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I reckon Parkinson's recent interview really emphasises the point that the standard of cricket has raised since Bradman's time, the fitness levels have went up by so much that the game has changed completely. The change can be credited to two men, WG Grace and Bradman, they are what created the modern game, pioneers, yet that does not stand to reason that if a time machine were created they would dominate it. They would be very good players but in this day and age, sport is your profession you train every day of the week, and the skill level is always rising.

Though if you were to feel if Bradman was born in this age of cricketers with all the skill and talent he possessed then, perhaps he would still dominate over todays higher standards, yet that fact alone is debatable as he created those standards and everyone else has emulated them. There may never be another Bradman and even though he may not be the best if he played today, he is the greatest batsman ever to play the game because of what he did then, in his own time, whatever has happened since is inconsequential, without him batting would never be the same as it is today.

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He would have averaged around 150

Hi **Funnygirl** 😊

Here is the dampener for all Bradman 'devotees'

The world batting averages haven't changed much since Bradman's era. If anything they are marginally lower. The lowest being during Richard's era at 30.21 as compared to 31.856 during Bradman's times. Thus Bradman's average during the times of these other greats - extrapolated on the basis of the world averages and Bradman's 'multiplier' works out as:

- Hammond's Era : 97.93
- Richard's Era : 94.97
- Gavaskar's Era : 95.50
- Lara's Era : 95.85

He played in the best era of them all. So the only chance Bradman had for keeping his three figure average intact was if he hadn't played that last test 😊



SIR DON BRADMAN