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Bill Ponsford (Aus)

born Oct 19 1900 North Fitzroy, Melbourne
died Apr 6 1991 Kyneton, Victoria

Ashes Tests	20 (1924-34) W8 D4 L8	7
Runs	1558 (47.21) HS 266 100 5 50 5	77
Wickets	0	0
Catches	17	8.5
Total		92.5

A powerful accumulator of runs, a fierce driver and excellent against spin. The only player to make two first-class scores over 400.



95

Ian Redpath (Aus)

born May 11 1941 Geelong, Victoria

Ashes Tests	23 (1964-75) W6 D13 L4	5
Runs	1512 (38.76) HS 171 100 2 50 10	75
Wickets	0	0
Catches	29	14.5
Total		94.5

Tall opening batsman who was the last Australian to play as an amateur. Started as a free-flowing striker but became a solid accumulator.



90=

James Kelly (Aus)

born May 10 1867 Sandridge, Victoria
died Aug 14 1938 Sydney

Ashes Tests	33 (1896-1905) W14 D9 L10	15
Runs	613 (17.51) HS 46* 100 0 50 0	30
Wickets	0	0
Catches	39 Stumpings 16	5
Total		100

A solid and dependable wicketkeeper who had to contend with the extreme pace of Ernie Jones. Capable of lightning stumpings.



85=

Trevor Bailey (Eng)

born Dec 3 1923 Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex

Ashes Tests	23 (1950-59) W7 D7 L9	11
Runs	875 (25.73) HS 88 100 0 50 5	43
Wickets	42 (32.69) BB 4-22 5w 0 10w 0	42
Catches	16	8
Total		104

A redoubtable opponent who thrived on a crisis. A fine fast-medium bowler and brilliant fielder who favoured gritty defence with the bat.



80

Dick Lilley (Eng)

born Nov 28 1866 Birmingham
died Nov 17 1929 Bristol

Ashes Tests	32 (1896-1909) W10 D10 L12	-17
Runs	801 (20.02) HS 84 100 0 50 4	40
Wickets	1 (23.00) BB 1-23 5w 0 10w 0	1
Catches	65 Stumpings 19	84
Total		108

A tidy wicketkeeper who could be relied upon as a safe catcher and stumper. A forcing batsman, he played several useful innings.



75=

Sammy Carter (Aus)

born Mar 15 1878 Halifax, Yorkshire
died June 8 1948 Sydney

Ashes Tests	21 (1907-21) W12 D3 L6	21
Runs	776 (25.03) HS 72 100 0 50 4	38
Wickets	0	0
Catches	35 Stumpings 17	52
Total		111

A first-rate wicketkeeper who did not stand as close to the stumps as many of his contemporaries. Noted for his over-the-shoulder scoop shot.



99=

Ernie Jones (Aus)

born Sep 30 1869 Auburn, South Australia
died Nov 23 1943 Magill, Adelaide

Ashes Tests	18 (1894-1902) W7 D6 L5	17
Runs	126 (5.25) HS 20 100 0 50 0	6
Wickets	60 (29.28) BB 7-88 5w 3 10w 1	60
Catches	19	9.5
Total		92.5

A bowler of genuine pace who was said to have bowled one through W.G. Grace's beard in 1896. Learnt the value of length and control.



94

Bob Taylor (Eng)

born July 7 1941 Stoke-on-Trent

Ashes Tests	17 (1978-83) W8 D3 L6	15
Runs	468 (17.33) HS 97 100 0 50 1	23
Wickets	0	0
Catches	54 Stumpings 3	57
Total		95

Always the bridesmaid behind Alan Knott, Taylor finally got his chance when his rival joined World Series Cricket. A magnificent wicketkeeper.



89

Tom Hayward (Eng)

born Mar 29 1871 Cambridge
died July 19 1939 Cambridge

Ashes Tests	29 (1896-1909) W10 D7 L12	-5
Runs	1747 (35.65) HS 137 100 2 50 12	87
Wickets	12 (40.50) BB 4-22 5w 0 10w 0	12
Catches	14	7
Total		101

One of the leading batsmen of his generation. He relied on patience, judgment and a stout defence, partnering Jack Hobbs to great effect.



84

Brett Lee (Aus)

born Nov 6 1976 Wollongong, New South Wales

Ashes Tests	18 (2001-07) W12 D2 L4	25
Runs	334 (20.87) HS 47 100 0 50 0	16
Wickets	62 (40.61) BB 4-47 5w 0 10w 0	62
Catches	4	2
Total		105

One of the most recent incarnations of the Australia fast bowler who unsettles England batsmen with the bouncer-yorker method.



79

John Snow (Eng)

born Oct 13 1941 Peopleton, Worcestershire

Ashes Tests	20 (1968-75) W4 D12 L4	3
Runs	392 (15.07) HS 48 100 0 50 0	19
Wickets	83 (25.61) BB 7-40 5w 4 10w 0	83
Catches	7	3.5
Total		108.5

England's leading strike bowler in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Ray Illingworth's main weapon with 31 wickets in the 1970-71 series win.



74

Tony Greig (Eng)

born Oct 6 1946 Queenstown, South Africa

Ashes Tests	21 (1972-77) W6 D7 L8	-16
Runs	1303 (36.19) HS 110 100 1 50 10	65
Wickets	44 (37.79) BB 4-53 5w 0 10w 0	44
Catches	37	18.5
Total		111.5

A 6ft 7in all-rounder who exuded confidence and charisma, leading from the front with bat or ball. Key player in Packer revolution.



