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World fastest bowling speed in cricket history

Cricket bowling technique This article needs additional appointments for verification. Please help improve this article by adding quotes to reliable sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. Find sources: Pace bowling – news ? Newspapers? Books? Academic? JSTOR (May 2007) (Learn how and when to remove this template message) Part of a series on bowling techniques Fast bowling Seam Swing Spin Bowling Finger turn the left arm orthodox leg of the wrist turn left arm unorthodox Fast bowler deliveries Bouncer Inswinger Knuckle ball cutter Off Outs Outs OutsWinger Reverse swing Slower ball Yorker Spin bowler deliveries Armball Doosra Flipper Googly Leg break Off Break Slider Teesra Topspinner vie Pace bowling (also known as fast bowling) is one of the two main approaches to bowling in the sport of cricket, the other being spin bowling. Rhythm bowlers are generally referred to as fast, fast or pacemen pitchers. They can also be called a sewing pitcher, bolero, or quick thrower to reflect the predominant feature of your deliveries. Strictly speaking, a pure swing pitcher doesn't need to have a high degree of pace, although dedicated mid-rhythm bowls are rarely seen at the test level these days. The goal of rhythm bowling is to deliver the ball in such a way that the batsman makes a mistake. The pitcher accomplishes this by causing the hard cricket ball to deviate from a predictable, linear trajectory at a speed that limits the time the batter has to compensate fo it. For deflection caused by the seam of the ball (the seam), the ball bounces off the pitch and deviates from the batter's body, or inward towards them. Swing bowlers on the other hand also use ball sewing, but in a different way. 'Towel swing' is to induce a curved trajectory of the cricket ball through the air. Swing launchers use a combination of sewing orientation, body position at the release point, asymmetrical ball polishing, and variations in delivery speed to affect an aerodynamic influence on the ball. A bowler's ability to induce lateral deviation or lateral movement can make it difficult for the batter to accurately approach the flight of the ball. Beyond this ability to create an unpredictable path of ball trajectory, faster pitchers can be equally powerful by simply delivering a ball at such a rate that a batter simply doesn't react properly, or at all. A typical fast delivery by a professional has a speed in the range of 137-153 km/h (85-95 mph). Fast-Bowler Graham Onions bowls for Durham vs. Lancashire in 2012 Friends Life t20 fast bolero Scotland John Blain hits the wicket of India's Yuvraj Singh, 2007 Categorisation A pitcher may focus solely on speed, especially when young, but as pitchers mature they can develop swing bowling skills or sewing bowling techniques, both of which aim to move the ball , especially when young, but as pitchers mature they can develop swing bowling skills or sewing bowling techniques, both of which aim to move the ball, especially when young, but as bowling pitchers mature they can develop swing bowling skills or sewing bowling techniques, both of which aspire to move the ball, especially when they are young, but as bowling pitchers mature they can develop the skills of swing bowling or sewing techniques , both of which Many quick pitchers specialize in one of these two areas and are sometimes classified as a swing or a sewing pitcher. However, this classification is not satisfactory because the categories are not mutually exclusive and an expert bowler usually watershed a mixture of fast, balanced, sealing and also sharp balls, even if they prefer one style to others. Recognition[edit] To simplify, it is common to subdivide fast launchers according to the average speed of their deliveries, with an example of the big cricvision as follows:[citation needed] Classification of fast pitchers[1] Type Men Women km/h mph km/h mph Express &t:145 &t:90 &t:120 &t:75 Fast 140-287 113 270 Fast-Medium 130-140 2 140&t1- 88 105–113 65–70 Medium-Fast 120–129 75 80 97–105 60–65 Medium 100–119 62 74 90–97 50–60 There is a degree of subjectivity in the use of these terms; for example, Cricinfo uses the terms 'fast-medium' and 'medium-fast interchangeably.[2] and sometimes replacing medium-fast to medium. For comparison, most spin bowlers in a professional cricket bowl at average speeds of 70 to 90 km/h (45 to 55 mph). Shoab Akhtar, Brett Lee, Shaun Tait, Jeff Thomson (in an exhibition match) and Mitchell Starc have timed more than 160 km/h and are classified as 'Ultra Fast' bowling, though often bowling at speeds significantly lower than this brand. In addition, while Steven Finn is ranked as a fast average pitcher by Cricinfo, he can constantly play at around 145 km/h, with his fastest clock at 151.9 km/h, making him the tenth fastest among active pitchers as of January 3, 2015. [3] Technique This section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) Quick Grip Grip The first thing a fast pitcher has to do is grab the ball properly. The basic quick bowling handle for maximum speed is to hold the ball with the seam upright and place the index and middle fingers together at the top of the seam with your thumb grabbing the ball at the bottom of the seam. The image at the top shows the correct grip. The first two fingers and thumb should hold the ball forward from the rest of the hand, and the other two fingers should be tucked into the palm of the hand. The ball holds up pretty slackly so it comes out of hand easily. Other handles are possible, and the result in different balls - see swing and bowling seam below. The pitcher usually holds his other hand over his hand by grabbing the ball until the last possible moment so the batter can't see what kind of ball is being thrown. A quick launcher needs a longer advance towards the wicket than a spinner, due to the need to generate the momentum and pace needed to launch a fast delivery. Fast pitchers measure their favorite race in strides, and mark the distance from the wicket. It is important that the bowler knows exactly how long the must end up bowling to.

