

Americans Can Learn More About British Sport of Cricket

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To many Americans the word cricket connotes either a small swamp insect, or to those with a vague knowledge of British films, a game forever talked about but apparently never played.

With the increasing amount of students being afforded the opportunity to study abroad and a goodly number of people from England, India and other countries with a predominately British background enrolled at Penn State, it is interesting to see that a cricket team has begun serious practices near campus. It would be well to gain some knowledge of how this game is played.

In its broadest sense, cricket resembles baseball. The object is to score more runs than your opponent. There are, however, 11 players on a team, and the ball usually strikes the ground before the batsman (batter) can hit it.

The method of scoring differs from its American counterpart.

In cricket there are two wickets (bases), the bowler (pitcher) delivering the ball from one to the batsman stationed at the other. A player need only run from one wicket to the other to score a run. Also, a batsman does not have to run if he doesn't want to.

The field is oval-shaped and anything hit is in play. In fact more scoring shots are probably directed behind the batsman's wicket than in front. To counteract this, most field-placers call for at least as many fielders behind the bat as in front.

The boundary consists, ideally, of a fence equidistant from the batsman at a distance of 225 feet. If the ball reaches the boundary along the ground, the batsman is awarded four runs. If the ball "clears the fence," as in a home run, the batsman scores six runs.

The technique of bowling differs considerably from the art of pitching. At the moment the ball leaves the bowler's hand, his arm (as pictured on the right) must be straight. A ball thrown is a foul ball.

This, however, does not curtail the skilled bowler from, if necessary, reaching the same speeds as a Sandy Koufax.



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'Aching' Palmer Cards 71 In British Open Tourney

TROON, Scotland (P) — Arnold Palmer, aching back and all, started defense of his British Open Golf Championship with a 1-under-par 71 yesterday but his chief American rival, young Jack Nicklaus, virtually blew himself out of contention with a fat 80.

Nicklaus, the reigning U.S. Open champion, and Gene Littler of San Diego, Calif., the man he succeeded, both are in danger of failing to make the cut after Thursday's round when the field will be sliced to a maximum of 50 players.

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Lockhart, Hayes Named To All-Star LaX Teams

Defenseman Andy Lockhart of Ridley Park and midfielder Tom Hayes of New Hyde Park, N.Y., have been chosen to the All-American squad as chosen by the U.S. Lacrosse Coaches Association.

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