Jan 2021
Sri Lanka	648/8d	Bangladesh	Pallekele	21 Apr 2021
South Africa	621	Sri Lanka	Centurion	26 Dec 2020
India	601/5d	South Africa	Pune	10 Oct 2019
Australia	589/3d	Pakistan	Adelaide	29 Nov 2019

## LOWEST TEAM TOTALS

Team	Score	Opposition	Ground	Start Date
India	36	Australia	Adelaide	17 Dec 2020
England	67	Australia	Leeds	22 Aug 2019
England	81	India	Ahmedabad	24 Feb 2021
West Indies	100	India	North Sound	22 Aug 2019
Bangladesh	106	India	Kolkata	22 Nov 2019

## HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Player	Runs	Team	Opposition	Ground	Start Date
DA Warner	335*	Australia	Pakistan	Adelaide	29 Nov 2019
Z Crawley	267	England	Pakistan	Southampton	21 Aug 2020
V Kohli	254*	India	South Africa	Pune	10 Oct 2019
KS Williamson	251	New Zealand	West Indies	Hamilton	3 Dec 2020
FDM Karunaratne	244	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh	Pallekele	21 Apr 2021

## BEST BOWLING FIGURES

Player	Figures	Team	Opposition	Ground	Match Date
L Embuldeniya	7-137	Sri Lanka	England	Galle	22 Jan 2021
R Ashwin	7-145	India	South Africa	Visakhapatnam	2 Oct 2019
JJ Bumrah	6-27	India	West Indies	Kingston	30 Aug 2019
SCJ Broad	6-31	England	West Indies	Manchester	24 Jul 2020
AR Patel	6-38	India	England	Ahmedabad	24 Feb 2021

## MOST RUNS

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
M Labuschagne (Aus)	13	23	0	1675	215	72.82	5	9
JE Root (Eng)	20	37	2	1660	228	47.42	3	8
SPD Smith (Aus)	13	22	1	1341	211	63.85	4	7
BA Stokes (Eng)	17	32	3	1334	176	46.00	4	6
AM Rahane (Ind)	17	28	3	1095	115	43.80	3	6

## MOST WICKETS

Player	Mat	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	5	10
PJ Cummins (Aus)	14	1472	70	5/28	21.02	2.64	47.6	1	0
SCJ Broad (Eng)	17	1386	69	6/31	20.08	2.77	43.4	2	1
R Ashwin (Ind)	13	1399	67	7/145	20.88	2.66	46.9	4	0
NM Lyon (Aus)	14	1757	56	6/49	31.37	2.78	67.5	4	1
TG Southee (NZ)	10	1054	51	5/32	20.66	2.69	45.9	3	0

# Statistics from the league 2019-2021

## PARTNERSHIP RECORDS

Wkt	Partners	Runs	Opposition	Ground	Start Date
1	MA Agarwal, RG Sharma (Ind)	317	South Africa	Visakhapatnam	2 Oct 2019
2	M Labuschagne, DA Warner (Aus)	361	Pakistan	Adelaide	29 Nov 2019
3	Mominul Haque, Najmul Hossain Shanto (Ban)	242	Sri Lanka	Pallekele	21 Apr 2021
4	HM Nicholls, KS Williamson (NZ)	369	Pakistan	Christchurch	3 Jan 2021
5	JC Buttler, Z Crawley (Eng)	359	Pakistan	Southampton	21 Aug 2020
6	N Dickwella, P Nissanka (SL)	179	West Indies	North Sound	21 Mar 2021
7	J Blackwood, AS Joseph (WI)	155	New Zealand	Hamilton	3 Dec 2020
8	I Sharma, GH Vihari (Ind)	112	West Indies	Kingston	30 Aug 2019
9	KA Maharaj, VD Philander (SA)	109	India	Pune	10 Oct 2019
10	KA Maharaj, D Paterson (SA)	99	England	Port Elizabeth	16 Jan 2020

## BEST BOWLING FIGURES IN A MATCH

Player	Figures	Opposition	Ground	Start Date
AR Patel (Ind)	11-70	England	Ahmedabad	24 Feb 2021
KA Jamieson (NZ)	11-117	Pakistan	Christchurch	3 Jan 2021
P Jayawickrama (SL)	11-178	Bangladesh	Pallekele	29 Apr 2021
SCJ Broad (Eng)	10-67	West Indies	Manchester	24 Jul 2020
Hasan Ali (Pak)	10-114	South Africa	Rawalpindi	4 Feb 2021





# The Test Mace and ICC World Test Championship 2019-2021 Prize Money

The Test Mace design is based around the global nature of Test cricket and the competing nations. The focal point of cricket is the ball, whether being bowled, hit, fielded, or caught, it is obviously at the core of the game. In Test cricket, the ball takes on even more significance as it wears and changes character during the course of the match too.

Encircling the ball is the globe referencing the global reach of Test Cricket with glimpses of the silver gilt cricket ball through the oceans of the map. The countries of the world are supported on the longitude lines you see on a globe – this allows for an interesting interplay of light on the different surfaces, especially as the mace is moved and catches that light.

A silver gilt laurel band spirals up the shaft of the mace – the shaft itself styled as a stump – a reference to the all-important wicket. Laurel

has been a traditional motif associated with winning, it also adds texture and interest to the polished finish of the stump.

