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Message from Benedict Bermange, Sky Cricket Statistician

Like an entire generation of cricket fans, I owe my love of cricket to my father's old metal 'Owzthat' rollers, with which I could transport myself into imaginary matches from the comfort of home. Cricket, its history and statistics are lovingly intertwined, with the best of these numbers taking on a meaning more than just its simple digits. These figures tell stories, and debates over their relative merits date back to the very cradle of the game.

All this information – and much more – is available to members of the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians, whose members share a like-minded fascination with all things cricket-related. To discover that we are not all geeks in anoraks, I heartily recommend joining.



An Invitation to join the ACS

Founded in 1973 by a small group of keen statisticians, the Association widened its scope in 1992 to include the word 'Historians' in its title. Now an international body represented in over 20 countries, it numbers amongst its members most of the world's leading statisticians and several of its most accomplished historians and biographers, not to mention many county and international scorers and a Test cricketer or two.

Our principal purpose has long been 'to promote and encourage research into the statistical and historical aspects of cricket throughout the world at all levels and to publish the findings'. However, for many members, their preferred form of involvement is to enjoy the fruits of others' researches – to read articles in our quarterly journal or to debate issues of the day on our email circle.

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Our History & Achievements

When the ACS was formed there was no agreement on when first-class cricket began or, indeed, what criteria should be applied in classifying the status of early matches. Debate still continues – perhaps it always will – but the **ACS Match Guides** are widely accepted as the most authoritative declaration on the matter. Moreover, detailed early scores have been made more accessible through the publication of our **Match Scores** series.

Members of the ACS have also led the way in establishing many hitherto unpublished biographical details of first-class cricketers, and the players of many of the English Minor Counties have also been covered in our researches.

In addition, we have directed our attention to establishing and classifying the status of the bewildering array of limited-overs matches with their many different formats. The concept of List A limited-overs matches, a classification devised by the ACS, has now been accepted by the ICC, who regard the Association as the leading authority on statistical aspects of the game.

The benefits of membership

As part of your membership you receive:

- The quarterly ACS journal, **The Cricket Statistician**.
- Access to the full ACS website, which includes the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of cricket records, the full text of every edition of the magazine *Cricket* (1882-1914), and much, much more.
- One newly published free book each year.

Publications

The ACS publishes a wide range of books every year. Written by our own members, these books cover a range of writing about cricket worldwide, both statistical and historical. As well as a quarterly journal, books compiled by members and published by the ACS number over 500.

Statistical Series include:

ACS Overseas First-Class Annual, the only printed record of all overseas scores year by year.

ACS International Cricket Year Book, details of every first-class or List A cricketer in the world.

First-Class Counties Second Eleven Annual, greatly valued by keen followers of county cricket.

Historical Series include:

Cricket Witness, original books looking at cricket in its social or historical context, or in particular places or regions.

Lives in Cricket, which provides biographies for many high-class cricketers whose stories have not been told before – and some less successful ones too.

In addition to its regular series, the ACS publishes various other stand-alone books such as Jeremy Lonsdale's *A Game Taken Seriously* on the early days of Yorkshire cricket; Chris Overson's *All Ten*, a study of performances of that rarest of bowling feats; and Mark Rowe's *Young Bradman* which describes his 'eye for the ball', concentration and appetite for runs.

We have also recently published two books on women's cricket: *Women at the Wicket*, a history of the game in England between the wars, and a biography of Enid Bakewell which appears in the Lives in Cricket series.

Cricket discussion

While the Association remains committed to the printed word, many members keep in touch through our online forum, where those who register can join in lively debates by email. There are also opportunities to meet and debate with other members at our AGM, held in March.

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