98

Mike Brearley (Eng)

born Apr 28 1942 Harrow, Middlesex

Ashes Tests	19 (1977-81) W11 D3 L5	44
Runs	798 (22.80) HS 81 100 0 50 4	39
Wickets	0	0
Catches	20	10
Total		93

Rodney Hogg, the Australia fast bowler, said: "He has a degree in people." The scholarly captain was worth his place for leadership alone.



93

Ken Barrington (Eng)

born Nov 24 1930 Reading, Berkshire
died Mar 14 1981 Bridgetown, Barbados

Ashes Tests	23 (1961-68) W3 D15 L5	-23
Runs	2111 (63.96) HS 256 100 5 50 13	105
Wickets	4 (57.75) BB 2-47 5w 0 10w 0	4
Catches	19	9.5
Total		95.5

A notorious stonewaller who often carried England's batting alone on his broad shoulders. Died while acting as England's assistant manager in 1981.



88

Alec Bedser (Eng)

born July 4 1918 Reading, Berkshire

Ashes Tests	21 (1946-54) W2 D7 L12	-26
Runs	373 (14.34) HS 79 100 0 50 1	18
Wickets	104 (27.49) BB 7-44 5w 7 10w 2	104
Catches	11	5.5
Total		101.5

Powerful opening bowler and a pillar of the side in the postwar era. One of only seven England bowlers to take 100 Ashes wickets.



83

W G Grace (Eng)

born July 18 1848 Bristol
died Oct 23 1915 Mottingham, Kent

Ashes Tests	22 (1880-99) W13 D4 L5	23
Runs	1098 (32.29) HS 170 100 2 50 5	54
Wickets	9 (26.22) BB 2-12 5w 0 10w 0	9
Catches	39	20
Total		106

The colossus of his age and still the greatest name in the sport more than 90 years after his death. Opened the batting at the age of 50.



77=

Tom Richardson (Eng)

born Aug 11 1870 Byfleet, Surrey
died July 2 1912 St Jean d'Arvey, France

Ashes Tests	14 (1893-98) W6 D1 L7	12
Runs	177 (11.06) HS 25* 100 0 50 0	8
Wickets	88 (25.22) BB 8-94 5w 11 10w 4	88
Catches	5	2.5
Total		110.5

Genuinely quick with immense stamina, he thrived on hard and dry batting wickets utilising a long run-up with a high arm at delivery.



71=

George Lohmann (Eng)

born June 2 1865 Kensington, London
died Dec 1 1901 Cape Province, South Africa

Ashes Tests	15 (1886-96) W12 D0 L3	17
Runs	203 (10.15) HS 62* 100 0 50 1	10
Wickets	77 (13.01) BB 8-35 5w 5 10w 3	77
Catches	22	11
Total		115

Operating at little more than medium pace, he was a fearsome proposition, seaming the ball both ways with numerous variations.



97

Len Braund (Eng)

born Oct 18 1875 Clewer, Berkshire
died Dec 23 1955 Putney Common, London

Ashes Tests	20 (1901-08) W6 D2 L12	-2
Runs	830 (25.15) HS 103* 100 2 50 2	41
Wickets	46 (38.45) BB 8-81 5w 3 10w 0	46
Catches	37	18.5
Total		93.5

Enjoyed a long professional career as a fine batsman on all pitches, a clever leg-break bowler and an immaculate catcher in the slips.



92

Warren Bardsley (Aus)

born Dec 6 1882 Warren, New South Wales
died Jan 20 1954 Sydney

Ashes Tests	30 (1909-26) W13 D10 L7	21
Runs	1487 (33.04) HS 193* 100 3 50 8	74
Wickets	0	0
Catches	6	3
Total		98

Classical left-hander with an upright stance and wide variety of shots. The first Australian to make two centuries in a Test, in 1909.



87

Godfrey Evans (Eng)

born Aug 18 1920 Finchley, Middlesex
died May 3 1999 Northampton

Ashes Tests	31 (1946-59) W7 D10 L14	-12
Runs	783 (17.79) HS 50 100 0 50 1	39
Wickets	0	0
Catches	64 Stumpings 12	76
Total		103

Often touted as the best wicketkeeper the game has seen. Technically superb, he was equally adept standing up or back.



82

Mike Gatting (Eng)

born June 6 1957 Kingsbury, Middlesex

Ashes Tests	27 (1980-95) W9 D9 L9	14
Runs	1661 (37.75) HS 160 100 4 50 12	83
Wickets	0	0
Catches	19	9.5
Total		106.5

Slow starter in Test cricket who finally came good as a burly and powerful batsman. Led England to a surprise series win in 1986-87.



77=

Joe Darling (Aus)

born Nov 21 1870 Adelaide
died Jan 2 1946 Hobart

Ashes Tests	31 (1894-1905) W12 D9 L10	18
Runs	1632 (30.79) HS 178 100 3 50 8	81
Wickets	0	0
Catches	23	11.5
Total		110.5

Led three teams to England, winning in 1899 and 1902. A robust left-hander who could employ both stubborn defence and forceful attack.



71=

Lindsay Hassett (Aus)

born Aug 28 1913 Geelong, Victoria
died June 16 1993 Bateman's Bay, New South Wales

Ashes Tests	24 (1938-53) W12 D9 L3	29
Runs	1572 (38.34) HS 137 100 4 50 6	78
Wickets	0	0
Catches	16	8
Total		115

Pocket-sized batsman who was a quick-footed attacking player before the Second World War, more circumspect as captain in later years.

