

The Story of Cricket

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About the Chapter:

- The author, Ramachandra Guha, shares his insightful views on cricket, its history and development in this chapter.
- He feels that the game of Cricket has left the games like Hockey, Football far behind in the terms of popularity.
- The strange fact is that the cricket pitch has to be of 22 yards whereas the dimensions of the ground may differ from place to place, unlike Hockey and Football fields.
- The first world cricket club was organized in 1760 whereas the Parsis of Bombay set up the first cricket club of India in 1848, funded by the Tatas and the Wadias.