

IKKI AUSTRALIA (SEP 2005) 16-05-2008, 08.28 PM

To those that are saying Bradman would have been "Very very good" and not "Still would the best batsman ever", if Bradman still wasn't the best ever, then who would be?

SJS MUMBAI, INDIA (MAY 2004) 17-05-2008, 12.54 AM

Originally Posted by Ikki - Pg 50
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....and why?

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Yes, that too. 😊

ROSEBOY64 JAMAICA (APR 2004) 17-05-2008, 11.05 AM

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SON OF COCO BRISBANE (AUG 2004) 17-05-2008, 11.52 AM

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I don't know. As much as a number of people are trying, it's impossible to say how well someone from another era would go now. I said Bradman would be very very good because I don't doubt that mentally he'd be the same as he was in the 30's. That doesn't change. I have doubts about the comparison of levels. I know there were some very good bowlers back in the 30's, but players are generally more professional now and are able to devote all of their time to cricket. I can't say for sure there'd be no difference in performance/fitness between now and then. There are a lot of other variables to take into consideration too, some of which would make batting easier now (such as covered wickets and better groundsmen perhaps).

None of us can say for certain that he'd be the best batsman ever still if he was playing in these times, he may be in amongst a bunch of exceptional

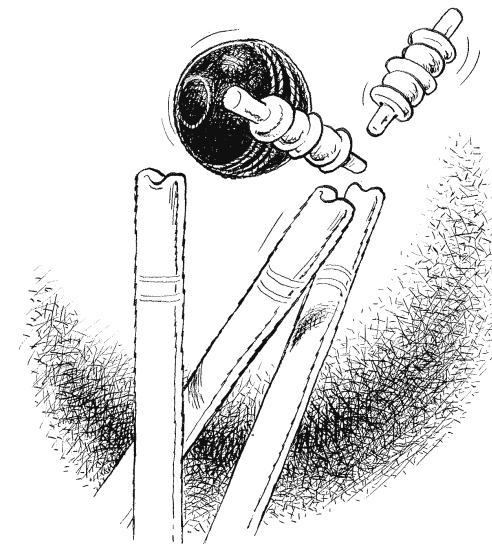
players averaging 50+. To ask 'well, who would be then' is requesting more speculation on something unquantifiable. Who knows!? Maybe we'd find out a Bradman in the 30's is a Tendulkar in the 00's. Maybe he'd continue to outscore anyone and everyone.

RICHARD ENGLAND (OCT 2003) 17-05-2008, 06.56 PM

Originally Posted by roseboy64 - Pg 50
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Those are exaggerations, but you get the point – wicket-taking balls at the current time are even rarer than they were in Bradman's day. Generally, it would take a wicket-taking ball to get Bradman out - this is what made him so extraordinarily special. Whereas most batsmen play bad shots pretty regularly, he just hardly ever did. Greater "professionalism" won't change that.

If Ricky Ponting, Jacques Kallis, etc. can average 70, which they have, then I see no reason Bradman could not have doubled that.



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