

Flying Stumps And Metal Bats: The Epic Journey of Cricket's Greatest Rivalry

From the earliest days of the Ashes to the modern era, Flying Stumps And Metal Bats tells the story of two cricketing nations who have been locked in a fierce battle for supremacy for over a century.



Flying Stumps and Metal Bats: Cricket's Greatest Moments by the People Who Were There by Nick Cain

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With exclusive access to players, coaches, and administrators, Flying Stumps And Metal Bats provides a unique insight into the inner workings of the Ashes rivalry. The book reveals the secrets of the dressing room, the tactics on the field, and the emotions that run high when these two teams meet.

Flying Stumps And Metal Bats is a must-read for any cricket fan. It is a compelling and insightful account of one of the most iconic sporting rivalries in the world.

The Ashes: A History

The Ashes rivalry began in 1882, when Australia defeated England at The Oval in London. The match was so one-sided that the English media declared that English cricket was "dead." In response, Australian captain Ivo Bligh presented the English team with a small terracotta urn, which he said contained the ashes of English cricket.

The Ashes urn has become the symbol of the rivalry between Australia and England. The two teams have competed for the Ashes every two years since 1882, and the series has been one of the most fiercely contested in all of sport.

The Greatest Ashes Moments

Over the years, there have been many great moments in the Ashes rivalry. Some of the most memorable include:

- The Bodyline Series of 1932-33, in which England used a controversial bowling tactic that injured several Australian batsmen.
- The Tied Test of 1968, which ended in a draw after England needed just two runs to win with one wicket remaining.
- The Miracle of Headingley in 1981, in which Australia won a Test match after being bowled out for just 111 in the first innings.
- The Ashes of 2005, which England won 2-1 after trailing 1-0 with two matches to play.

The Ashes Legends

Many of the greatest cricketers in history have played in the Ashes rivalry. Some of the most famous Ashes legends include:

- Don Bradman, the Australian batsman who is considered by many to be the greatest cricketer of all time.
- Ian Botham, the English all-rounder who was one of the most feared cricketers of his generation.
- Shane Warne, the Australian leg-spinner who is considered to be one of the greatest bowlers of all time.
- Kevin Pietersen, the English batsman who was one of the most exciting players of his generation.

The Ashes Today

The Ashes rivalry is still going strong today. The two teams met in the 2019 Ashes series, which Australia won 2-2. The next Ashes series will be played in England in 2023.

The Ashes rivalry is one of the most iconic sporting rivalries in the world. It is a battle between two cricketing nations who have been locked in a fierce battle for supremacy for over a century.

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