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Hit and Run

- While no batsman had ever scored a double-century in the first ten World Cups, two did so in the 2015 edition. West Indies opener Chris Gayle was first cab off the rank with 215 against Zimbabwe in Canberra only to have his record usurped a month later by New Zealand opener Martin Guptill who made an unbeaten 237.

After going 19 months without a three-figure score in one-day internationals, Gayle let loose with a World Cup-record 16 sixes becoming the first batsman to score 175 or more in an innings in first-class, List A and Twenty20 cricket and the first to attain the feat of a century in a Twenty20 international, a double-century in a ODI and a triple-century in a Test match. Along the way, Gayle and Marlon Samuels (133*) staged a second-wicket 372-run stand, the highest partnership for any wicket in List A cricket.



The West Indies opener marked the 1,000th international match to be staged in Australia by hitting the first World Cup 200 on the same day – 24 February – that Sachin Tendulkar had made the first 200 in a one-day international, in 2010.

Gayle then watched his record taken in a quarter-final in Wellington as New Zealand compiled a match-winning 393/6 against the West Indies with Guptill scoring his country's first double-century in one-day international cricket.

- Within a single of scoring his maiden double-century in the County Championship, Kent batsman Brendan Nash pulled the plug on his innings in the match against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham in 2013. Battling exhaustion on what was the hottest day of the summer at the time, the Australian-born former West Indies Test batsman retired on 199.
- On his way to a century in a second XI match in 2013, Lancashire batsman Jordan Clark hit six sixes in over. Clark, who made his List A debut for the club in 2010, took to the bowling of Yorkshire spinner Gurman Randhawada for the full house of sixes during the match at Scarborough. On the same day, in a first-class match at Cambridge, Middlesex wicketkeeper Adam Rossington (103*) also hit the jackpot with six consecutive sixes. Facing Cambridge MCCU's Akbar Ansari, Rossington hit a six off the last five balls of an over, then struck another off the first ball of his next.
- After Charlie Bull had carried his bat in a first-class match in 1935, his opening partner repeated the feat in the second innings. Bull scored 57 not out in Worcestershire's first innings of 150 against Lancashire at Kidderminster while Harold Gibbons carried his bat for 83 in their second-innings follow-on total of 148. The match provides the only instance of different openers carrying their bats for the same team in each innings of a first-class match.
- Simon Katich celebrated his 50th first-class match for New South Wales with a fifty, becoming the fifth batsman to score 500 runs in Sheffield Shield finals. Batting against Tasmania in Hobart in 2010/11, the Blues skipper hit 96 and joined Martin Love, Tom Moody, Stuart Law and Geoff Marsh in reaching the 500-run milestone in Shield finals. Love was the first batsman to achieve 1,000 runs, posting 1,107 with five centuries and a further three fifties.
- With an innings of 107 against the West Indies at Kingston in 2014, Jimmy Neesham became the first player to score centuries in his first two Tests but against different opponents. The eighth batsman overall to score a ton in each of his first two Tests from debut, the New Zealand medium-pacer had made an unbeaten 137 in his first Test, against India at Wellington, earlier in the year.
- Soon after making a move from New Zealand to Australia in 2011, former Test all-rounder Chris Cairns hit a scorching century for his new club in the national capital. Playing for North Canberra Gungahlin (319/5), the 41-year-old smashed 141 off 66 balls in a one-day match against the Australian National University (124). His last 90 runs came off just 27 deliveries.

- Will Williams marked his first-class debut in 2013/14 by being dismissed handled the ball. Batting at No. 10 for Canterbury against Otago at Dunedin, Williams became the first player to be out in such fashion in his first match.
- Madhya Pradesh batsman Aditya Shrivastava began his first-class career in 2014/15 in record-breaking style becoming the first batsman to score a ninety and a century on debut. Opening the batting against Karnataka at Indore, Shrivastava scored 91 in the first innings and an unbeaten 108 in the second for a match-total of 199.
- Appearing in his first Test against Australia in nearly a decade, Younis Khan marked the occasion with a match-winning pair of centuries. With 106 at Dubai in 2014/15, Younis became the first Pakistani to make a Test hundred against all nine other countries and with an unbeaten 103 in the second innings became the first Pakistani to pass the milestone of 25 Test centuries.

Younis continued his sumptuous form in the second Test at Abu Dhabi, becoming only the second batsman to score three centuries on the trot against Australia after England's Herbert Sutcliffe (155, 176, 127) in 1924/25. On the same day in 1976/77 that Pakistan's 19-year-old Javed Miandad had become Test cricket's youngest double-centurion, Younis – already Pakistan's oldest to score a 200 – struck 213 aged 36 years and 336 days. He took part in two stands worth 150, including one of 181 for the fourth wicket with a 40-year-old Misbah-ul-Haq, who became the oldest batsman to score two centuries in the same Test, beating a 39-year-old Don Bradman.

After making 101 in the first innings, Misbah matched it in the second, equalling Viv Richards's Test record of a ton off 56 balls. On fire from ball one, the skipper jettied his way to fifty off just 21 balls in 24 minutes – both Test records. From the ball that followed Misbah's historic century, Azhar Ali got to a hundred as well, with the pair providing just the second instance of two batsmen from the same team scoring a century in each innings of the same Test. For the first time, three batsmen from the same side scored two tons in a Test in the same series, while the trio also provided the first instance of three batsmen from one team aggregating 200 runs in the same Test.

TWO BATSMEN FROM SAME SIDE WITH A PAIR OF CENTURIES IN SAME TEST

Batsmen	Scores	Test	Venue	Season
Ian Chappell	(145 and 121)			
Greg Chappell	(247* and 133)	Australia v New Zealand	Wellington	1973/74
Azhar Ali	(109 and 100*)			
Misbah-ul-Haq	(101 and 101*)	Pakistan v Australia	Abu Dhabi	2014/15

- Australia's Michael Bevan made history with the bat during the 2000 County Championship when he scored a pair of 150s in a match and shared in two partnerships in excess of 250. Representing Sussex, Bevan struck 166 and 174 in the match against Nottinghamshire at Hove, and, with Richard Montgomerie, put on second-wicket stands of 292 and 265, the first time two batsmen had shared two partnerships of 250-plus in the same first-class match.

**TWO DOUBLE-CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS
BY SAME PAIR IN A FIRST-CLASS MATCH**

Stands	Wkt	Batsmen	Match	Venue	Season
220 and 286	1st	Bert Sutcliffe and Don Taylor	Auckland v Canterbury	Auckland	1948/49
222 and 282	1st	Paul Pollard and Tim Robinson	Notts v Kent	Trent Bridge	1989
227 and 220	1st	Graham Gooch and John Stephenson	Essex v Northants	Northampton	1990
292 and 265	2nd	Richard Montgomerie and Michael Bevan	Sussex v Notts	Hove	2000
257 and 228*	1st	Marcus Trescothick and Arul Suppiah	Somerset v Yorkshire	Taunton	2011

- After making his one-day international debut in a series against a World XI in 2005/06, Australia's Cameron White didn't get a bat until his fifth match when he made a duck. Batting at No. 8 against New Zealand at Christchurch, White copped a first-baller from Chris Martin, and didn't score his first run until his seventh match, when he made 45 against the New Zealanders at Hobart in 2006/07.
- The day after Australia had been snubbed in the ICC's 2008 One-Day International Team of the Year, Ricky Ponting and Shane Watson recorded the country's first 250-run partnership in the 50-over game. Despite being rated the No. 1 side in one-day internationals at the time, no Australian made the cut for the best composite side of 2008. The following day, Australia slaughtered England in a Champions Trophy match at Centurion, with Watson (136*) and Ponting (111*) putting on an unbeaten 252-run stand for the second wicket off just 242 balls. One of Watson's seven sixes struck a spectator in the head, while Ponting traversed the 12,000-run milestone in one-day internationals, the first Australian to do so.

After beginning the tournament with two ducks, Watson ended it with two unbeaten centuries. He followed his 136 with a match-winning 105 against New Zealand in the final at Centurion, bringing up his hundred with two consecutive sixes.

- After scoring 16 in his first one-day international innings, Afghanistan batsman Mohammad Shahzad hit centuries in his next two. He made

110 against the Netherlands at Amstelveen in 2009 and 118 against Canada at Sharjah in 2009/10.

- Jason Gillespie marked his 31st birthday in 2006 by becoming the first Australian to score a double-century in his final Test match, an innings of 201 not out against Bangladesh. The following year, the fast bowler celebrated his 32nd birthday with another history-making century, this time in his first match for Yorkshire. With an unbeaten 123, Gillespie made the highest score by a Yorkshire No. 10 and with Tim Bresnan (116) added 246 for the ninth wicket against Surrey at The Oval, erasing the county record of 192 set by George Hirst and Schofield Haigh in 1898.
- When India and Sri Lanka played at Rajkot in 2009/10, the match provided the first instance of both sets of openers achieving a first-wicket stand of 150 in the same one-day international. India's Virender Sehwag (146) and Sachin Tendulkar (69) put on 153, while the Sri Lankan pair of Upul Tharanga (67) and Tillakaratne Dilshan (160) added 188.

The wicketkeeping captains – Mahendra Singh Dhoni (72) and Kumar Sangakkara (90) – both scored fifties batting at No. 3, with three 150-plus and four 100-plus partnerships in the match, both firsts in one-day internationals.

Both centurions got to the 100-mark in fewer than 75 balls – Sehwag scored his century off 66 deliveries, while Dilshan needed 73. A total of 825 runs was scored in the match, with Sri Lanka failing by just three runs in its quest for victory. Batting first, India made 414/7 with the visitors reaching 411/8 after its 50 overs.



“I was actually supporting Sri Lanka. My superstition is that whenever I support India, they lose. So I was supporting Sri Lanka.”

