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## A Study On The Performance Of Cricketer “Sunil Gavaskar And Sir Donald Bradman”

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### Abstract

It's not an easy to write about the world class two batter because both are the legend in the cricket history. This research paper explained the talent, hard work, dedication, and resilience of these two players. These both players were the master of his cricketing skills. They are world top test players but they were few differences that delight in this study. This study reveals Sir Bradman was more successful player when he played on number three. Sunil Gavaskar inspired an entire generation, especially in the cricket-crazy subcontinent. Sunil Gavaskar played against the fastest bowler of world. He scored more than 10,000 runs in just 125 matches. Gavaskar Batting average was better in America in compression of Asia. As an opener Gavaskar was wonderful player but was not successful on batting order number 5 and 6.

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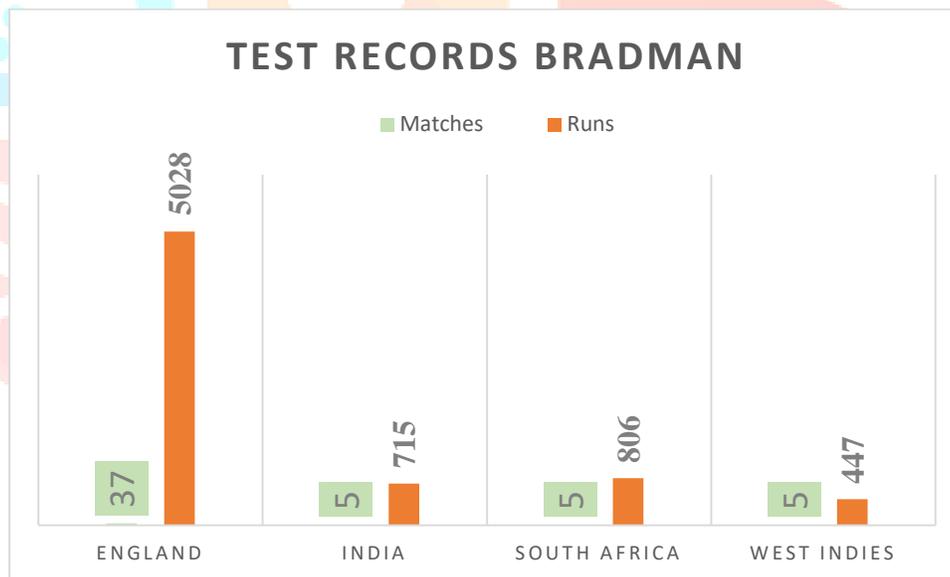
### Introduction

If the world top two batter are stand in front of you than it's not possible for a researcher to compare the level of performance between these two players. In this paper researcher mainly pay attention on the test matches because Sir Bradman and Sunil Gavaskar both were the mater of test matches. The international Career of Bradman was started in 1928 and they played till 1948. On the other side Sunil Gavaskar was start his cricketing journey on 1971 and played last match in 1987. Sunil Gavaskar was born on July 10, 1949. And till that time Bradman say goodbye to cricket but after this all this study is very interesting because both players are the master of the game. Bradman was died in 92 years of age. He was born in August 27, 1908 at New South Wales. He played from the New south ales, Australia and South Africa. He was the Leg break bowler. Sir Bradman height was 5ft 7 inches. After the retirement Donald also support younger players. He played the role of selector, and administrator. He scored 29 centuries out of 80 matches.

Sunil Gavaskar was the 5ft and 5inches player. He was right arm medium bowler and Right-handed opening batter. He played for India, Mumbai and Somerset. His full name was Sunil Manohar Gavaskar and little name was Little master. Sunil Gavaskar was the back bone of team India because that time a batter needs strong heart to face the west indies bowling side. He was the greatest opening batter of all the time. Opponent team watch the time when he will out and always find the new skills to made him out but they failed in front of Gavaskar patience. He also served as a television commentator, analyst and columnist. Gavaskar scored fastest 5000 runs in 95 matches. He has the record of highest partnership of 344 runs in test match. In the age of 38 years he scored century in one day international. You can imagine the skills of Gavaskar to know this fact he played 174 balls in One -Day Match. He scored 100 in both the inning of a test match. Bradman and Gavaskar so many records are still waiting, who will break this record and create the new history in cricket world.

### Batting Records Sir Bradman

**Bradman’s Test average of 99.94** is the highest in history and is considered almost superhuman. Bradman just played against the England.



In Australia Bradman scored with 98.22 average and in England he scored with average 102.84. In home ground he hit 18 centuries and in England he scored 11 centuries. As a captain he leads the team much better and his performance was also wondering.

Sir Bradman always dominate in the 2nd Inning of the test match because he was 8 times not out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning of the test match. He also scored more in 2<sup>nd</sup> inning of test match.