## ICC World Test Championship 2019-2021

Winner	\$ 1,600,000
Runner-Up	\$ 800,000
3rd Place	\$ 450,000
4th Place	\$ 350,000
5th Place	\$ 200,000
6th Place	\$ 100,000
7th Place	\$ 100,000
8th Place	\$ 100,000
9th Place	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,800,000</b>







# The Venue

## HAMPSHIRE BOWL

The Hampshire Bowl was built as a replacement for Hampshire's city-centre home of Northland Roads in Southampton and has developed into a popular international venue with spectacular views across the surrounding countryside. The ground was designed by architect Sir Michael Hopkins, and the pavilion's tented roof is reminiscent of the Mound Stand at Lord's which he also designed. The Nursery Ground is adjacent to the main stadium and plays host to second XI and Academy matches. The Hampshire Bowl's maiden first-class match was a 124-run victory for the home side over Worcestershire, for whom Graeme Hick scored a century.

The Hampshire Bowl has staged six Test matches, the first of which was a draw in 2011 between England and Sri Lanka. India played England in 2014 and 2018 losing both Test matches, respectively. In 2020, the venue hosted three Tests in a bio-security environment with the West Indies defeating the hosts by four wickets, followed by two drawn Tests with Pakistan.



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SECTION 3

# ICC World Test Championship Final Information



# Media Services

## NEWS SERVICE

The ICC will be providing rights free editorial including news articles and features for the global media to use. This will include match reports and interviews with former Test greats.

## MEDIA CONFERENCES

There will be a comprehensive pre-match and match day media conference schedule. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this will be undertaken remotely by Zoom with access provided to all members of the media. The ICC will provide a link to the media conferences on a daily basis and these will be managed by the team media managers. In order to ensure the smooth running of the virtual conferences please put yourself on mute and use the 'raise your hand' function if you want to ask a question. Members of the media will be required to sign up to access the media conferences and more information on how to do this will be shared in advance.

## TRANSCRIPTS OF MEDIA CONFERENCES

The ICC has engaged ASAP Sports to provide a complete, word-for-word FastScript, which will be delivered within minutes of the completion of the media conferences and will be available on the Online Media Zone. The service will benefit journalists not travelling to the event as well as those at the Hampshire bowl, with all media able to produce their own copy with the assistance of the players' quotes wherever you are in the world.

## B-ROLL OF TRAINING

Rights free B-roll of both teams training sessions will be available via the ICC's Online Media Zone.

## ONLINE MEDIA ZONE

The [Online Media Zone \(OMZ\)](#) will be a one-stop shop for all media following the ICC World Test Championship Final.

This is a password protected site. If you need login details please request them from [media@icc-cricket.com](mailto:media@icc-cricket.com). If you have already signed up and have forgotten the password, then please retrieve the password by clicking Forgot Password?

The OMZ will include:

- B-Roll of training
- Unedited video clips of all media conferences.
- Verbatim transcripts of selected media conferences.
- The pre-final captains' image will be available for download
- The image of the winning captain with the Test Mace will be available for download
- Exclusive columns and interviews with former Test greats
- Match previews and reviews, features and articles.
- Resources section to include playing conditions, media guide, stats pack etc.
- A few rights-free images during the match





# Hampshire Bowl

## Media Information

The ICC has planned the ICC World Test Championship in accordance with UK Government Covid-19 protocols, therefore there may be changes to media facilities and services that you may be used to from previous ICC events.

### MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation will be available for collection from the Accreditation Centre situated between Car Park Two and Three and opposite the match day ticket office from 14 June 2021 from 0800-1700 and on match days from 0700-1400. Please remember that you will need to produce your passport/national ID when you arrive at the Accreditation Centre to collect your pass. Accreditation passes must be worn at all times when in the venue.

### VENUE ACCESS

The Hampshire Bowl will be open to media on the following days and times.

16 June 2021	09h30 – 17h30
17 June 2021	09h30 – 17h30
18 June 2021	08h30 – two hours after the post-match media conference
19 June 2021	08h30 – two hours after the post-match media conference
20 June 2021	08h30 – two hours after the post-match media conference
21 June 2021	08h30 – two hours after the post-match media conference
22 June 2021	08h30 – two hours after the post-match media conference
23 June 2021	If the reserve day is required information on opening and closing times will be provided

### WRITTEN MEDIA AND NON-RIGHTS HOLDERS

To gain access into the Hampshire Bowl please use the West Gate entrance. The media box is located in the Shane Warne Stand on Level 2. On match day-2 and match day-1, tea and coffee will be provided. On match days, the ICC will provide lunch and afternoon tea. This will be served in the media centre for accredited media. The ICC will allocate seating as per the ICC's pecking order.

### PHOTOGRAPHERS

To gain access into the Hampshire Bowl please use the West Gate entrance. The photographers' working room is situated in the Shane Warne Stand on Level 1, in the Orbit Classroom. On match day-2 and match day-1 tea and coffee will be provided, whilst on match days the ICC will provide lunch and afternoon tea and this will be served in the media centre concession area for accredited photographers. Pitch-side photo positions will be allocated as per the ICC's pecking order, with high-speed internet connectivity and working areas including power sources. Soft drinks will also be provided pitch-side during play.