Virender Sehwag

- Thirteen years after making his one-day international debut, Bangladesh's Minhajul Abedin scored his maiden half-century, making two within four days. Appearing in his last one-day international tournament, Minhajul – who played in his country's first ODI, against Pakistan at Moratuwa in 1985/86 – hit an unbeaten 68 against Scotland at Edinburgh and 53 not out against Australia at Chester-le-Street in the 1999 World Cup.
- New Zealand batsman Richard Jones was dismissed in his first Test and one-day international innings for the same score, in the same fashion, and by the same bowler. In the first innings of his only Test – at Wellington in 2003/04 – he was bowled for 16 by Pakistan's Abdul Razzaq. He went exactly the same way on his ODI debut – bowled for 16 by Razzaq – in Lahore a month before.
- On his way to an unprecedented fourth instance of twin tons in a Test, Ricky Ponting became the first batsman to fail by the narrowest of margins in chasing down the milestone. Having scored 101 in the first innings against South Africa at the MCG in 2008/09, Ponting missed out on his second hundred when he was caught off the bowling of Morne Morkel for 99. The only other batsman to score 99 and a century in a Test is England's Geoff Boycott, who followed up a first-innings 99 against the West Indies at Port-of-Spain in 1973/74 with 112.
- In his first Test match against Bangladesh, New Zealand's Martin Guptill scored a century and a record-breaking half-century. In the first innings of the match, at Hamilton in 2009/10, Guptill hit 189 in 444 minutes, with 18 fours and a six, sharing a triple-century stand with Brendon McCullum. In the second innings, Guptill slammed an unbeaten 56, becoming the first, and to date only, batsman to score a Test match fifty that contained sixes (three) but no fours.
- The New Zealand A team began its 2014 tour of England and Scotland with a 50-over win against Northamptonshire after two of its Africa-born batsmen with the same christian name both struck identical centuries. The South African-born Colin Munro, batting at No. 5, and the Zimbabwe-born Colin de Grandhomme, at six, shared a 199-run partnership with both scoring 151, the highest identical score by two batsmen in the same List A match.
- While it took 18 matches for the first century to be scored in Australian first-class cricket, it took just one more to see the second. Victoria's Dick Wardill is credited with the country's first first-class hundred, an innings of 110 against New South Wales at Melbourne in 1867/68. In the next match considered first-class, Wardill's team-mate Joseph Phillips scored Australia's second first-class ton with 115 against Tasmania at the MCG in 1868/69.

- After 24 runs batting at number six in his first three innings of 2013, Derbyshire's Chesney Hughes carried his bat for a double-century in his next. With a duck in his previous innings, Hughes asked to open the batting against Yorkshire at Leeds and scored a maiden first-class double-century. With an unbeaten 270, he came close to the club's all-time record of 274 by George Davidson in 1895. Despite his efforts, Hughes ended up on the losing side, with Derbyshire going down by an innings.

HIGHEST FIRST-CLASS SCORES BY A BATSMAN FOR TEAM THAT LOST BY AN INNINGS

Score	Batsman	Match	Venue	Season
309	Vijay Hazare	The Rest v Hindus	Mumbai	1943/44
270*	Chesney Hughes	Derbyshire v Yorkshire	Leeds	2013
231	John Jameson	Warwickshire v Indians	Birmingham	1971
224	Paul Prichard	Essex v Kent	Canterbury	1997
219	Cyril Poole	Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire	Ilkeston	1952

HIGHEST FIRST-CLASS SCORES BY A BATSMAN CARRYING HIS BAT

Score	Batsman	Match	Venue	Season
357*	Bobby Abel	Surrey (811) v Somerset	The Oval	1899
318*	W.G. Grace	Gloucestershire (528) v Yorkshire	Cheltenham	1876
305*	Bill Ashdown	Kent (560) v Derbyshire	Dover	1935
272*	Robert Relf	Sussex (433) v Worcestershire	Eastbourne	1909
270*	Chesney Hughes	Derbyshire (475) v Yorkshire	Leeds	2013

- The Sri Lankan opening pair of Tillakaratne Dilshan and Upul Tharanga dominated the 2011 World Cup with two double-century stands, one of which was a record-breaker for the tournament. A 282-run partnership against Zimbabwe at Pallekele beat the previous best in the World Cup of 194 between Pakistan's Saeed Anwar and Wajahatullah Wasti in a 1999 semi-final. Dilshan made 144 and Tharanga 133, the first time that both openers had scored centuries in the same World Cup innings, a feat they would repeat later in the tournament. Dilshan – with bowling figures of 4-4 – became just the second player after the Netherlands' Feiko Kloppenburg to score a century and take four wickets in the same World Cup match.

The Zimbabweans also posted a century opening stand with Brendan Taylor (80) and Regis Chakabva (35) reaching 116. The 398 runs aggregated by both opening pairs became the highest in a one-day international, surpassing the 368 runs scored in the match between Sri Lanka and England at Leeds in 2006.

Two matches later, the Sri Lankans put on another double-ton stand, humiliating England in a quarter-final match in Colombo. Chasing a target of 230 for a semi-final berth, Dilshan (108*) and

Tharanga (102*) powered Sri Lanka to a ten-wicket victory over the Poms and another bunch of records. Dilshan and Tharanga became the first pair to record two 200-run stands in a single World Cup tournament and the first pair to twice score centuries in the same innings of a World Cup match.

Dilshan ended the tournament as its most productive batsman with exactly 500 runs, and in partnership with Tharanga fashioned 800 at an average of 100.00. Dilshan hit 61 fours, the most by any batsman, while Tharanga and Sachin Tendulkar came second, hitting 52 each.

- South Africa's Alvaro Petersen made history against India at Kolkata in 2009/10 by becoming the first batsman to score exactly 100 in his debut Test innings. Four batsmen had previously made 100 not out in their first Test, while West Indies opener Basil Williams made ten and 100 on his Test debut, against Australia at Georgetown in 1977/78. After taking part in a double-century stand with Hashim Amla, Petersen's dismissal triggered a remarkable collapse, which saw South Africa – at 218/1 – lose their last nine wickets for 78. Amla held his head high, becoming just the ninth batsman to score a pair of centuries in a Test despite ending up on the losing side, and finished the two-match series with a healthy 490 runs at an average of 490.00.
- Of the nine centuries scored by Australian batsman Graeme Wood, three came to an end on 100. His second such score, against Pakistan at Melbourne in 1981/82, contained just three boundaries, a set of numbers matched by Allan Border two summers later. In the second Test against the West Indies at Port-of-Spain in 1983/84, Border followed 98 not out in the first innings with an unbeaten 100 in the second, which also contained just three fours. The world record for most Test scores of 100 is four by England's Len Hutton.



- New Zealand's Matt Poore made it into the 40s a record four times in Test match cricket without ever reaching a half-century. His highest score of 45 came on his Test debut in 1952/53 against South Africa at Auckland. Naimur Rahman – Bangladesh's first captain – possesses a similar record in one-day internationals with four scores in the 40s and a highest innings of 47, while his best in eight Tests was 48.

- During a one-day international against Zimbabwe at Bulawayo in 2011/12, New Zealand's Kane Williamson faced the final ball of the match on 93 not out and managed to bring up a century. Facing debutant Njabulo Ncube, Williamson received a no-ball head-high beamer which he hit to the boundary. With another ball to be delivered, and with Ncube banned from bowling, the Kiwi No. 6 then struck three off Elton Chigumbura to reach 100 not out. New Zealand ended up losing the match, after Malcolm Waller smashed an unbeaten 99.
- In a low-scoring first-class match at Trent Bridge in 1879, Thomas Foster top-scored for Derbyshire with an aggregate of just 26. In an innings-and-99-run defeat to Nottinghamshire, Foster was the only batsman to score more than five in his side's first-innings 16 with seven, and was the only one to reach double figures in their second-innings 44, scoring 19.
- Francis Noyes made 21 appearances in first-class cricket, making history in one match by batting twice in each innings. His teammate Thomas Barker had been unable to take his place in the Nottinghamshire XI against Hampshire at Southampton in 1843 after breaking his leg on the opening morning. Noyes was then permitted to bat four times in the match, scoring 31 and eight in the first innings, and five and nine in the second.

SCOREBOARD

HAMPSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – SOUTHAMPTON 1843

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE		1st innings	2nd innings
H. Maltby	c Dorrinton b Hervey-Bathurst	2	b Hervey-Bathurst 0
S. Redgate	c Martin b Hervey-Bathurst	41	b Hervey-Bathurst 0
F. Noyes	c Bodie b Day	31	c Weir b Day 5
J. Guy †	c & b Day	46	c Dorrinton b Day 14
W. Clarke	c Martin b Day	12	c Day b Hervey-Bathurst 30
A. Bass	run out	0	b Day 8
C. Creswell	c & b Day	43	c Barfoot b Hervey-Bathurst 2
F. Noyes	c Barfoot b Hervey-Bathurst	8	b Hervey-Bathurst 9
H.J. Porter	not out	6	b Hervey-Bathurst 1
J. Chapman	run out	8	c Weir b Hervey-Bathurst 0
E. Patchitt	b Hervey-Bathurst	0	not out 0
Extras	(8 b, 4 w)	12	(8 b, 1 w) 9
Total	(all out)	209	(all out) 78

- During the West Indies' 269 in the first Test against New Zealand at Bridgetown in 2002, two of their batsmen hit identical half-centuries off the same number of balls. The only two fifties in the innings, Chris Gayle and Brian Lara both hit 73 off 131 deliveries.

- Upon reaching 69 against England at the SCG in 2002/03, Steve Waugh became only the second Australian after Allan Border to reach the milestone of 10,000 Test runs. Coincidentally, Waugh got there on the same day, ten years later, and on the same ground as his former captain. Border achieved the feat in his 136th Test, against the West Indies in 1992/93, the second batsman to pass the barrier after India's Sunil Gavaskar did so in 1986/87.
- Sri Lanka's Naveed Nawaz scored 99 runs on his Test debut in 2002, but was never selected again. With scores of 21 and 78 not out, against Bangladesh at Colombo, the No. 3 batsman savoured a victory in his only appearance and left the scene with a Bradmanesque Test average of 99.00.
- Batting against Ireland at Aberdeen in 2008, New Zealand's Brendon McCullum and James Marshall became the first set of openers to both score 150 in the same one-day international innings. Appearing in his 134th match, McCullum made 166, while Marshall came up with 161, both achieving their maiden ODI centuries. McCullum reached his hundred off 107 deliveries, while his next 50 runs required just 20. In all, he belted 11 fours and ten sixes.