In Australian cricket history Sir Bradman was the real hero because Australia won the test match if Bradman scored in test If the Bradman not scored in the test match than Australia lost maximum number of test match. If team Australia bat first than Bradman scored much higher in compression of fielding first. Team Australia winning average is also high in compare of England. At that time there was no safety equipment like helmet

and other basic gear to protect the body. They faced the medium pacers and spinners. That time bat quality was also not good like 21<sup>st</sup> century. That time playing condition was not good like pitch surface but opponent bowler was not high speed like 21<sup>st</sup> century. That time cricket was not much popular world-wide so pressure of fans and media was very less. “World War II intervening, there were no more Test cricket tours until 1946, when an Australian team, without Bradman, went to New Zealand. He captained the Australian side for the tour by England that year and for the first Test series against an Indian side in Australia in 1947-48. In the latter series, he scored, in Sydney, his 100th century”.

### **Batting Records Sunil Gavaskar**

Sunil Gavaskar played against the fastest bowler of world. He scored more than 10,000 runs in just 125 matches. Gavaskar Batting average was better in America in comparison of Asia.

Gavaskar scored highest 236 not out run against the world fastest bowling attack of West Indies. He scored 5 test centuries against Pakistan and 08 against Australia. He scored 13 centuries against the west Indies.

Gavaskar five time out on duck against the West Indies. He scored 16 fifties against the England and highest score was 221 against England.

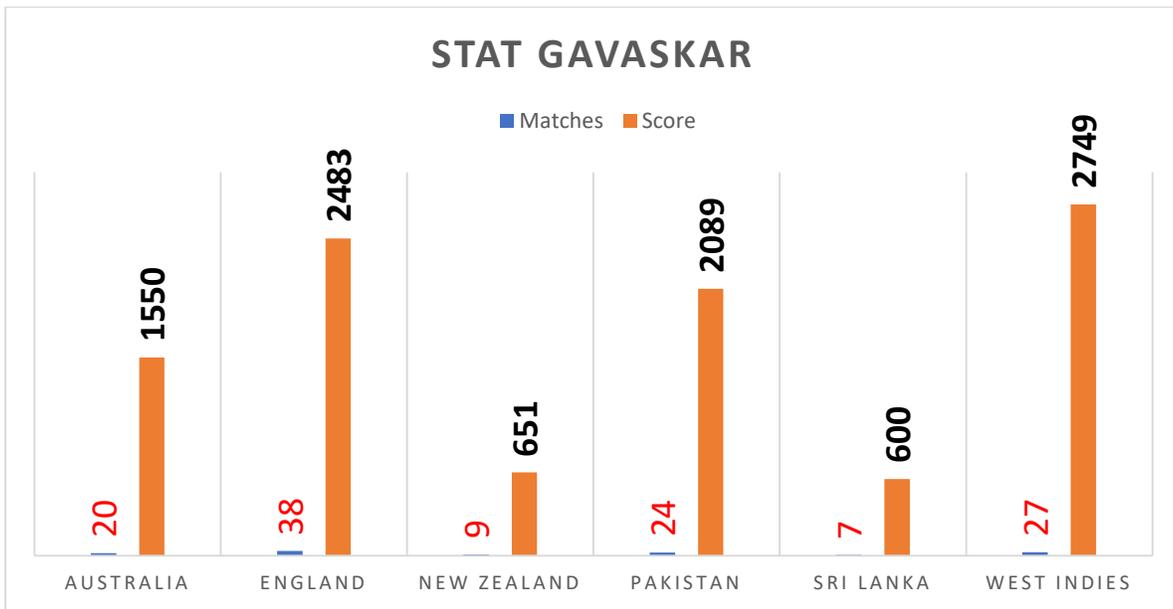
In Asia Continent Gavaskar scored 19 century and 30 half centuries. Gavaskar performance was equal in-home ground and away from home ground. He scored 5067 runs in his home ground and 5055 runs out side India.

Gavaskar performance as a captain and without captain was also same. He played his own game without stress and lead team India in batter way.

Gavaskar score chasing average is much better than 1<sup>st</sup> innings batting. Its mean Gavaskar know better his responsibilities for team.

In the test matches his 1<sup>st</sup> team inning average is 50.90 and 2<sup>nd</sup> team innings is 51.46. Its means Gavaskar played natural game in all the condition.

As an opener Gavaskar was wonderful player but was not successful on batting order number 5 and 6.



**Results: -**

<i>Stats</i>	<i>Sunil Gavaskar</i>	<i>Sir Donald Bradman</i>
<i>Career Span</i>	1971-1987	1928 – 1948
<i>Test Matches</i>	125	52
<i>Test Runs</i>	10122	6,996
<i>Test Batting Average</i>	51.12	99.94 (unmatched)
<i>Test Centuries</i>	34	29

**Discussion :-**

- **Bradman** is considered the **greatest statistical outlier** in all sports. His domination over peers is unmatched. The test average of Bradman is an unbreakable record.
- **Sunil Gavaskar** inspired an entire generation, especially in the cricket-crazy subcontinent.

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