### MEDIA CONFERENCES

There will be a comprehensive pre-match and match day media conference schedule.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions this will be undertaken remotely with access provided to all members of the media. The ICC will provide a link to the media conferences on a daily basis and these will be managed by the team media managers. In order to ensure the smooth running of the virtual conferences please put yourself on mute and use the 'raise your hand' function if you want to ask a question. Members of the media will be required to sign up to access the media conferences and more information on how to do this will be distributed shortly.

### ACCESS TO TRAINING

Due to Covid-19, the teams are operating in a bio-secure environment and as such access to training in the usual fashion is not feasible. However, there is a viewing platform available to watch training from a safe distance. There is limited space available on the platform and access will be managed by the ICC Media Team in venue.

The ICC will also provide B-roll training footage on Match Day -2 and -1 for Non-Rights Holders to use.

### COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

All accredited media will be expected to follow all Covid-19 protocols as issued in venue.





# Playing regulations

The ICC World Test Championship Final playing conditions are available [here](#).

## ANTI-CORRUPTION

The ICC Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) aims to provide a coordinated and effective capability to protect all cricket played under the auspices of the ICC and its Members from corruption.

For more information click here: [www.icc-cricket.com/about/integrity/anti-corruption/about-us](http://www.icc-cricket.com/about/integrity/anti-corruption/about-us)

## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Across the world, cricket has a rich and diverse history and regularly demonstrates its capacity to break down boundaries and draw cultures together. There is a strong tradition of fans from rival teams enjoying matches side by side and the off-field camaraderie amongst players is a celebrated feature of the game.

For more information click here: <https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/integrity/anti-discrimination>

## ILLEGAL BOWLING ACTION

The process that will apply to a player reported with a suspected illegal bowling action at the World Test Championship Final can be found here: <https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/cricket/rules-and-regulations/illegal-bowling-actions>

## ANTI-DOPING

The ICC became a signatory of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in July 2006. The ICC Anti-Doping Code compliant with the WADA Code ensures cricket plays its part in the global fight against doping in sport. Through the adoption and implementation of the ICC Anti-Doping Code, ICC continues in its efforts to:

- (a) maintain the integrity of the sport of cricket
- (b) protect the health and rights of all participants in the sport of cricket
- (c) keep the sport of cricket free from doping

For more information click here: <https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/integrity/anti-doping/code>

## ICC CODE OF CONDUCT

The ICC Code of Conduct is part of the ICC's continuing efforts to maintain the public image, popularity and integrity of cricket by providing:

- (a) an effective means to deter any participant from conducting themselves improperly on and off the 'field-of-play' or in a manner that is contrary to the 'spirit of cricket'; and
- (b) a robust disciplinary procedure pursuant to which all matters of improper conduct can be dealt with fairly, with certainty and in an expeditious manner.

For more information and a list of code of conduct breaches click here: [www.icc-cricket.com/about/cricket/rules-and-regulations/code-of-conduct](http://www.icc-cricket.com/about/cricket/rules-and-regulations/code-of-conduct)

## DUCKWORTH-LEWIS STERN METHOD

The calculation for the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method for re-calculating the target score can be found here: <https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/cricket/rules-and-regulations/duckworth-lewis-stern>

## RESERVE DAY

The 23 June 2021 is the reserve day for the ICC World Test Championship Final. The Reserve Day has been scheduled to ensure five full days of play, and it will only be used if lost playing time cannot be recovered through the normal provisions of making up lost time each day. There will be no additional day's play if a positive result is not achieved after five full days of play and the match will be declared a draw in such a scenario.

The playing conditions are available on the page [here](#) and explain the calculations of playing time. In the event of time being lost during the match, the ICC Match Referee will regularly update the teams and media about the way in which the Reserve Day may be used. The final decision on whether the Reserve Day needs to be used will be announced at the scheduled start of the last hour on the fifth day.



## DECISION REVIEW SYSTEM

The Decision Review System (DRS) is a technology-based process for assisting the match officials with their decision-making. On-field umpires may consult with the third umpire (an Umpire Review) and players may request that the third umpire review a decision of the on-field umpires (a Player Review). For Test matches, teams are permitted three unsuccessful Player Reviews per innings.

## IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS NO RESULT IN THE FINAL

If the ICC World Test Championship Final ends in a draw, is tied or abandoned, teams will be declared joint winners and the Test Mace will be shared.

## SANITIZING THE CRICKET BALL

Grade 1 Dukes cricket balls will be used for the ICC World Test Championship Final 2021.

In line with the regulations for the return of spectators to elite sports events in the UK, the following process of light-touch sanitization will apply if the ball enters spectator-occupied areas during the match:

- Players and officials must not retrieve the ball from spectator-occupied areas
- The spectators will be asked to return the ball to the field of play. If they cannot or do not, then a venue steward will retrieve it and return it to the field of play.
- The player collects the ball and either (a) runs it to the umpire, swapping it for an antiseptic wipe or (b) runs it to the umpire and then sanitises their hands via the 12th Player. The player must avoid touching their face until they have completed sanitization.
- The umpire will give the ball a very light-touch wipe and return the ball to a fielder



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SECTION 4

# Teams





# India Squad

The team for the World Test Championship Final will be selected from the following squad of players.