In unison, the two ploughed on to a record NZ opening stand of 274 and a total of 402/2, which also included an unbeaten 59 off 24 balls from the No. 3, Ross Taylor. The Irish (112) were never in the hunt, consigned to a record 290-run drubbing. The top score for the hosts came off the bat of the New Zealand-born Peter Connell, who contributed 22 down the order at No. 10.

“The Irish attack had all the impact of a gnat’s nibble on the posterior of a desensitised elephant.”

BBC correspondent Mark Woods

- After being 3/3 and 17/5 in a 50-over match against Argentina in 2010, the United States were saved by a pair of centuries from numbers seven and eight. Batting first in the ICC World Cricket League match, the USA reached 306/6, with unbeaten centuries from Aditya Thyagarajan (102*) and Rashard Marshall (122*).

Earlier in the year, Thyagarajan had taken part in another rescue mission with an undefeated 72 on his Twenty20 debut, coming in at 25/6 against Ireland at Abu Dhabi. He was involved in a world-record seventh-wicket Twenty20 stand of 99, unbeaten, with Orlando Baker (28*).

- At the age of 41, Warwick Armstrong led Victoria to victory over South Australia at the MCG in 1920/21, becoming the first batsman to score 400 runs in a first-class match in Australia. With a double of 157 not out and 245, he remains the only batsman to achieve a double-century and a century in the same Sheffield Shield match.
- Marcus North, who was dropped after 21 Tests, scored a century on his debut against three different countries. After a century (117) on his Test debut, against South Africa at Johannesburg in 2008/09, he scored an unbeaten 125 in his third Test – his first against England – at Cardiff in the 2009 Ashes. North also marked his first Test against New Zealand with a three-figure score – 112 not out at Wellington in 2009/10. He made a half-century (79) on debut against the West Indies, at Adelaide in 2009/10 and hit 128 in his second Test against India, at Bangalore in 2010/11.

Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara went one better than North, scoring a hundred on his Test debut against four countries with a double-century against Pakistan. He also scored half-centuries on debut against three other opponents.

- South African import Johannes Myburgh scored a neat 300 runs in a match for New Zealand side Canterbury in 2008/09, but ended up on the losing side. Out for 199 in the first innings against Central Districts at New Plymouth, he made 101 not out in the second.
- One of the youngest South African batsmen to score 1,000 first-class runs in a season, Rilee Rossouw thumped the country's fastest triple-century in 2009/10. The Eagles' No. 3 hit 319 off 291 balls on the opening day of the first-class match against Titans at Centurion, bringing up 47 fours and eight sixes. The 20-year-old's knock formed part of a gargantuan second-wicket stand of 480 with Dean Elgar (156*), a South African record for any wicket, beating a 441-run effort between Carl Bradfield and James Bryant, also for the second wicket, for Eastern Province against North West in 2002/03. The Rossouw-Elgar partnership also became the highest first-class stand by a pair who finished up on the losing side, passing 470 by Warwickshire's Alvin Kallicharran and Geoff Humpage against Lancashire at Southport in 1982.

Rossouw's 319 was the second-highest number of runs scored by a South African in a day's play, six behind Barry Richards's 325 for South Australia versus Western Australia in 1970/71, but the most in South African domestic first-class cricket. With 64 in the second innings, Rossouw scored 383 runs in the match, a world-record number for a batsman on the losing side.

- At stumps on the third day of the West Indies-England Test at Port-of-Spain in 1973/74, both of the batsmen were unbeaten in the 90s. A first in Test match cricket, Geoff Boycott was on 91, but fell for 93 the next morning, while Dennis Amiss progressed from 92 to 174.
- Bermuda's Irving Romaine matched the deeds of some of the world's best in 2006 by scoring a century in his first one-day international innings as captain. Players such as Sanath Jayasuriya, Sachin Tendulkar and Glenn Turner had all begun their ODI captaincy days with a hundred, with Romaine becoming the first to do so from a non-Test playing country. Batting at No. 4 against Canada in Toronto, Romaine had the distinction of scoring Bermuda's first one-day international ton, a 111-ball 101, that included 13 fours and five sixes.

Scotland's Gavin Hamilton was the second Associate country captain to launch his ODI captaincy with a century, hitting 119, also against Canada, at Aberdeen in 2008. He took part in a double-century opening stand of 203 with Fraser Watts (101), but ended up on the losing side.

- When Taufeeq Umar scored a second-innings 135 against the West Indies at Basseterre in 2011, it represented the Pakistan opener's first Test century in eight years. The longest gap between Test match hundreds belongs to Warren Bardsley, whose career was interrupted by the First World War. The Australian opener had to wait 14 years between a score of 164 against South Africa at Lord's in 1912 and 193 not out against England, again at Lord's, in 1926.

After beginning his Test career with a century on debut – 104 against Bangladesh at Multan in 2001 – Taufeeq's next four centuries were 111, 135, 111 and 135. In 2002/03, Taufeeq scored a pair of 39s against South Africa at Durban – his opening partner Saleem Elahi also scored 39 in the first innings.

- During the 1896 Ashes, each of the four batsmen who were visiting England for the first time all passed the milestone of 1,000 first-class runs on tour. Joe Darling made 1,555, Frank Iredale 1,328, Clem Hill 1,196 and Harry Donnan 1,009. Seven batsmen completed the tour with a thousand runs, matching the feat of the 1893 Australians.



- Victoria's Brad Hodge celebrated a new version of the limited-over game in 2010/11 by scoring the competition's first two centuries. Batting against Western Australia in Perth, Hodge hit 134 not out in the short-lived Ryobi One-Day Cup split-innings format, and followed it a week later with an unbeaten 140 against Queensland in Brisbane. In the first game, Hodge reached 58 after the first 20 overs, and after spending some time in the field resumed his innings progressing to 135 in the next 25 overs. He repeated the feat at the Gabba, making 54 by the break and going on to 140, to win his second consecutive man-of-the-match award.
- A Victorian club cricketer scored a century batting right-handed in 2007/08, having made his previous hundred batting left-handed. The ambidextrous Laurie Tyquin's ton as a southpaw – for the Ashford club against Sunbury – came five years after his previous century: **“For some reason I'm a better defensive batsman batting left-handed and a better attacking batsman batting right-handed. Don't ask me why. We've got a few blokes in the team who can defend pretty well, but they are a bit slow, so I decided to swap.”**
- When South Africa suffered consecutive identical margins of defeat in 1924, Jack Hobbs and Herbert Sutcliffe established England's highest opening partnership at Lord's. Coming in to the second day of the match, both openers began the morning at 12 not out and both went on to centuries with a first-wicket stand of 268. Hobbs (211) scored 199 runs in the day, Sutcliffe (122) made 110, while Frank Woolley joined in with an unbeaten 134. It was the first time that as many as three England batsmen had scored 100 runs on the same day in a Test. After going down by an innings and 18 runs in the first Test at Edgbaston South Africa lost by an innings and 18 at Lord's.

THREE BATSMEN SCORING 100 RUNS IN A DAY DURING A TEST

Day	Batsmen	Match	Venue	Season
1	Percy McDonnell 103, Billy Murdoch 145* (211), Tup Scott 101* (102)	Australia v England	The Oval	1884
2	Jack Hobbs 199 (12*-211), Herbert Sutcliffe 110 (12*-122), Frank Woolley (134*)	England v South Africa	Lord's	1924
2	Walter Hammond 127 (54*-181), Les Ames (115), Bryan Valentine (112)	England v South Africa	Cape Town	1938/39
3	Mike Hussey 103, Michael Clarke 135, Adam Gilchrist 102*	Australia v England	Perth	2006/07

- In 1997, two Sri Lankan batsmen struck over 750 runs in international matches in a month. In April, Aravinda de Silva hit a record 842 runs, while the month of August saw 781 runs off the bat of team-mate

Sanath Jayasuriya. The next instance of 750 runs in a calendar month did not occur again until 2005 when the West Indies' Chris Gayle scored 760 in May.

- A few days after scoring a half-century in a match against the West Indians in Canberra in 2012/13, Jono Dean became only the second batsman to hit a triple-century in ACT first-grade cricket. After opening the batting for the Prime Minister's XI at Manuka Oval and belting 51 off 40 balls, Dean hit a history-making unbeaten 300 in a day for Queanbeyan against Ginninderra. He then starred with the ball, taking 3-9 off five overs with two maidens.
- In 1958, Worcestershire's Dick Richardson topped 1,000 first-class runs for the summer but with a top score of just 60. In 1965, Lancashire opener David Green scored a record 2,000 runs in the season without the aid of a century. In 63 innings, Green scored 2,034 first-class runs, passing 50 on 14 occasions with a best of 85 against Warwickshire at Blackpool.
- When Inzamam-ul-Haq scored a Test-best 329 at Lahore in 2002, he managed to beat his opposition's first-innings total by a record 256 runs on his own. In reply to Pakistan's 643 in the first Test at Gaddafi Stadium, New Zealand made just 73. In 2011/12, Michael Clarke also posted a Test-best 329, unbeaten, at Sydney, and outscored India's first-innings total of 191, beating it by 138.
- Sri Lanka's Tillakaratne Dilshan celebrated his 50th Test match with a pair of centuries. The first batsman to achieve such a feat, he peeled off 162 and 143 against Bangladesh at Chittagong in 2009/10. The previous instance of a batsman marking his 50th Test with a hundred was in 2004/05 when Chris Gayle made the record books by scoring a triple-century (317) against South Africa at St John's.
- After making a duck in his first Test innings, West Indies fast bowler Cameron Cuffey improved his best score in his next five innings. From his debut in 1994/95, Cuffey's first six scores were 0, 0 not out, one, two, three not out and four.
- Captaining Scotland on his debut in 2006, Ryan Watson top-scored with an innings of 80 against Pakistan at Edinburgh. He also took part in a fifth-wicket stand of 118 with Neil McCallum (68), the first instance of a century partnership between debutants in a one-day international.
- Australian one-day international specialist Ian Harvey joined a select band in 2007 by scoring a century on his first-class debut for Derbyshire. He followed his 136 against Essex at Chelmsford with 153 in his next – and final – first-class match, against Somerset at Taunton.

