

History of the Ashes


For only the second time in its history the famous Ashes urn – symbol of the rivalry between two great cricketing nations – will be in Australia for the Test Series against England. Usually housed in the museum at Lords', the urn has been insured for a seven-figure sum for its travels



 Following Australia's first victory over England on English soil, a mock obituary appeared in the ***SportingTimes***



Three weeks later, English captain **Ivo Bligh** led a team to Australia to “regain the ashes” in a three-Test series

 After the final Test, a group of Melbourne ladies presented Bligh with a small urn. Its contents are disputed, with either the ashes of a bail, a ball, or a veil belonging to his future wife among the possibilities

ASHES RECORDS		<i>Test matches</i>			<i>Series</i>			
<i>Venue</i>	PLAYED	AUS	DRAW	ENG	PLAYED	AUS	DRAW	ENG
Australia	147	71	23	53	31	16	2	13
England	145	45	59	41	31	14	3	14

PLAYER RECORDS

Most runs (single innings):

Australia: **Sir Donald Bradman**, 334 (Headingley, 1930) ►

England: **Sir Leonard Hutton**, 364 (*The Oval*, 1938)

Wickets taken (single Test):

Australia: **Bob Massie**, 16 for 137 (*Lord's*, 1972)

England: **Jim Laker**, 19 for 90 (*Old Trafford, 1956*)

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