## VIRAT KOHLI



DOB: 5 Nov 1988  
FROM: Delhi  
STYLE: RHB / RAM

Hit an unbeaten 254 against South Africa at Pune in October 2019

Won the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year

## AJINKYA RAHANE



DOB: 6 Jun 1988  
FROM: Ashwi-KD  
STYLE: RHB / RAM

Made 112 in the 2020 Melbourne Boxing Day Test against Australia

Took a world-record 8 catches in a Test against Sri Lanka at Galle in 2015

## MAYANK AGARWAL



DOB: 16 Feb 1991  
FROM: Bengaluru  
STYLE: RHB / OB

Scored 215 against South Africa at Visakhapatnam in October 2019

He also made 243 against Bangladesh at Indore the following month

## RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN



DOB: 17 Sep 1986  
FROM: Chennai  
STYLE: RHB / OB

Took 32 wickets in the four Tests against England in early 2021

He became the fastest bowler to take 300 Test wickets – taking just 54 Tests

## JASPRIT BUMRAH



DOB: 6 Dec 1993  
FROM: Ahmedabad  
STYLE: RHB / RAF

Took five wickets for seven runs against the West Indies at North Sound in August 2019

Took a hat-trick in the next Test at Kingston

## RAVINDRA JADEJA



DOB: 6 Dec 1988  
FROM: Navagam-Khed  
STYLE: LHB / LAS

Scored 91 against South Africa at Pune in October 2019

The fastest left-arm bowler to reach 200 Test wickets taking just 44 matches

## MOHAMMED SHAMI



DOB: 3 Sep 1990  
FROM: Amroha  
STYLE: RHB / RAFM

Took three wickets for 27 runs and four for 31 against Bangladesh at Indore in November 201

His match figures of 9/118 against the West Indies in 2013 are the best by an Indian seamer on Test debut

## MOHAMMED SIRAJ



DOB: 13 Mar 1994  
FROM: Hyderabad  
STYLE: RHB / RAFM

Took five wickets on his Test debut against Australia at Melbourne in December 2020

Followed up with 5/73 in Australia's second innings at Brisbane the following month



# India Squad

## RISHABH PANT



DOB: 4 Oct 1997  
FROM: Haridwar  
STYLE: LHB / WK

Scored an unbeaten 89 as India successfully chased 328 to win the 2021 Brisbane Test

Totalled 270 runs in the 3-1 Test series win over England later the same year

## AXAR PATEL



DOB: 20 Jan 1994  
FROM: Anand  
STYLE: LHB / LAS

Took 11 wickets for 70 runs against England at Ahmedabad in February 2021 in just his second Test

Only two bowlers in history have taken more wickets than his 27 after their first three Tests

## CHETESHWAR PUJARA



DOB: 25 Jan 1988  
FROM: Rajkot  
STYLE: RHB / RALB

Made twin half-centuries of 50 and 77 in the 2020 Melbourne Test

Faced an Indian-record 525 deliveries in his innings of 202 against Australia at Ranchi in 2017

## KL RAHUL



DOB: 18 Apr 1992  
FROM: Bengaluru  
STYLE: RHB / RAM

Dismissed for 199 against England at Chennai in December 2016

Scored a fourth-innings 149 against the same opposition at The Oval in 2018

## WRIDDHIMAN SAHA



DOB: 24 Oct 1984  
FROM: Shaktigarh  
STYLE: RHB / WK

Made 12 dismissals in the Test series against South Africa in October 2019

The first Indian wicket-keeper to take 10 catches in a single Test

## ISHANT SHARMA



DOB: 2 Sep 1988  
FROM: Delhi  
STYLE: RHB / RAFM

Took successive first innings five wicket hauls against Bangladesh and New Zealand in 2019/20

Just the second Indian fast bowler to play at least 100 Test Matches

## ROHIT SHARMA



DOB: 30 Apr 1987  
FROM: Bansod  
STYLE: RHB / RAOB

Struck a match-winning 161 against England at Chennai in February 2021

Scored centuries in each of his first two Tests

## SHUBMAN GILL



DOB: 8 Sep 1999  
FROM: azilka  
STYLE: RHB / RAOB

His second innings 91 set up victory for India at Brisbane in January 2021

Player of the Tournament in the 2018 ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup





# India Squad

## SHARDUL THAKUR



DOB: 16 Oct 1991  
FROM: Palghar  
STYLE: RHB / RAFM

Scored a crucial first-innings 67 as India won the January 2021 Brisbane Test

Also performed well with the ball, taking seven wickets in the same match

## HANUMA VIHARI



DOB: 13 Oct 1993  
FROM: Kakinada  
STYLE: RHB / RAOB

Scored his maiden Test century against the West Indies at Kingston in 2019

His four-hour, unbeaten innings of 23 helped to save the January 2021 Sydney Test

## WASHINGTON SUNDAR



DOB: 5 Oct 1999  
FROM: Chennai  
STYLE: LHB / RAOB

Made his Test debut in India's memorable win at Brisbane in January 2021, scoring 62 and taking three wickets

Scored unbeaten innings of 85 and 96 in the series with England which followed

## UMESH YADAV



DOB: 25 Oct 1987  
FROM: Nagpur  
STYLE: RHB / RAM

Returned figures of 3/29 and 5/53 in the victory over Bangladesh at Kolkata in November 2019