- Opening the batting at Christchurch in 2013/14, Calum MacLeod became the first Scotland batsman to reach 150 in a one-day international. He struck a man-of-the-match 175 in a World Cup qualifier against Canada, hitting 14 fours and five sixes. His opening partner, Matty Cross, also made the record books, becoming the first wicketkeeper to achieve five dismissals on his ODI debut. He took six catches behind the stumps and effected two run outs in a 170-run win.

On the same day in the same tournament, at Lincoln, the Netherlands' Wesley Barresi (137*) and Kenya's Irfan Karim (108) provided just the fourth instance in ODI history of opposing wicketkeepers scoring a century in the same match.

- During the Sri Lanka-India Test at Colombo in 2010, Kumar Sangakkara and Sachin Tendulkar became the second and third batsmen to complete a suite of 150s against all other Test-playing countries. The first batsman to achieve the feat was Steve Waugh, when he hit an unbeaten 156 against Bangladesh at Cairns in 2003.
- Pakistan's Misbah-ul-Haq made it into double figures in his first innings in first-class, one-day international and Test cricket and was dismissed for the same score each time. He made 28 on his first-class debut, for Sargodha against Karachi City CA Whites in 1998/99, 28 on his Test debut, against New Zealand at Auckland in 2000/01, and 28 on his ODI debut, against New Zealand at Lahore in 2002.
- At the age of 18 an Australia under-19 batsman etched his name in the history books in 2011/12 when he became the youngest player to score a century on his first-class debut in the Sheffield Shield. Kurtis Patterson struck an imperious 157 off 189 balls for New South Wales against Western Australia at the SCG, sharing a double-century stand with Simon Katich. Seven months earlier, Patterson had scored a century on his debut for the Australian under-19 Test side against the West Indies in Dubai.

Patterson only got his chance to play for his state after Nic Maddinson – the previous youngest Blues player to score a debut hundred – was called up to represent Australia A. The previous summer, Maddinson, at the age of 18 years and 294 days, scored 113 opening the batting against South Australia at Adelaide. He also took part in a sizeable partnership, one of 153 for the second wicket with Usman Khawaja, who raised his maiden double-century in first-class cricket. The Islamabad-born left-hander scored 214 on the same day that Sachin Tendulkar fell for 214 during the second Test against Australia at Bangalore. Despite his glittering debut, Patterson didn't get another first-class match for a full two years.

- Daniel Warwick struck a history-making triple-century in club cricket in Victoria in 2007/08, scoring half of the runs with a broken bat. Captaining the Baxter club, Warwick hit an unbeaten 305 against Somerville, reaching the triple-hundred with a bat busted when on 150: **“I could see it was broken and getting worse as I went along, but I still seemed to be hitting them all right, so I stuck with it.”** His knock included 21 sixes and 20 fours, the first 300 in the Mornington Peninsula competition in 50 years.
- Mark Ramprakash walked off the field in a match at Chesterfield in 2010 with 99 beside his name, having celebrated a century just moments before. Scoreboard operators at the Surrey-Derbyshire match had incorrectly added three runs to Ramprakash’s score, which saw him wave his bat to acknowledge the century milestone, only to have his total pared back to 99 upon his dismissal.
- Andrew Strauss achieved an unusual distinction against Ireland in the 2011 World Cup by scoring 34 on his 34th birthday. The previous highest score in a one-day international by a batsman matching his number of years with number of runs was Australia’s Kim Hughes, who made 28 on his 28th birthday, against the West Indies in Sydney in 1981/82.

New Zealand’s Ross Taylor celebrated his 27th birthday during the 2011 World Cup with a rousing 131 not out against Pakistan in Kandy. He became the fourth batsman to achieve a birthday hundred in a one-day international, after India’s Vinod Kambli and Sachin Tendulkar and Sri Lanka’s Sanath Jayasuriya, but the first to do so in the World Cup.

- After making a pair in his first Test, Sri Lankan batsman Chamara Silva responded with a century in his second. He opened his Test career with two ducks against New Zealand at Christchurch in 2006/07, and scored a match-winning 152 not out in his fourth innings against the Kiwis at Wellington a week later.

In 2012/13, Dean Elgar became the tenth South African to cop a pair on his Test debut, but the first to go on and score a century. In his third match – against New Zealand at Port Elizabeth – Elgar scored 103 not out at No. 7 in his fourth innings for the Proteas.

TEST CENTURY HOT ON THE HEELS OF A DEBUT PAIR

Inns	Test #	Batsman	Score	Match	Venue	Season
4th	2	Chamara Silva	152*	Sri Lanka v New Zealand	Wellington	2006/07
4th	3	Dean Elgar	103*	South Africa v New Zealand	Port Elizabeth	2012/13
5th	3	Saeed Anwar	169	Pakistan v New Zealand	Wellington	1993/94

- Sri Lanka's Lahiru Thirimanne suffered the ignominy of being run out without facing a ball when he fronted up for the opening one-day international against Australia in 2012/13. His MCG diamond duck was then followed by a maiden international century in the 50-over game, a match-winning 102 not out in Adelaide.

DIAMOND DUCK AND CENTURY IN CONSECUTIVE ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS

Batsman	Scores	Matches	Venues	Dates
Grant Flower (Z)	0	v Bangladesh	Harare	08-04-2001
	142*	v Bangladesh	Bulawayo	11-04-2001
Jesse Ryder (NZ)	0	v Pakistan	Hamilton	03-02-2011
	107	v Pakistan	Auckland	05-02-2011
Lahiru Thirimanne (SR)	0	v Australia	Melbourne	11-01-2013
	102*	v Australia	Adelaide	13-01-2013

- During a one-week period in 2013/14, South Africa wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock scored a century in three consecutive one-day internationals against India. A few days shy of his 21st birthday, the opener – with scores of 135, 106 and 101 – became the first batsman to achieve three centuries in a three-match series, and the first to score four hundreds without a fifty.

He also became the first batsman to take part in three consecutive 150-run partnerships – 152 with Hashim Amla at Johannesburg, 194 with Amla at Durban and 171 with A.B. de Villiers at Centurion.

- Appearing on his Test debut in 2013, Zimbabwe's Timycen Maruma scored ten in each innings and was dismissed in the same fashion by the same bowler. A first in Test cricket, Maruma also became just the second Test debutant to face the first ball of a match and also be involved in the first dismissal of their opposition. In the same Test – at Harare – Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim also made two identical scores (3 and 3) while his opposite number, Brendan Taylor, hit a pair of centuries (171 and 102*).

150 AND 100 BY A CAPTAIN IN A TEST MATCH

Scores	Captain	Match	Venue	Season
189 and 104*	Alan Melville	South Africa v England	Nottingham	1947
153 and 115	Bob Simpson	Australia v Pakistan	Karachi	1964/65
107 and 182*	Sunil Gavaskar	India v West Indies	Calcutta	1978/79
333 and 123	Graham Gooch	England v India	Lord's	1990
171 and 102*	Brendan Taylor	Zimbabwe v Bangladesh	Harare	2013

- When Alastair Cook lost his wicket on 190 at Kolkata in 2012/13, it represented the first time he'd been run out in a Test since making his debut in 2005/06. Cook had gone a world-record 170 innings before

such a dismissal; for the record, India's Kapil Dev was *never* run out in his entire Test career of 131 matches and 184 innings.

- After scoring his maiden 150 in a Test match, India's M.S. Dhoni went on to become the first wicketkeeping captain to pass 200. Dhoni was at his dominant best against Australia at Chennai in 2012/13, scoring 224, with 24 fours and six sixes. The first captain to score 150 batting at No. 6 in a Test against Australia, his innings was the highest by an Indian skipper and the first example of a 200 by an Indian wicketkeeper. Dhoni also became the first keeper to score a double-century in a Test and not take a catch.

Australia's Moises Henriques (68 and 81*) also sparked with the bat, becoming the first No. 7 to score 60 or more in each innings of his Test debut. With 149 runs, he broke the record for most runs by a No. 7 debutant, previously held by England's Matt Prior, who made 147 (126* and 21) against the West Indies at Lord's in 2007. Henriques took the record on Prior's 31st birthday. In the first innings, Henriques and Michael Clarke (130) shared the 100th century stand for Australia against India in Harbhajan Singh's 100th Test.

- When Chris Gayle scored 333 against Sri Lanka in 2010/11, he matched Graham Gooch's 333 at Lord's in 1990. The highest score in Test match cricket to be scored twice is just one higher – 334 – by Don Bradman at Leeds in 1934 and equalled by Mark Taylor (334*) against Pakistan at Peshawar in 1998/99.



- Australian imports Tom Moody and David Hussey both scored centuries in their first three County Championship matches against Essex. With Desmond Haynes also achieving the feat, Moody did so for Worcestershire with innings of 181 not out at Ilford in 1991, 178 at Kidderminster in 1992 and 108 not out at Worcester in 1994. Hussey's threesome, for Nottinghamshire, comprised a 116 at Southend-on-Sea and 124 not out at Trent Bridge in 2004, and 275, also at Trent Bridge, in 2007.
- After scoring centuries in his first two first-class innings for Somerset in 2004, Ricky Ponting made the highest score by a batsman on his debut for Surrey in 2013. In his only three matches for Somerset, Ponting hit 112 against Yorkshire at Scarborough, 117 and 18 not out against

Glamorgan at Taunton and 50 against Durham at Chester-le-Street. Ponting was run out for 192 in his first innings for Surrey, and bowled out in fine style with 169 not out against Nottinghamshire at The Oval in his final first-class innings. In seven matches in the County Championship, Ponting scored 790 runs at a record-high average of 112.85 for players with at least 500 runs.

