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Be an instant expert on cricket and bluff your way with all fans of the sport. No practice required, just a sense of humour. Unsure about the unwritten rules governing match etiquette or just baffled by the rules of the game? From 'the Ashes' to 'umpires', and from 'beamers' to 'seamers', here's everything you need to know to increase your social status or avoid getting caught out.

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