The previous year he had taken his maiden ten-wicket match haul against the West Indies at Hyderabad

## PRASIDH KRISHNA



DOB: 19 Feb 1996  
FROM: Bengaluru  
STYLE: RHB / RAFM

A key component of the Kolkata Knight Riders pace line-up in the IPL, he took 10 wickets in his first season in the competition in 2018

Made his international debut in the ODI series with England in March 2021, taking 4/54 on his debut

## ABHIMANYU EASWARAN



DOB: 6 Sep 1995  
FROM: Dehra Dun  
STYLE: RHB / RALB

Shot to prominence after scoring 861 runs at an average of 95.66 in the 2018/19 Ranji Trophy

The following year scored 258 runs at 17.20

## AVESH KHAN

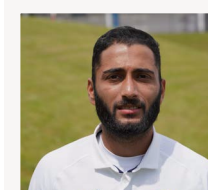


DOB: 13 Dec 1996  
FROM: Indore  
STYLE: RHB / RAFB

Has toured the West Indies and New Zealand with India A and represented them at home against the England Lions and South Africa A

Joint second in the IPL wicket-takers list with 14 wickets when the tournament was suspended in May 2021

## ARZAN NAGWASWALLA



DOB: 17 Oct 1997  
FROM: Surat  
STYLE: RHB / LAM

Has played three seasons in domestic cricket, picking up 62 first-class wickets at an average of 22.53

He was employed as a net bowler for the Mumbai Indians in the recent IPL tournament, before it was postponed



# New Zealand Squad

The team for the World Test Championship Final will be selected from the following squad of players.

## KANE WILLIAMSON



DOB: 8 Aug 1990  
FROM: Tauranga  
STYLE: RHB / OB

Scored 251 against the West Indies at Hamilton in December 2020 and then 238 against Pakistan at Christchurch the following month

Started the tour of England ranked number one in the MRF Tyres ICC Men's Test Player Rankings

## TOM BLUNDELL



DOB: 6 Jun 1988  
FROM: Wellington  
STYLE: RHB / WK

Made 121 in New Zealand's second innings against Australia at Melbourne in 2019

Marked his Test debut with an unbeaten innings of 107 against the West Indies at Wellington in 2017

## TRENT BOULT



DOB: 5 Nov 1988  
FROM: Rotorua  
STYLE: LHB / LAFM

Took 4/39 and 4/28 in India's second innings of the two Tests in February 2020

His figures of 6/32 helped bowl England out for just 58 in the 2018 Auckland Test

## DEVON CONWAY



DOB: 8 Jul 1991  
FROM: Jhb, SA  
STYLE: LHB / RAB

He was the leading run-scorer in the 2019/20 Plunkett Shield Season with 701 runs

Made a maiden ODI century against Bangladesh in March 2021

## COLIN DE GRANDHOMME



DOB: 22 Jul 1986  
FROM: Harare, Zim  
STYLE: RHB / RAFM

Scored 83 in New Zealand's innings win at Colombo in August 2019

His maiden Test century came against the West Indies in 2017 from just 71 balls

## MATT HENRY



DOB: 14 Dec 1991  
FROM: Christchurch  
STYLE: RHB / RAFM

Took 4/93 on his Test debut against England at Lord's in May 2015

Equalled those best figures against South Africa in 2017 and took three wickets in two World Test Championship matches

## KYLE JAMIESON

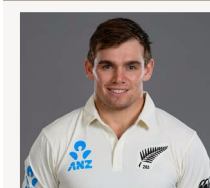


DOB: 30 Dec 1994  
FROM: Auckland  
STYLE: RHB / RAFM

Returned match figures of 11/117 against Pakistan at Christchurch in January 2021

After his first six Test Matches he averaged 56.50 with the bat and 13.27 with the ball

## TOM LATHAM



DOB: 2 Apr 1992  
FROM: Christchurch  
STYLE: LHB / WK

Captained New Zealand for the first time in the January 2020 Sydney Test

His unbeaten innings of 264 against Sri Lanka in 2018 is the highest by anyone carrying their bat through a Test innings



# New Zealand Squad



## HENRY NICHOLLS



DOB: 15 Nov 1991  
FROM: Christchurch  
STYLE: LHB / RAOB

Scored 174 against the West Indies and 157 against Pakistan in the 2020/21 season

His partnership of 369 for the 4th wicket with Kane Williamson against Pakistan at Christchurch this January is the highest partnership in the competition

## AJAZ PATEL



DOB: 21 Oct 1988  
FROM: Mumbai  
STYLE: LHB / LAS

Took 5/89 in Sri Lanka's first innings at Galle in August 2019

Marked his Test debut back in November 2018 with second innings figures of 5/59 against Pakistan at Abu Dhabi

## TIM SOUTHEE



DOB: 11 Dec 1988  
FROM: Whangarei  
STYLE: RHB / RAFM

Took nine wickets in the Perth Test in December 2019 and nine more against India at Wellington two months later

In December 2020 he became just the third New Zealander to take 300 Test wickets

## ROSS TAYLOR



DOB: 8 Mar 1984  
FROM: Lower Hutt  
STYLE: RHB / RAOB

Started the England tour as New Zealand's leading Test run-scorer

His innings of 290 at Perth in 2015 is the highest by anyone in Test cricket against Australia in Australia