- Dropped on 99 in a one-day international in 2011/12, the West Indies' Kieron Pollard went on to his maiden century which included a record ten sixes against India. Batting at No. 6 in the match at Chennai, Pollard was last man out for 119, having reached three figures off 98 balls. Earlier, India's Manoj Tiwary had also scored his maiden century, retiring hurt on 104.

The previous occasion of two maiden centuries from opposing batsmen in the same one-day international was in 1994/95 at Centurion Park in Verwoerdburg in South Africa. Dave Callaghan scored an unbeaten 169 for the home team, while Adam Parore hit 108 for New Zealand. For both batsmen it was their only century in one-day internationals.

- In the space of just three days, Wellington opener Michael Papps hit two consecutive scores of over 150 in the New Zealand Ford Trophy 50-over series of 2012/13. He made an unbeaten 162 in a win against Otago at Wellington and backed it up with 154 in a loss against Central Districts at the same ground. In the first match, Stephen Murdoch also scored a big hundred – 136 – with the pair putting on 273 for the second wicket.

In the same season, Northern Districts medium-pacer Anurag Verma improved upon his two previous best scores of one not out and two by hitting fifties in consecutive innings batting at No. 10. He hit an unbeaten 52 against Central Districts at Hamilton and, a few days later, cracked a speedy 58 against Canterbury at Mount Maunganui.

- New Zealand No. 11 Willie Watson made the record books in 1990/91 when he fell lbw in four consecutive Test innings to Pakistan's Waqar Younis. Watson was out lbw five times in the series, a record matched by Pakistan's Misbah-ul-Haq, against England in 2011/12. When Watson was caught behind in the second Test against Sri Lanka at Hamilton later in the season it was the first time he was dismissed other than lbw since making his debut in 1986.
- Pakistan's Umar Akmal once made a half-century in 11 balls. Opening the batting against India in the Hong Kong International Sixes tournament in 2011/12, Akmal hit 52 not out with seven sixes and two fours at a strike rate of 472.73.

- The West Indies put on a record-breaking half-century last-wicket stand at The Oval in the 2013 Champions Trophy with no runs off the bat of the No. 11. Darren Sammy (56*) and Kemar Roach (0*) shared an unbeaten 51-run partnership against India, the first half-century tenth-wicket stand in a one-day international which contained no contribution from the last man in.
- After making ducks in his first two innings in first-class cricket, Hamish Rutherford became the first New Zealand batsman to score a century on his Test debut at Dunedin. Opening the batting against England at University Oval in 2012/13, Rutherford hit 171 in his first Test innings, after his father, Ken Rutherford, had scored a pair opening the batting on his Test debut at Port-of-Spain in 1984/85. His 171 beat a Test record that had stood since the very first Test of all, overtaking Charles Bannerman's 165 (retired hurt) at Melbourne in 1876/77 as the highest-ever score by a batsman in his first Test innings against England. The 23-year-old Rutherford also had the distinction of outscoring England's first-innings total of 167 on his own.

Rutherford and Peter Fulton scored three centuries between them in the series, signalling the first time that a pair of NZ openers had scored as many in a three-match contest. Out of Tests for four years, the 34-year-old Fulton scored a maiden Test hundred (136) at Auckland, adding 110 in the second innings. His maiden Test century came exactly a decade after his maiden first-class century – an unbeaten 301 for Canterbury against Auckland in Christchurch in 2002/03. Despite his triple-century, he ended up on the losing side, with Auckland claiming victory by four wickets.

- Following his first four Tests against Bangladesh, England's Ian Bell celebrated a world-record average of 488. After scoring 65 and 162 – both times not out – against the Bangladeshis in 2005, Bell (pictured) then made 84, 39 not out and 138 in a two-match series in 2009/10.



Bell became the first batsman to obtain a 450-run Test average against a particular opposition, breaking Mohammad Yousuf's record of 424, also set against Bangladesh, in the early 2000s (102*, 72, 204*, 46).

- During consecutive tours of South Africa, India's Zaheer Khan joined V.V.S. Laxman at the crease in a Test at exactly the same score and proceeded to add exactly the same number of runs. At Johannesburg in 2006/07, Zaheer and Laxman came together at 148/7 in the second innings, adding 70 runs for the eighth wicket, and repeated the feat in the Durban Test of 2010/11.
- While most of the Australian top-order flopped in the 2013 Border-Gavaskar Trophy, two fast bowlers made the record books with unprecedented performances batting at number nine. At Mohali, Mitchell Starc became the first number nine to be dismissed for 99 in a Test, sharing a 97-run partnership with Steve Smith, who made 92. It was only the second instance in Test history of two players from one side scoring in the nineties and sharing a partnership in the 90s, after Mark Boucher (92) and Lance Klusener (97), who took part in a 94-run stand against Sri Lanka at Cape Town in 2001/02.
 Minus Starc for the following match at Delhi, Peter Siddle (51 and 50) top-scored for Australia in each innings, becoming the first batsman to score two half-centuries at number nine in the same Test. In his next first-class innings, Siddle brought up his maiden first-class century, scoring an unbeaten 103 for the 2013 Australia A side against Scotland at Edinburgh.
- In 2010, and appearing in his 20th match, the then-20-year-old Ireland batsman Paul Stirling became the first batsman from a non-Test playing country to score 150 in a one-day international. Opening the batting against Canada at Toronto, Stirling hit 177 in 177 minutes with 21 fours and five sixes.
- When Dwayne Smith scored 20 and an unbeaten 105 at Cape Town in 2003/04, he became only the sixth debutant to achieve a hundred in the fourth innings of a Test match. The second West Indian to achieve the feat, he copied the scores of his predecessor, Len Baichan, who also made 20 and an unbeaten 105 on his Test debut, against Pakistan at Lahore in 1974/75.
- In the calendar year of 1978, the West Indies' Norbert Phillip made four consecutive Test scores of 26. In the fifth Test against Australia at Kingston, he scored 26 and 26 not out; in his next Test series – against India – he then made 26 at Mumbai and 26 at Bangalore. Phillip was dismissed for 26 again later in the series, in the fifth Test at Delhi.
- Out for a duck at Cape Town in 1902/03, Jimmy Sinclair got another chance to bat on the same day and made amends by scoring a century. The only batsman to achieve such an unusual feat, Sinclair followed a first-ball duck with 104 on day two of the third Test against Australia.

- Back in the side after an injury break, South Africa's J.P. Duminy achieved an unbeaten 150 in a one-day international and took part in two 150-run partnerships. Batting against the Netherlands at Amstelveen in 2013, Duminy shared a 151-run stand for the third wicket with Colin Ingram (82) and an unconquered 152-run stand for the fourth with Faf du Plessis (62*).

- After scoring seven in the first innings against South Africa at Cape Town in 2014/15, Kraigg Brathwaite became the first batsman in a Test match to get off the mark with a seven. Facing his ninth ball in the second innings, the West Indies opener hit Vernon Philander for three then benefitted from four overthrows.

Five batsmen – Patsy Hendren, Vijay Hazare, John Wright, Brian Lara and Andrew Symonds – have previously made a record eight runs off one ball in a Test, while the first-class record stands at ten. Albert “Monkey” Hornby did so for Lancashire against Surrey at The Oval in 1873, followed by Derbyshire's Samuel Wood against MCC at Lord's in 1900. The most runs scored off a single ball without the aid of overthrows is nine by Frederick Ponsonby for MCC against Cambridge University at the Parker's Piece ground in 1842.

- During the South Africa-Pakistan Test at Cape Town in 2012/13, two batsmen scored 111 in the same innings. A first in Test match cricket, Younis Khan and Asad Shafiq were both dismissed by Vernon Philander. In the second innings, Mohammad Hafeez and Nasir Jamshed became just the fifth pair of openers to be dismissed lbw for a duck.
- Two Australian-born fast bowlers made the record books with the bat in 2013 when they combined for a record-breaking last-wicket stand at Northampton in the County Championship. Batting at numbers ten and 11 against Essex, Steven Crook (88*) and Trent Copeland (70) both hit ten fours and a six in a tenth-wicket partnership of 117.
- When the England pair of George Gunn and Andy Sandham added 173 against the West Indies at Kingston in 1929/30 they did so with a combined age of 90 years and 200 days. In his final Test, Sandham produced a triple-century (325) and a century opening stand with Gunn, the oldest pair to share a 100-run partnership in Tests.
- After becoming the first batsman to score a double-century for his country in a Test, Mushfiqur Rahim then became the first Bangladesh wicketkeeper to take five catches in an innings. Captaining Bangladesh against Sri Lanka at Galle in 2012/13, Mushfiqur hit a neat 200; in the following Test in Colombo, he took five catches in Sri Lanka's first innings. The following month, he then became the first Bangladesh wicketkeeping captain to score two half-centuries in the same Test, hitting a match-winning 60 and 93 against Zimbabwe in Harare.

- During a run of six consecutive one-day internationals in 2013, Pakistan's Nasir Jamshed was dismissed each time for a score that contained a zero. After making two tens against South Africa, he then made 20, 20, 0 and 50.
- Pakistan's Imran Nazir clubbed a quickfire century in a 50-over match in 2013/14, becoming the first batsman to reach a List A 150 in fewer than 75 balls. The 31-year-old – who had last appeared in a Test a decade earlier – opened the batting for Zarai Taraqiati Bank against Sui Northern Gas Pipelines at Islamabad and made 189, reaching 150 off 65 balls.
- When Middlesex attained a ten-wicket win at Trent Bridge in the 2013 County Championship, their Sydney-born opening batsmen both scored a pair of fifties and shared in two 100-run first-wicket partnerships. Both former under-19 Australian ODI players, Chris Rogers hit 50 and 51 not out, while Sam Robson made 76 and 55 not out. For Nottinghamshire, Ed Cowan – who, like Robson, was born in the Sydney suburb of Paddington – also hit a half-century (61) at the top of the order.

