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Cricket & Us

How it started

If you are born in Pakistan (sub-continent) and you are a baby boy, then the only thing you will learn is cricket when you start to walk and run. Your dad, brother or uncle brings a bat for you and starts playing cricket. Cricket is not a sport here. It's followed like a religion.

For cricket, we are crazy, ruthless, and passionate; it runs in our blood and operates like oxygen. Being a Pakistani cricket fan does come with a health warning, and it certainly isn't something that everyone can handle — but it is one of the greatest things you can be.

Cricket History

Experts agree that cricket originated by youngsters living in the Weald, a region of dense woodlands and clearings in southeast England, during the Saxon or Norman periods. Cricket was first mentioned as an adult sport in 1611, and a dictionary described cricket as a boys' game in the same year.



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Previously Test matches consisted of 6 days; after 3 days, allocated one day for rest. From 1936 to 1979, there were 8 balls in each over. After 1979/80, 6 balls started. After 1990, Australia started the concept of white ball cricket, and then the concept of day and night cricket came. Australia and England started flood light cricket (One innings in daylight and the second innings in artificial lights). After this, it revolutionized cricket for stretches.

Cricket in Sub-continent

Cricket does have a rich history in the Indian subcontinent, going back to the 18th century. In 1721, a group of sailors in Western India came together to play the game. They seemed to have no clue that the game would become a religion in the subcontinent three centuries later.

India had to wait twenty years to win their first Test match. Pakistan, another Asian country, played their first Test match in 1952.



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Cricket Formats

- Test Cricket (5 Days play, 90 over each day, each time played twice)
- One-Day Cricket (50 Overs each team played)
- T20 Cricket (20 Overs each team played)

Attack on Sri-Lankan Cricket Team

The 2009 attack on the Sri Lankan national cricket team occurred on March 3, 2009, when 12 gunmen started firing on a bus carrying Sri Lankan cricketers as part of a larger convoy near Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, Pakistan. For almost 10 to 12 years, no International has been played in Pakistan.

Lack of Facilities

In terms of resources, Pakistan is an overpopulated country. The British designed us, privileged us, and kept us as enslaved people, which is why there has been no sports growth in the subcontinent. There are no major universities here, the literacy rate is appalling, and the rest of our politicians dug deep and made the country a debtor to international financial institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank. No real facilities for any sport.



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There is a certain romance with being a Pakistani cricket fan. Can't describe it in words. I will live and breathe cricket from the day I was born until I die. The players and superstars we have created like Imran Khan, Waseem Akram, Waqar, Sohaib Akhtar & currently Rizwan, Babar and Shaheen are not because of a brilliant infrastructure and system, but due to endless effort, self believes, tireless, persistent struggle to be proud of Nation. Despite having such a low infrastructure, we can repeatedly show up at ICC events, perform outstanding performances, and produce superstar players solely due to Allah's blessing.

Honestly speaking — being a fan of the Pakistani cricket team is one of the most exciting things you can do as a sports fan. The dizzying highs you feel are indescribable, and the heartbreaking lows are inconsolable. However, I agree that there have been some extremely heartbreaking moments and some euphoric, joyous moments.

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