## NEIL WAGNER



DOB: 13 Mar 1986  
FROM: Pretoria, SA  
STYLE: LHB / LAFM

Took seven wickets in each of the first two Tests against Australia in the 2019/20 series

He became the second-fastest New Zealand bowler to reach 200 Test wickets, taking just 46 matches

## BJ WATLING



DOB: 9 Jul 1985  
FROM: Durban, SA  
STYLE: RHB / WK

Scored 105 not out in New Zealand's innings victory at Colombo in August 2019

His innings of 205 against England at Mount Maunganui in November 2019 was the first Test double-century by a New Zealand wicket-keeper

## WILL YOUNG



DOB: 22 Nov 1992  
FROM: New Plymouth  
STYLE: RHB / RAOB

Scored 43 in the innings victory against the West Indies at Wellington in December 2020

Captained New Zealand's team in ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2012, scoring 115 against Scotland

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SECTION 5

# Match Officials





# Match Officials

## CHRIS BROAD



Match Referee  
 DOB: 29 Sep 1957  
 BORN: Bristol

Appointed to the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees in 2004, officiated in his first Test Match in December 2003

## RICHARD ILLINGWORTH



On-field umpire  
 DOB: 23 Aug 1963  
 BORN: Bradford

Appointed to the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires in 2013, stood in his first Test Match in November 2012

## MICHAEL GOUGH



On-field umpire  
 DOB: 18 Dec 1979  
 BORN: Hartlepool

Member of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires, stood in his first Test Match in July 2016

## RICHARD KETTLEBOROUGH



TV umpire  
 DOB: 15 Mar 1973  
 BORN: Sheffield

Appointed to the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires in 2011, stood in his first Test Match in November 2010

## ALEX WHARF



Fourth umpire  
 DOB: 4 Jun 1975  
 BORN: Bradford

Became a member of Emirates ICC International Panel of Umpires in 2017



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SECTION 6

# ICC Hall of Fame







# HALL OF FAME

## WTC FINAL 2021 SPECIAL INDUCTION

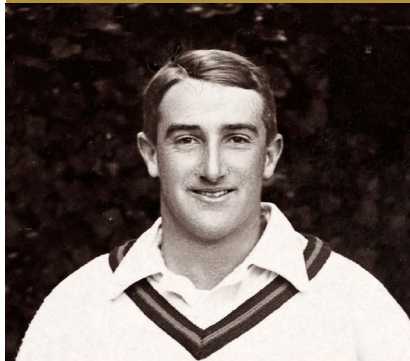
TO CELEBRATE THE INAUGURAL ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL, THE ICC RECENTLY CONCLUDED A PROCESS TO IDENTIFY 10 ICONS OF THE TEST GAME TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE ICC HALL OF FAME.

This special edition spanned the history of the longer format, and was split into five distinct time periods to put the spotlight on the significant figures from the rich history of Test Cricket. These five periods were defined as:

- Early Cricket Era (pre-1918)
- Intra-War Cricket Era (1918 - 1945)
- Post-War Cricket Era (1946 - 1970)
- ODI Era (1971 - 1995)
- Modern Cricket Era (1996 - 2016)

Shortlists in each of these time periods were drawn up, and voted on by the Voting Panel, comprising current living ICC Hall of Famers, senior ICC figures, the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations and famed media representatives, with two names from each era elected. The 10 names inducted are:

### AUBREY FAULKNER



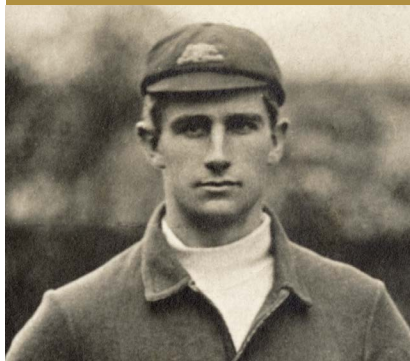
SA	1754 runs at 40.79
25 Tests	82 wickets at 26.58

He was a part of the famous googly quartet that lifted and characterised South African cricket in that first decade of the twentieth century, and in the 1905/06 season he helped inspire South Africa to a 4-1 series victory over England, taking fourteen wickets at 19.42 apiece.

He was even better on England's next visit to South Africa, scoring 545 runs and taking twenty-nine wickets in the five Tests as the series was won 3-2. With the bat, his star shone brightest in the 1910/11 series in Australia, when he made 732 runs in the five matches, including a career-best innings of 204 in the Second Test at Melbourne. He is the only player to have topped both ICC Batting and Bowling Rankings in Test cricket.

Enlisting in the British Army, his bravery earned him the Distinguished Service Order and the Order of the Nile and post-war he set up his famous Cricket School in London.

### MONTY NOBLE



Aus	1997 runs at 30.25
42 Tests	121 wickets at 25.00

One of the greatest Australian all-rounders, he is still the fastest from that country to achieve the 1000 run / 100 wicket Test double, taking just 27 Tests to get there. Playing in the 'Golden Age' of cricket, he used his height to great effect in his classical batting, being equally adept on both off and leg sides. He was also easily able to tailor his game to English conditions on each of his four tours to the country.