Two matches later, the Middlesex pair broke the county first-wicket record against Surrey that had stood for a century. Both scored centuries this time – Rogers 214 and Robson 129 – in a 259-run opening partnership after Middlesex had been forced to follow-on in the match at Lord's. Their stand beat the previous best of 232 by Plum Warner and James Douglas at The Oval in 1907.

In 2014, Rogers and Robson put on a 181-run stand at Lord's, with Middlesex successfully chasing a victory target of 472 set by Yorkshire. Former England bowler Angus Fraser, the Middlesex director of cricket, rated Rogers's knock of 241 not out as one of the best he'd seen by a Middlesex batsman: **"I've seen special innings from Desmond Haynes, Mike Gatting, Mark Ramprakash and Jacques Kallis, but I don't think I've seen anything to better that. I'm numb, to be honest. It's a big statement, but I think that's one of the great Middlesex performances. It's a game supporters will be talking about in decades' time. It was special."**

- During his historic innings at Chittagong in 2005/06, Australia's Jason Gillespie became the first nightwatchman to take part in a triple-century partnership in a Test match. In what turned out to be his final Test innings, Gillespie scored an unbeaten 201 at No. 3 against Bangladesh, sharing a 320-run fourth-wicket stand with Mike Hussey.

- England's Tip Foster only scored one century in Test match cricket and left the game with a record difference of 236 between his highest and his second-highest scores. His top effort was a record-breaking 287 on his Test debut, at the SCG in 1903/04, while his next best was 51, in the final of his eight matches, against South Africa at The Oval in 1907.
- Despite posting a world-record score in one-day international cricket, Charles Coventry had to be content with sharing the man-of-the-match award. After scoring 194 not out – then the equal-highest innings in a ODI – at Bulawayo in 2009, the Zimbabwe No. 3 watched on as Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal hit a match-winning 154: **“I congratulated him [Coventry] and told him that he could keep the trophy. He deserved it. You don’t make world records every day. It was a truly magnificent innings.”**
- England XI openers Alastair Cook and Michael Carberry warmed up for the 2013/14 Ashes by both batting through the opening day of a tour match against Australia A at Hobart. The two finished the day unconquered with a record opening stand at Hobart of 318, with Cook scoring 154 and Carberry 153. Both batsmen ended their innings by retiring.
- In 2013, the Indian-born Sam Agarwal became the first batsman to score a first-class triple-century in a UK university match. Captaining Oxford University against Cambridge at Fenner’s, Agarwal struck an unbeaten 313 off 312 balls, clubbing 41 fours and three sixes.

Seven scores of 300-plus were scored in 2013 – all off the bats of players born in Asia – including the highest innings to date by a wicketkeeper in first-class cricket. Representing the Colts Cricket Club, Kusal Perera scored 336 off 275 balls against Saracens Sports Club in Colombo.

TRIPLE-CENTURIES BY WICKETKEEPERS IN FIRST-CLASS CRICKET

Score	Player	Match	Venue	Season
336	Kusal Perera	Colts v Saracens	Colombo	2012/13
321	Billy Murdoch	New South Wales v Victoria	Sydney	1881/82
314*	Clyde Walcott	Barbados v Trinidad	Port-of-Spain	1945/46
308	Srikar Bharat	Andhra v Goa	Ongole	2014/15
300*	Imtiaz Ahmed	PM's XI v Commonwealth XI	Mumbai	1950/51

- When Australia's Michael Bevan was run out for six in a 1996 World Cup match against India in Mumbai, it represented the first occasion he'd been dismissed in single figures in one-day internationals since his debut 26 matches earlier. While he didn't bat in his first match – against Sri Lanka at Sharjah in 1993/94 – Bevan reached double figures in his first 19 innings in ODIs, a world record.

- In a quarter-final of the 2013/14 Duleep Trophy, the South Zone pair of Baba Aparajith and Manish Pandey shared two century partnerships in the same innings. Both scored double-centuries separated by just a single run – Aparajith 212 and Pandey 213 – in the match against West Zone at Chennai, raising stands of 190 for the fourth wicket and 140 for the sixth. Pandey, who had retired hurt when on 104, scored his third first-class double-century, while Aparajith became just the fourth batsman to score 200 on his Duleep Trophy debut.
- Tariq Baig only appeared in five first-class matches, but scored three centuries. With 27 and a duck on his first-class debut for Lahore City in 1988/89, the wicketkeeping Baig made scores of 112 and four in his third match and two identical scores of 103 in his penultimate match, opening the batting against Bahawalpur at Lahore in 1989/90. He became only the third batsman in first-class history to score as many as three centuries in a career and never be dismissed between 50 and 99. The others before him were Ferozuddin, who appeared in 19 first-class matches between 1917/18 and 1934/35, and fellow Indian N.P. Madhavan, who made 11 first-class appearances in the early 1980s.
- After becoming the first batsman to complete five Test centuries in a row, Everton Weekes was dismissed in identical fashion by the same bowler at Calcutta in 1948/49. With scores of 128 at Delhi and 194 at Mumbai, Weekes peeled off twin tons (162 and 101) at Calcutta, caught and bowled by India debutant Ghulam Ahmed in each innings.
- In New Zealand's total of 174 at Leeds in 2013, as many as five batsmen made it into the 20s but no further. Their openers – Peter Fulton and Hamish Rutherford – put on a 50-run stand with scores of 28 and 27 respectively, while numbers ten and 11 also made a 50-run partnership, reached off just 24 balls. Neil Wagner hit 27 off 15 balls, while Trent Boult made an unbeaten 24, also off 15. While their stand of 52 was the fastest for the last wicket in Test history, Wagner and Boult survived 48 balls in the second innings, the longest on record that a pair had batted without scoring a run.

Later in the year, Boult stuck around for another important last-wicket stand, adding 127 with B.J. Watling against Bangladesh at Chittagong. With an unbeaten 52, Boult became just the 15th No. 11 to score a half-century in a Test.

NUMBERS ONE AND 11 BOTH SCORING A HALF-CENTURY IN SAME TEST INNINGS

Opener	No. 11	Match	Venue	Season
Rodney Redmond (107)	Richard Collinge (68)	New Zealand v Pakistan	Auckland	1972/73
Adam Bacher (64)	Pat Symcox (54)	South Africa v Australia	Adelaide	1997/98
Peter Fulton (73)	Trent Boult (52*)	New Zealand v Bangladesh	Chittagong	2013/14

- Fresh from his dumping from the Australian ODI team in 2013, David Warner set about his return by scoring 500 domestic one-day runs in four innings at the same ground in a week. In a series of matches in the 2013/14 Ryobi One-Day Cup played at North Sydney Oval, Warner scored 139 against Queensland, 138 against Victoria, 32 against South Australia and 197 against Victoria.

His 197, that contained 20 fours and ten sixes, overshadowed an earlier century (117) from Daniel Christian who shared an opening stand of 202 with Rob Quiney (89).

- When Ross Taylor scored 102 in a ODI against India at Wellington in 2013/14 it became the 5,000th century in international cricket. The 5,000 was made up of 3,690 in Tests, 1,300 in one-day internationals and ten in Twenty20s. Twelve months later, and appearing in his 150th one-day international, Taylor scored another 102 – 102 not out against Pakistan at Napier – the 100th century of New Zealand’s ODI history.
- Appearing in the final of the World Cup Qualifier tournament in 2013/14, Swapnil Patil became the first batsman to make 99 not out on his one-day international debut. Patil struck his 99 off 99 balls for UAE against Scotland at Lincoln, becoming the first of three wicketkeepers in 2014 to miss an ODI century by one run. England’s Jos Buttler was out for 99 against the West Indies at North Sound as was New Zealand’s Luke Ronchi against South Africa at Mount Maunganui.
- Essex all-rounder Stan Nichols achieved an unusual six in a first-class match in 1935 when he cleared the fence against Yorkshire without a batting partner at the other end. During a clatter of wickets in the County Championship match at Colchester, no one had noticed that the next batsman in had not arrived, and Nichols – who appeared in 14 Tests for England – duly smashed a six, but was then dismissed next ball.
- Warwickshire opener Nick Knight carried his bat for a double-century against Hampshire at Edgbaston in 2002 with the No. 11 falling nine runs short of three figures. Sharing a last-wicket double-century partnership with Knight (255*), Alan Richardson scored 91 in what was his 32nd innings in first-class cricket having scored just 82 runs in his previous 31.
- In the same Test in which Sri Lanka’s Kumar Sangakkara scored over 400 runs, two Bangladesh batsmen achieved their maiden centuries in the same innings. Shamsur Rahman (106) and Imrul Kayes (115) put on a stand of 232 at Chittagong in 2013/14, the second-highest in a Test where the second wicket started with the team yet to have scored. Their stand was just three runs short of the highest-such partnership

between Australia's Bill Woodfull (141) and Charlie Macartney (151) at Leeds in 1926.

In Sri Lanka's first innings of 587, Sangakkara hit 319 – his maiden first-class triple-century – with the next highest score being 72 by Mahela Jayawardene. With 105 in the second innings, Sangakkara became only the second batsman, after England's Graham Gooch, to score a triple-century and a century in the same first-class match. With a score of 147 in his next innings – at Lord's in 2014 – he became the first batsman in Test history to three times hit a century in three consecutive innings, after doing so in 2013 and 2009/10.

- Australia's Michael Clarke marked his 150th first-class match by passing 150 and reaching the milestone of 11,000 first-class runs when he reached 111. His 230 against South Africa at Adelaide in 2012/13 included 40 fours and a six.

Clarke passed 50 in his 50th first-class match – 151 on his Test debut, against India at Bangalore in 2004/05 – 100 in his 100th match – 138 versus South Africa at Sydney in 2008/09 – and 150 in his 150th.

