

The Full Story of The Most Sensational Test Cricket Series



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The Ashes rivalry between England and Australia is one of the most iconic in world sport. The two teams have been playing for the Ashes since 1882, and the series has always been fiercely contested. In 2005, the two teams played out a thrilling five-match series that will be remembered for its drama, controversy, and extraordinary cricket.

The series began at Edgbaston, where Australia won by 239 runs. England then levelled the series at Lord's, winning by 6 wickets. The third Test at Headingley was a classic, with England winning by just 3 wickets. Australia then won the fourth Test at Old Trafford by 384 runs, setting up a thrilling finale at The Oval.

The Oval Test was a tense and dramatic affair. Australia needed just 134 runs to win and claim the Ashes, but England bowled them out for 129 to win by 60 runs. The victory gave England a 2-1 series win and retained the Ashes.

The 2005 Ashes series was one of the most memorable in history. It was a series that had everything: drama, controversy, and extraordinary cricket. It was a series that will be remembered for years to come.

The Drama

The 2005 Ashes series was full of drama. The first Test at Edgbaston was marred by controversy when Australia's captain, Ricky Ponting, was caught on camera swearing at England's captain, Michael Vaughan. The incident led to a heated exchange between the two captains and set the tone for the rest of the series.

The third Test at Headingley was another dramatic affair. England were bowled out for just 182 in their first innings, but they fought back to win the match by 3 wickets. The victory was sealed by a stunning innings from Andrew Flintoff, who scored 141 runs and took 7 wickets in the match.

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The Controversy

The 2005 Ashes series was also full of controversy. The first Test at Edgbaston was marred by the 'Barmy Army' controversy. The Barmy Army is a group of England cricket fans who are known for their boisterous

support. During the first Test, the Barmy Army were accused of making racist chants at Australia's fast bowler, Brett Lee. The incident led to a public outcry and an apology from the England and Wales Cricket Board.

The third Test at Headingley was also marred by controversy. During the match, England's captain, Michael Vaughan, was caught on camera making a rude gesture at Australia's wicket-keeper, Adam Gilchrist. The incident led to a fine for Vaughan and further strained relations between the two teams.

The Cricket

Despite the drama and controversy, the 2005 Ashes series was also a showcase for some extraordinary cricket. England's Andrew Flintoff was the star of the show, scoring 402 runs and taking 24 wickets in the series. Australia's Shane Warne was also in fine form, taking 23 wickets in the series.

The cricket was often thrilling and unpredictable. The first Test at Edgbaston saw Australia score 556 runs in their first innings, but England fought back to win the match by 239 runs. The third Test at Headingley was another classic, with England winning by just 3 wickets. The Oval Test was the most dramatic of all, with England winning by 60 runs to retain the Ashes.

The 2005 Ashes series was a truly unforgettable spectacle. It was a series that had everything: drama, controversy, and extraordinary cricket. It was a series that will be remembered for years to come.



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