With the ball, he bowled with a great deal of swerve and spin and varied his pace well from slow to medium-fast. He took 13 wickets for just 77 runs in the 1902 Melbourne Test and had to give up his career as both a banker and dentist in to concentrate on his cricket. He was also a brilliant fielder at point and possessed a superb throwing arm. He played 42 Tests, captaining his side in 15 of them.





## LEARIE CONSTANTINE



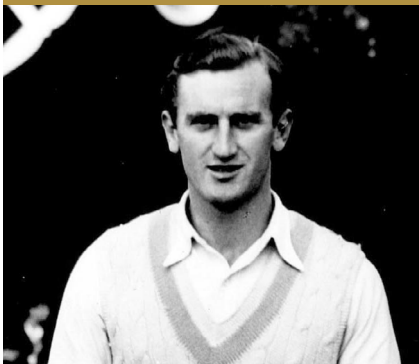
WI	635 runs at 19.24
18 Tests	58 wickets at 30.10

The first great West Indian all-rounder, he played with a flair and freedom that was decades ahead of its time. He was a hard-hitting batsman who thrilled the English spectators on his first Test tour there in 1928. In addition, he was a superb fast bowler with a smooth, high action with an excellent slower ball. In the field, he was able to pick up the ball at top speed and an excellent close catcher.

He practically won the 1930 Georgetown and 1935 Port-of-Spain Tests against England off his own back and was still a good enough bowler to take five for 75 in his final Test at the age of 37. A favourite in the Lancashire Leagues, he played nine full seasons for Nelson, helping them win the championship on seven occasions.

He was a champion not only amongst players but for his people too in their political and legal fight against racial discrimination. He was elected an M.P. in Trinidad's first democratic parliament and became High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago in London from 1962 until 1964. He was knighted in 1962 and created a life peer in 1969.

## TED DEXTER



Eng	4502 runs at 47.89
62 Tests	66 wickets at 34.93

Born in Milan, he became one of England's finest Post-War batsmen, lighting up grounds around the world with his ability to counter the fastest of bowlers with fearless stroke-play. His innings of 70 in the 1963 Lord's Test against the West Indies lives long in the memory of all who saw it.

He had already had a successful start to his Test career before his innings of 180 against Australia at Edgbaston in 1961 made him a household name. He continued to go from strength to strength, striking 205 at Karachi the following year and 174 & 172 against Australia and South Africa respectively in 1964. Unfortunately, soon afterwards he broke his leg, which effectively ended his international career.

In 1987, he was instrumental in devising a new ranking system for Test cricketers, which has now gained prominence worldwide as the MRF Tyres ICC Player Rankings.

## STAN MCCABE



Aus	2748 runs at 48.21
39 Tests	36 wickets at 42.86

A right-handed batsman of the highest class, he dazzled crowds wherever he went with his style and technique. He used those skills to great effect and is best remembered for having played three of the most memorable innings ever seen in Test cricket, each made when his side was in some trouble.

The first came at Sydney in December 1932 when he defied England's Bodyline tactics with 187 not out, arguably the greatest innings ever played in the face of hostile bowling. The next was at Johannesburg in 1935 when Australia had been set an almost impossible 399 to win. He had reached 189 of an Australian total of 274 for two before the South African captain Herbie Wade appealed for the light. This was due to the possible physical danger his fielders might receive from the strokes from McCabe's bat.

The final of McCabe's epics was at Nottingham in 1938 when Australia found themselves 194 for six in response to England's 658 for eight. Deciding that attack was the best course of action, he made 232 in less than four hours to lead his team to a total of 411, which drew the highest of compliments from his captain Don Bradman. He was also an accurate medium-pace bowler and a magnificent fielder.

## VINOO MANKAD



Ind	2109 runs at 31.47
44 Tests	162 wickets at 32.32

An opening batsman and slow left arm orthodox bowler, he was one of India's greatest-ever all-rounders. He could vary his stroke play from the solid to the adventurous, depending on the nature of the game and was equally adept playing the late cut or cover drive. He spun the ball strongly and his flight and length were almost always perfect, enabling him to bowl an over in little more than a minute.

He completed the 1,000 run / 100 wicket double in just 23 Tests, setting a record at the time, and performed a similar 'double' on India's 1946 tour of England. He was the first Indian to score a century against Australia and took 12 wickets as India won their first-ever Test Match – against England at Chennai in 1952. Later the same year against England at Lord's he scored 72 and 184 and bowled 97 overs in the match, before taking 13 wickets at Delhi as India defeated Pakistan in the first Test meeting between the sides.

With the bat, he struck a career-best 231 against New Zealand at Chennai in 1956, sharing a first-wicket partnership of 413 with Pankaj Roy, which remains the national record.



## DESMOND HAYNES



WI	7487 runs at 42.29
116 Tests	1 wicket at 8.00

One half of the most prolific opening batting partnership in Test history, he was capable of some destructive innings and combined impeccable timing with power in his strokeplay. His opening partnership with Gordon Greenidge brought 16 century stands and was instrumental in the West Indies unbeaten streak of 29 Test series which lasted nearly 15 years.

He marked his ODI debut with an innings of 148, which remains the highest by anyone on their first appearance in the format, and he passed fifty in each of his first three Test innings. On occasions he could prove very difficult to dislodge, and he became the first batsman to carry his bat through a completed Test innings on three separate occasions. He enjoyed a productive spell with Middlesex in English county cricket, helping them to the County Championship title in 1990.