The only other batsman to have done so is South Africa's Neil McKenzie – 70 and 75 not out for Northerns against Griqualand West at Centurion in 2000/01, 101 for Northerns against North West at Potchefstroom in 2003/04 and 164 for Lions versus Dolphins, also at Potchefstroom, in 2007/08.

- After he was dismissed for 99 at Harare in 1994/95, Zimbabwe's Alistair Campbell had to wait a record period of time until he savoured his maiden century in Test match cricket. His first three-figure score of 102 came six years later, against India at Nagpur in 2000/01. The previous biggest wait for a maiden century by a batsman whose highest score was 99 had been almost four and a half years by South Africa's Trevor Goddard. After falling one run short at The Oval in 1960, Goddard then scored his one and only Test century (112) against England at Johannesburg in 1964/65.
- Victorian opener Julien Wiener enjoyed a rather brief, truncated international career for Australia in 1979/80, appearing in six Tests and seven one-day internationals in four months. He made his highest scores in both forms of the game in his final match – 50 against the West Indies in the World Series Cup at Sydney and 93 in the third Test against Pakistan at Lahore. Wiener became just the second batsman, after England's Clive Radley in 1978, to score a half-century in both his final Test and final one-day international.

- Sachin Tendulkar bowled out of domestic first-class and Test cricket in 2013/14 on a winning note by hitting a half-century in each of his final innings. After scoring a century (100*) on his first-class debut in 1988/89, Tendulkar struck 79 not out in a win for Mumbai against Haryana at Rohtak in the Ranji Trophy. Tendulkar’s batting partner at the time, Dhawal Kulkarni, was born on the same day that Tendulkar made his first-class debut on 10 December 1988.

Tendulkar then scored another 70-something in his final first-class innings, in his farewell Test. Becoming the first cricketer to appear in 200 Tests, Tendulkar scored a textbook 74 on the second day of the second Test against the West Indies at Mumbai, the same date – 15 November – that he made his Test debut back in 1989.

“Delivering the first ever ball he faced in first-class cricket is my richest memory. He defended the first two deliveries. I thought of tossing the next ball a bit so that he could step out and drive me. I was hopeful of a caught and bowled, but he drove me through the cover region. He defended the next two balls and pierced the next one through mid-wicket. After that, he played all the shots in the book. I don’t remember him using up too many balls for his unbeaten 100.”

Nisrag Patel,

the first player to bowl to Sachin Tendulkar in first-class cricket during the Bombay-Gujarat match at Wankhede Stadium in 1988/89

SACHIN TENDULKAR’S 200 TESTS

Tests	Period	Runs	Avg	100s	50s
1-50	11-1989 to 03-1997	3438	49.82	11	16
51-100	03-1997 to 09-2002	4967	63.35	19	18
101-150	10-2002 to 08-2008	3472	46.91	9	15
151-200	08-2008 to 11-2013	4044	52.51	12	19
		15921	53.78	51	68

“Those 22 yards have given me everything in my life. Whatever I have today is because I spent time within those 22 yards. It’s like a temple for me.”

Sachin Tendulkar

- A few days on from the international exit of Sachin Tendulkar in 2013, a 14-year-old schoolboy struck the highest-ever individual score in Indian cricket. Prithvi Shaw hit 546 off 330 balls for Rizvi Springfield

(991) in the Harris Shield, beating an innings of 498 by 13-year-old Armaan Jaffer for the same side in 2010/11.

THE TOP SIX HIGHEST INNINGS OF ALL TIME

Score	Batsman	Match	Venue	Season
628*	A.E.J. Collins	Clark's House v North Town	Clifton	1899
566	Charles Eady	Break-o'-Day v Wellington	Hobart	1901/02
546	Prithvi Shaw	Rizvi Springfield v St Francis	Mumbai	2013/14
515	D.R. Havewalla	BB & CI Railways v St Xavier's	Mumbai	1933/34
506*	J.C. Sharp	Melbourne Gr. School v Geelong College	Melbourne	1914/15
502*	Chaman Lal	Mahandra College v Government College	Patiala	1956/57

- After Vijay Zol scored a century on his first-class debut in 2013/14, the teenager hit a double-century in his third match. On his Ranji Trophy debut, Zol made 200 not out for Maharashtra against Tripura at Gahunje at the age of 18 years and 340 days. On the same day, another 18-year-old, Sanju Samson, also reached a double-century in the Ranji Trophy, hitting 211 for Kerala against Assam at Guwahti.

At the age of 17, Zol had already stamped his name in the record books with an unbeaten 451 in the 2011/12 Cooch Behar Trophy. Overtaking Yuvraj Singh's 11-year record of 358 for Punjab, Zol brought up his bumper score a day after his hero Virender Sehwag hit a double-ton in a one-day international. Playing for Maharashtra against Assam in Nashik, the left-handed opener's record knock spanned 645 minutes and 467 balls.

- When former Australian batsman Stuart Law brought up a century in a County Championship match against Sussex in 2007, he broke the world record for scoring the greatest number of first-class hundreds, but with none coming in a Test. His 119 for Lancashire at Hove was his 77th hundred at first-class level, with his highest innings in a Test being an unbeaten 54 in his only match, against Sri Lanka at Perth in 1995/96. Sussex batsman John Langridge – who played in the years 1928 to 1955, but never in a Test – was the previous holder of the record.
- In his last Test match for the West Indies, fast bowler Wayne Daniel struck a six off the very last ball he received. Daniel finished his ten-Test career with 46 runs, and a six off Australia's Tom Hogan in his farewell appearance, at Port-of-Spain in 1983/84.
- After a world-record haul of 29 dismissals in the 2013 Ashes, Brad Haddin excelled in front of the stumps in the follow-up series down under. Haddin celebrated his 50th Test by scoring his first-ever pair of fifties in the same match and went on to hit another four half-

centuries in the series. The Australian wicketkeeper scored 94 and 53 at Brisbane, a match in which he also reached the milestone of 200 dismissals. Haddin's feat was only the fourth instance of an Australian keeper scoring two half-centuries in the same Test after Adam Gilchrist in 1999/2000, Ian Healy in 1994/95 and Jack Blackham in 1882/83.

Haddin became the first No. 7 batsman to score six half-centuries in a series, beating Australia's Greg Matthews, who hit five against Sri Lanka in 1992, and, with a total of 493 runs, took the record for most runs by an Australian wicketkeeper in a Test series.

MOST HALF-CENTURIES BY A WICKETKEEPER IN A TEST SERIES

#	Player	Scores	Series	Season
6	Gerry Alexander	60, 72, 108, 63*, 87*, 73	West Indies v Australia	1960/61
6	Brad Haddin	94, 53, 118, 55, 65, 75	Australia v England	2013/14
5	Denis Lindsay	69, 182, 81, 137, 131	South Africa v Australia	1966/67

A HALF-CENTURY IN ALL FIRST INNINGS OF A FIVE-MATCH TEST SERIES

Player	Scores	Series	Season
Warren Bardsley	132, 85, 54, 82, 94	Australia v South Africa	1910/11
Everton Weekes	128, 194, 162, 90, 56	West Indies v India	1948/49
Brad Haddin	94, 118, 55, 65, 75	Australia v England	2013/14

- A week after scoring a double-ton in a one-day international against Australia, India's Rohit Sharma was given his first Test cap and responded with a match-winning first-innings century. The first cricketer to appear in 100 ODIs without playing in a Test, Rohit hit 177 against the West Indies at Kolkata in 2013/14 – the highest score on debut by a No. 6 batsman, beating 155 by Doug Walters against England at Brisbane in 1965/66. He then hit 111 not out in the second Test, at Mumbai, becoming just the fifth batsman to score centuries in his first two Test innings.

In 2014/15, Rohit became the first batsman to score two double-centuries in ODIs, pumping out a record 264 against Sri Lanka at Kolkata. He struck nine sixes, and a record 33 fours, smashing the previous best of 25 by Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag. India (404/5) beat Sri Lanka (251) by 153 runs – Rohit beat Sri Lanka by 13 runs.

- Opposing captains made the same score of 139 not out when India hosted Sri Lanka in the fifth one-day international at Ranchi in 2014/15. The highest individual score to date to be made twice in the same ODI, Angelo Mathews brought up his maiden century in his 138th match, while Virat Kohli scored his 21st in his 138th innings.

- South Africa's Faf du Plessis hit a maiden one-day international century in 2014, scoring 106 against Australia on the 106th anniversary of the birth of Don Bradman. Du Plessis shared a 206-run stand with A.B. de Villiers (126) in the match at Harare, the first double-century partnership for the third wicket against Australia in a one-day international.

While it took him 49 innings to produce his maiden century, du Plessis then came up with two more and a ninety in his next four innings in a series that also involved Zimbabwe. He followed his breakthrough century with 126 in his next match against Australia, 121 against Zimbabwe and 96 in the final against Australia, finishing with a record total of 464 runs.

When du Plessis got off the mark with a single on his way to 121 against Zimbabwe, he became the first batsman to appear in 100 consecutive international innings from debut without being dismissed for a duck. His first duck came later in the same year – in his 100th international match – during the first Test against the West Indies at Centurion.

- Dismissed for 99 in the Natal-Western Province Currie Cup match at Durban in 1936/37, Andrew Ralph then fell for 49 in the second innings. The WP opener became the first, and to date only, batsman to be dismissed one run shy of a century and half-century in the same first-class match.
- England's Alec Stewart celebrated his 100th Test with a century and a record hundred-run partnership. Playing against the West Indies at Manchester in 2000, Stewart, with 105, and Marcus Trescothick, with 66, shared a 179-run fourth-wicket stand, the only century partnership in a Test between a player appearing in his 100th match and a player appearing in his first.
- In a one-day international series against Afghanistan at Dubai in 2014/15, United Arab Emirates captain Khurram Khan struck a half-century in all three matches he played in. Sandwiched in between innings of 53 and 85 not out, Khurram struck a maiden ODI century (132*) at the ripe old age of 43 years and 162 days. He became the oldest batsman to score a one-day international hundred, overtaking Sri Lanka's Sanath Jayasuriya, who made 107 at the age of 39 against India at Dambulla in 2008/09.
- England's Joe Root began his one-day international career by passing 25 in his first ten innings at the crease. Not required to bat on his debut – against India at Rajkot in 2012/13 – Root then had scores of 36, 39, 57 not out and 31 against India and 56, 79 not out, 28 not out, 30, 28 and 33 against New Zealand. Out for 12 in his next match, he then scored 68, 38 and 48.

