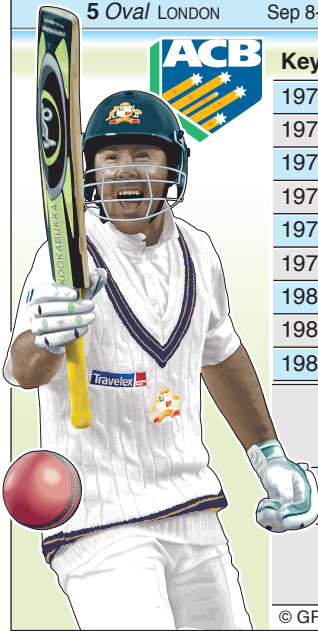


Australia rebound for Ashes Test Series

Australia have held the ascendancy in the biennial Ashes contests for 35 years, claiming 11 of the last 18 series, and holding the Ashes for the past 14 years. With the team hitting form during the one-day matches they have a psychological advantage over England for the opening Test at Lord's

1 Lord's	LONDON	Jul 21-25	1st Test
2 Edgbaston	BIRMINGHAM	Aug 4-8	2nd Test
3 Old Trafford	MANCHESTER	Aug 11-15	3rd Test
4 Trent Bridge	NOTTINGHAM	Aug 25-29	4th Test
5 Oval	LONDON	Sep 8-12	5th Test



Key performances

1970-71:	Aus 0-2 Eng	1986-87:	Aus 1-2 Eng
1972:	Eng 2-2 Aus	1989:	Eng 0-4 Aus
1974-75:	Aus 4-1 Eng	1990-91:	Aus 3-0 Eng
1975:	Eng 0-1 Aus	1993:	Eng 1-4 Aus
1977:	Eng 3-0 Aus	1994-95:	Aus 3-1 Eng
1978-79:	Aus 1-5 Eng	1997:	Eng 2-3 Aus
1981:	Eng 3-1 Aus	1998-99:	Aus 3-1 Eng
1982-83:	Aus 2-1 Eng	2001:	Eng 1-4 Aus
1985:	Eng 3-1 Aus	2002-03:	Aus 4-1 Eng

1932-33: **Bodyline Series** – England's controversial **fast leg theory** enables tourists to regain Ashes with 4-1 margin

1948: **Sir Donald Bradman's** "Invincible" side retain Ashes for Australia 4-0

1981: **Botham's Ashes** – all-rounder **Ian Botham** rescues underdogs England to retain Ashes 3-1