By the time he ended his career, he was the leading run-scorer and century-maker in ODI cricket, and signed off from that form of the game the same way he started - with a century. After retirement, he served as a Director of the West Indies Cricket Board and as a Senator in the Barbados Parliament.

## BOB WILLIS



Eng	840 runs at 11.50
90 Tests	325 wickets at 25.20

Standing two metres tall, he could make the ball bounce awkwardly on most pitches and possessed an excellent yorker and bouncer, both of which he used to great effect over the course of his career.

He first toured Australia in 1970/71 and soon established himself as an accurate bowler and excellent close-to-the-wicket fielder, playing a key part in that series victory. For several seasons he was plagued by injuries, but after operations on both knees in 1975, through sheer willpower he played international cricket for nine more years. He was still the spearhead of the England bowling attack at the end of his career, finishing with 325 wickets from his 90 Tests, which was a national record at the time of his retirement.

His greatest triumph was the famous eight for 43 that beat Australia at Headingley in 1981, which remains one of the greatest bowling spells in Test history. Australia were 56 for one chasing just 130 to win, but Willis's efforts dismissed them for just 111 to seal a memorable victory. After retirement he became a cricket commentator and presenter.

## ANDY FLOWER



Zim	4794 runs at 51.54
63 Tests	151 catches and 9 stumpings

His grit, determination, and an undying will to succeed helped inspire his country to their first-ever Test victory after his innings of 156 against Pakistan at Harare in 1995.

Just after the turn of the millennium, over a thirteen-match stretch he scored 1,631 runs at an average of 108.73, propelling himself to the top of the ICC Test batting charts. At Nagpur in 2000, he kept wicket for 155 overs as India posted 609/6 and didn't concede a single bye. When the inevitable follow-on was enforced, he struck an unbeaten 232 to save the game, which remains the highest Test score by any wicketkeeper. Ten months later against South Africa, he scored 142 out of Zimbabwe's first-innings 286, and 199 not out in the follow-on.

He later enjoyed several highly successful seasons for Essex before achieving even greater heights as England's coach.

## KUMAR SANGAKKARA



SL	12400 runs at 57.40
134 Tests	182 catches and 20 stumpings

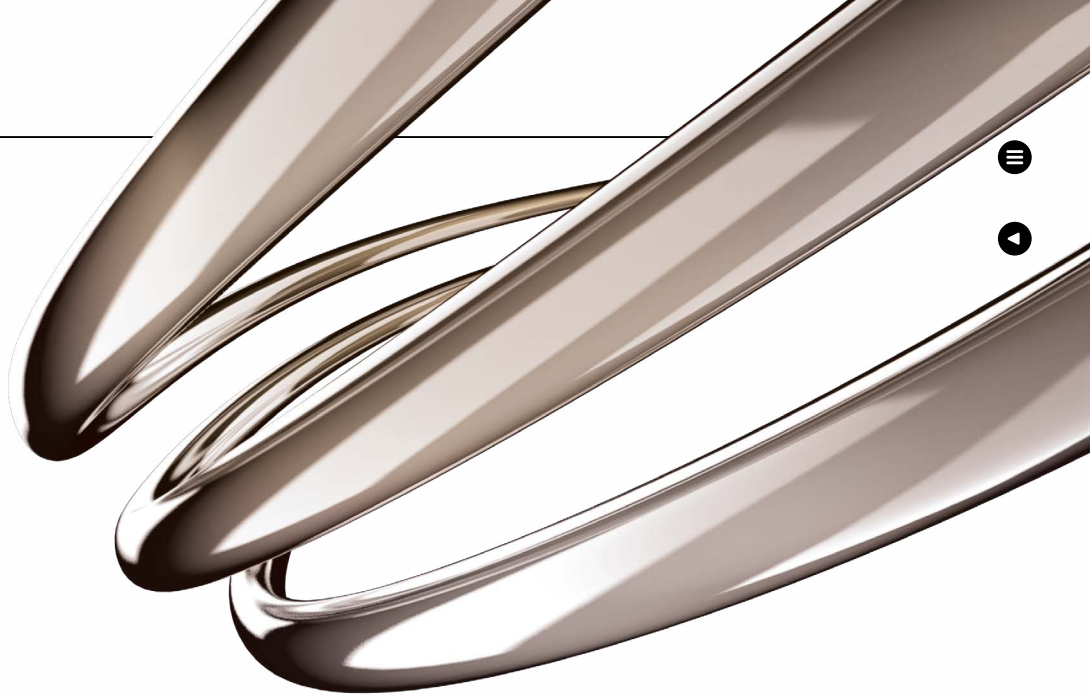
At Colombo in July 2006, he scored 287 against South Africa, sharing a first-class record partnership of 624 with Mahela Jayawardene against a bowling attack consisting of Ntini, Steyn, Nel, Hall and Boje.

His unbeaten half-century to win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2014 was probably his crowning glory and his 319 and 105 in a match against Bangladesh at Chittagong two months earlier helped him towards a record-breaking haul of international runs in any calendar year.

He became the most prolific run-scorer his country had ever known, and at the age of 37, he was still good enough to reel off four consecutive centuries in the 2015 World Cup, setting a new record.



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