- Appearing in just his fourth Test match, Mominul Haque scored a record-high maiden century for Bangladesh, during which he became the first from his country to hit 25 fours in an innings. Batting at No. 4 against New Zealand at Chittagong in 2013/14, Mominul (181) began his innings at a rapid rate, reaching his fifty off 36 balls, and passing 100 off 98 with his team's score on 128.

Team-mate Sohag Gazi also scored a maiden century in the same innings, reaching 101 not out. With B.J. Watling scoring 103, the match provided only the third instance of opposing number eights hitting a century in the same Test. Gazi followed his maiden Test ton with a five-wicket haul (6-77) the following day, becoming the first player to achieve the double of a hundred and a hat-trick in the same Test.

- A first-class match in the Australian winter of 2014 saw a world first with opposing batsmen scoring a double-century at number seven. In the Australia A-India A match at the Allan Border Field in Brisbane, wicketkeeper Naman Ojha celebrated his 100th first-class match with 219 not out, while Mitchell Marsh responded with 211, his maiden first-class double-century.

The Australia A wicketkeeper was also in the runs with the Yorkshire-born Sam Whiteman (174) hitting a maiden first-class century and raising a 371-run partnership with Marsh. The stand between the two West Australians was the highest for the seventh wicket in a first-class match in Australia, beating a 335-run stand between Queensland's Cassie Andrews and Eric Bensted against New South Wales at Sydney in 1934/35.

Ojha completed his 100th game with a pair of centuries, adding an unbeaten 101 in the second innings and sharing a 199-run partnership with Ambati Rayudu, who scored 100 not out. He then made it three in a row, with 110 in the following match of the series at the same venue. In his first first-class match back home, Ojha completed his fourth consecutive century, with 217 for Central Zone versus North Zone at Chandigarh.

- After beginning his first-class career in 2013/14 with a pair on debut, Mosaddek Hossain struck a double-century in his fifth match and another in his next. After six matches at first-class level, the 19-year-old from Bangladesh had scores of nought and nought, 13 and 11, seven and three, nought, 250 and 282.
- Fresh from making a century in his second Test match, India's K.L. Rahul became the first Karnataka batsman to score a triple-hundred in the Ranji Trophy. Opening the batting against Uttar Pradesh at

Bangalore in 2014/15, Rahul, aged 22, hit 337 with 47 fours and four sixes. On his Test debut – against Australia at the MCG a month before – the opening batsman appeared at six, scoring three, and bumped up the order to three in the second innings, made one. He then opened the batting in the following Test in Sydney and hit 110.

While no batsman had scored a triple-century for Karnataka in 81 years of first-class cricket, two did so in 2014/15 – Rahul with 337 and 328 by Karun Nair against Tamil Nadu at Mumbai.

- The opening match of the India-West Indies series in 1948/49 saw three batsmen obtain their maiden Test centuries in the same innings. A unique occurrence in Test match cricket, the first innings at Delhi saw Clyde Walcott (152), Gerry Gomez (101) and Robert Christiani (107) all reaching three figures for the first time, with Everton Weekes (128) also scoring a century in their total of 631.
- During the first Test against Australia at Perth in 2008/09, the South African pair of Jacques Kallis and A.B. de Villiers combined for identical partnerships of 124 for the fourth wicket in both innings. A record for the highest identical pair of partnerships in the same Test, the next highest – exactly half – also came in the same series. Openers Matthew Hayden and Simon Katich had stands of 62 in both innings of the third Test in Sydney.
- Rusi Surti was the 99th Indian Test cricketer and had a highest Test score of 99. The first Indian to play in the Sheffield Shield – for Queensland – the all-rounder appeared in 26 Tests, falling one run shy of a century against New Zealand at Auckland in 1967/68. He was dropped on 99 twice in consecutive overs, by Mark Burgess off Gary Bartlett and by Graham Dowling off Bruce Taylor.
- Brendon McCullum celebrated the opening of New Zealand's newest Test ground in 2014/15 by scoring the fastest Test match 150 to date. In New Zealand's first Boxing Day Test match in 11 years – at Hagley Oval in Christchurch – McCullum smashed 195 off just 134 balls against Sri Lanka, reaching 100 off 74 deliveries and 150 off 103.

During his record-breaking knock – the 1,000th first-class century of 2014 – McCullum struck 11 sixes, having hit the same number in his previous Test innings, against Pakistan at Sharjah. The first batsman to hit ten sixes in two Test innings, McCullum also became the first to pass the milestone of 30 sixes in a calendar year. With 33 sixes in nine Tests, he beat the previous best of 22 by Adam Gilchrist in 15 Tests in 2005 and 22 by Virender Sehwag in 14 matches in 2008.

- Records galore were broken in a domestic 50-over match at Bloemfontein in 2014/15 with Dolphins openers Morne van Wyk and Cameron Delpoit both passing 150 against the Knights. Opening the batting, they put on an unbroken partnership of 367, the highest first-wicket stand in List A cricket.

The wicketkeeping captain van Wyk scored an unbeaten 175 off 227 balls, while Delpoit hit 169 not out, also off 227 deliveries, becoming just the second opening pair to bat through all 50 overs of a List A match. The Knights (342) responded with a second-wicket stand of 275 between Reeza Hendricks (181) and Rudi Second (107), signalling the first instance of three individual 150s and the first example of two 250-run partnerships in the same match.

The following day, a Matador Cup game in Sydney saw two *opening* stands of 250 with Tasmania's Ben Dunk (229*) and Tim Paine (125) posting a record Australian first-wicket partnership of 277, only to see it broken by the Queensland pair of Usman Khawaja (166) and Chris Hartley (142) with 280. A total of exactly 800 runs – and just four wickets – was seen on the day, with the Bulls (402/3) hunting down Tasmania's 398/1 with 16 balls remaining, the highest successful run chase in a domestic one-day match in Australia. For the first time in List A cricket, four batsmen reached 125 in the same match.

Dunk's 229 became the highest undefeated innings in List A cricket and the third-highest of all time. He also became the first batsman to score a double-century and end up on the losing side.

- On his way to a new personal best with the bat in 2014/15, Auckland batsman Colin Munro obliterated the record for the most sixes in a first-class innings. During his 281 against Central Districts at Napier, Munro hit 23 sixes, beating the previous record of 16 which had been achieved by Andrew Symonds, Graham Napier, Jesse Ryder and Mukhtar Ali.
- South Africa's Hashim Amla began 2015 in ominous form, taking part in three one-day international partnerships worth exactly 247. Amla and Rilee Rossouw shared an opening stand of 247 against the West Indies at Johannesburg in January, repeating the feat ten days later against the same opposition at Centurion with 247 for the third wicket. With an innings of 159 a month later against Ireland at Canberra in the 2015 World Cup, Amla then featured in another 247-run stand, this time for the second wicket with Faf du Plessis.
- Appearing in his farewell one-day international series, Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara became the first batsman to hit four consecutive ODI centuries, doing so at the 2015 World Cup. With scores of 105 not out, 117 not out and 104, he made 326 runs before being dismissed,

establishing a new record for most runs between dismissals in World Cup cricket. Sangakkara then made 124 against Scotland in Hobart and with two catches behind the stumps became the first player to achieve 500 dismissals in ODIs.

- After sitting on 250 at stumps on day two of the Queensland-Victoria Sheffield Shield match at the Gabba in 2014/15, Chris Lynn was dismissed without adding to his score the following morning. It became the highest score in all first-class cricket in which a batsman fell without building on his overnight position. The previous record-holder was Misbah-ul-Haq with 247 for Sui Northern Gas Pipelines against Sui South Gas Corporation at Sheikhpura in 2008/09.
- A 15-year-old set the cricket world abuzz in 2014/15 when he made the highest-ever score in limited-over cricket, blasting an unbeaten 486 in an under-16 schools tournament. Representing JSS International School, Sankruth Sriram and Dhanush Priyan (70*) stitched together an unbroken opening stand of 605 in the 40-over match against Hebron (42) at Ootacamund.

Only a few months previously, a 14-year-old sporting a name synonymous with West Indies cricket had also scored a quadruple-century in a limited-over game. Kirstan Kallicharan hit 404 not out in a schools match in Trinidad, whacking 44 fours and 31 sixes.

- A week after becoming the first recognised batsman to be dismissed without facing a ball on his T20 international debut, Bangladesh's Soumya Sarkar produced an unusual feat with the bat in his first Test match. Batting at No. 7 against Pakistan at Khulna in 2015, Sarkar made 33 in each innings and was dismissed both times by the same two players. In the first innings, he was caught by Asad Shadiq off the bowling of Mohammad Hafeez. In the second innings, Sarkar was caught by Hafeez off Shadiq, who claimed his maiden wicket at Test level.

In his debut T20 for Bangladesh, Sarkar had become the first batsman to be dismissed without facing a ball. The opener became only the second player to suffer such a fate, after Australian bowler Ashley Noffke at the hands of New Zealand at Perth in 2007/08.

- In his first first-class match, in 2015, Sussex medium-pacer Oliver Robinson became the first debutant to score a century at No. 9 in the County Championship. With a score of 110 in a losing cause against Durham at Chester-le-Street, Robinson also took part in the second-highest tenth-wicket partnership to involve a debutant in all first-class cricket. Batting with Matthew Hobden (65*), the two shared a last-wicket stand of 164, just short of the record 169 by the New South Wales pair of Roy Minnett (216*) and newcomer Cecil McKew (29) against Victoria at Sydney in 1911/12.