

Test Match Special 50 Not Out - The Ultimate Cricket Experience



For over half a century, Test Match Special (TMS) has been the heart and soul of cricket broadcasting, bringing the excitement and drama of the game to fans all around the world. As TMS celebrates its 50th anniversary, it's time to reflect on the remarkable journey of this iconic radio show and the impact it has had on the world of cricket.

The Origins

Test Match Special made its debut on BBC Radio in 1957, providing live coverage and expert commentary on England's cricket matches. Originally hosted by Brian Johnston and former England captain Peter May, the show quickly gained popularity among cricket enthusiasts.



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The charismatic and humorous approach of the presenters, along with their deep knowledge and passion for the sport, set TMS apart from any other cricket broadcasting at the time. It became an essential companion for fans of the game, offering a unique insight into every ball, wicket, and run scored.



The Iconic Voices

Over the years, TMS featured a remarkable roster of cricketing legends and broadcasting talents. From the melodic tones of John Arlott and the witty observations of Fred Trueman to the insightful analysis of Geoffrey Boycott and the enthusiastic storytelling of Jonathan Agnew, the voices of TMS have become synonymous with cricket enjoyment.

Each commentator brought their own style and expertise to the broadcast, captivating audiences with their commentary skills. They took fans on an audio journey, bringing the game to life, including the sounds of bat on ball, crowd reactions, and the atmospheric buzz of the cricket grounds.

Memorable Moments

Throughout its history, Test Match Special has witnessed and described some truly unforgettable moments in cricket. From legendary matches like the "Tied

Test" between Australia and the West Indies in 1960 to incredible performances by renowned cricketers such as Brian Lara, Sachin Tendulkar, and Sir Vivian Richards, TMS has been there to capture the magic.

Who can forget the famous "Botham's Ashes" in 1981 when England's Ian Botham turned the game around with his extraordinary all-round performance, leading to one of the greatest comebacks in cricket history? TMS was there, providing minute-by-minute commentary, allowing fans to feel the tension and excitement.

Innovation and Evolution

While maintaining its traditional charm, Test Match Special has evolved with the times, embracing new technologies and adapting to the changing needs of its audience. The addition of the "Hawkeye" technology for LBW decisions, the use of stump microphones to enhance the audio experience, and the incorporation of statistical analysis have all enriched the coverage provided by TMS.

In recent years, TMS has expanded its reach beyond radio, utilizing digital platforms to engage with a wider audience. With live commentaries, interviews, and podcasts, fans can now access TMS content anytime, anywhere, ensuring that the spirit of cricket is never far away.



The Unbreakable Bond

Test Match Special is more than just a cricket radio show. It is a community, a family of passionate cricket lovers who share a common love for the game. The show has become an integral part of the cricketing landscape, connecting generations of fans through its distinctive voice and unrivaled coverage.

Generations have grown up listening to TMS, forming an unbreakable bond with the show. From grandparents passing down their love of cricket to younger family members to fans tuning in from around the world during overseas tours, TMS has united cricket enthusiasts like no other medium.

Celebrating 50 Years

In 2007, Test Match Special celebrated its 50th anniversary with special broadcasts, interviews, and memorable moments from the past. The occasion not only marked a significant milestone for the show but also reflected on its enduring influence in the world of cricket.

Test Match Special will continue to provide cricket lovers with unparalleled coverage, ensuring that the spirit and joy of the game are conveyed to audiences for years to come. As the iconic radio program reaches new heights, it remains an indispensable part of every cricket enthusiast's life.

So, whether you tune in at home, on the go, or follow TMS through its digital platforms, be prepared for another 50 years of cricketing excellence, camaraderie, and unmissable moments.

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In 1957 a whole day's play of a Test Match was broadcast on BBC Radio for the first time with the slogan 'Don't miss a ball, we broadcast them all'.

This book celebrates 50 years of Test Match Special with anecdotes, behind-the-scenes stories, photos, reminiscences and champagne moments from five decades of top-quality cricket commentary. Sprinkled throughout are 'My First TMS Match' articles by a number of the programme's main contributors, including Jonathan Agnew, Harsha Bhogle, Henry Blofeld, Tony Cozier, Angus Fraser, Bill Frindall, Gerald de Kock, Simon Mann, Vic Marks, Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Jim Maxwell, Shilpa Patel, Mike Selvey, Donna Symmonds and Bryan Waddle.

Edited by Peter Baxter, the organising brain behind TMS and the programme's producer for 34 years, this is a comprehensive and celebratory account of this most respected and prestigious brand in cricket and an essential read for all fans of the game.



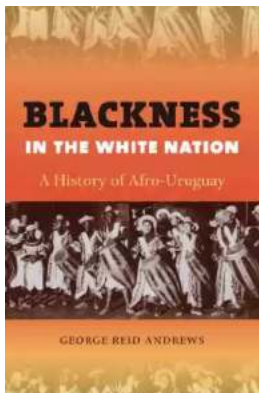
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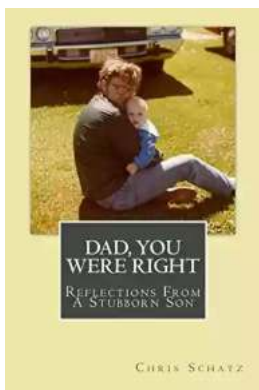
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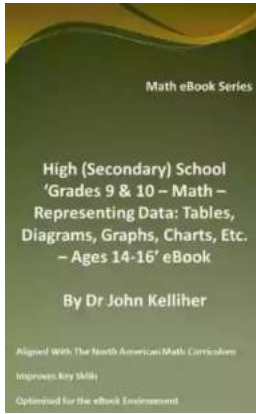
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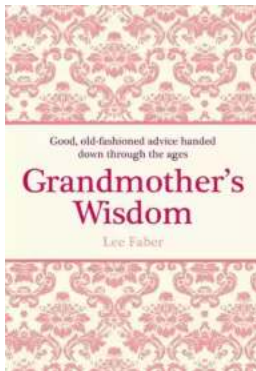
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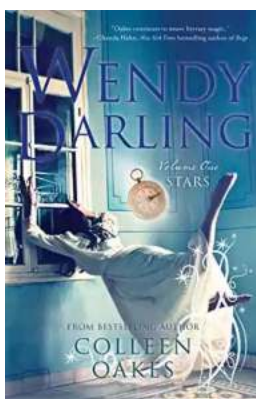
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