Cricket laws rather than speed aid. Bending the elbow and throwing the ball would make it too easy for the pitcher to accurately aim at the batter's wicket and pull them out. Mitchell Johnson bowling. Watch the slingshot action. Fast pitchers tend to have an action that leaves them sideways at or up at the end of the race. A bowl pitcher with his chest and hips lined up towards the batter at the instant of contact with the back foot, while a side pitcher has his chest and hips aligned at ninety degrees to the batter at the instant of contact with the back foot. Indian West bowler Malcolm Marshall was a classic example of a chest thrower, while Australian pitcher Dennis Lillee used a side-on technique with great effect. While the action of a bowler does not affect their bowling speed, it can limit the style of balls they can bowl. Although this is not a tough and fast rule, side throwers usually throw at players, and chest bowling usually flaps wings. A variant in the fast launcher action is the sling (sometimes referred to as the sling or javelin), where the launcher begins its delivery with his arm fully extended to his back. Sling action generates extra speed, but sacrifices control. The most famous exponent of slingshot action was Jeff Thomson, who made an extraordinary pace in the short term. Other international examples include Fidel Edwards, Shaun Tait, Lasith Mitchell Johnson and Shoab Akhtar. Follow through Matthew Hoggard begins his follow-up in training. After the ball has been released, the bowler continues through at the end of his action. This involves deviating to one side so as not to step on the pitch and take a few steps to slow down. The passage to the protected area of the pitch at the end of a delivery can damage the surface, making rough patches that turn throwers can exploit for an additional twist on the ball; doing so is illegal in accordance with the laws of the game. Players who run persistently to the field can be warned, with three warnings disqualifying a bowler from bowling again during innings. Line and Length This section does not cite any font. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) An effective fast launcher must be able to maintain a consistent line and length, or in common terms, to be precise. In this context, the line refers to the trajectory of the ball to the batter, in the horizontal dimension that runs from the side of the leg, while the length describes the distance the ball travels to the batsman before bouncing. Variations in length are generally seen as the most important of the two for a quick pitcher. The faster the pitcher, the harder it will be to achieve a consistent line and length, but the total speed can compensate for the deficit. Fast pitchers who also manage to be accurate can be devastatingly effective, for example, as Australian pitcher Glenn McGrath and South African pitcher Shaun Pollock. Line In modern cricket, the two lines usually led by fast pitchers is the so-called uncertainty runner, the area just outside the batsman's stump, or actually on the stumps. It is difficult for the batsman to know if such a ball is likely to hit his wicket, and thus know whether to attack, defend or leave the ball. This technique was historically known as off theory(contrast leg theory), but now it is so routine that it is rarely given a name at all, or completely forgotten. Of course, variation in the line is also important and delivers to the leg stump can also serve a purpose. Precise control of the ball line is best used when it is known that a batter has a weakness by hitting a particular shot, because a pitcher wue an effective line can place the ball in the weak spot over and over again. Not overcoming a persistent inability to hit balls on a given line has been enough to end runs of countless hitters once they had been discovered by line bowlers. Length This section does not cite any font. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) Lengths of showing the name and height of the rebound (reaching the batter). The angles are exaggerated. A good-length ball is one that makes the batter unsure whether to play forward or backward to delivery. There is no fixed distance to a good length, or indeed any other length of the ball in cricket as the required distance varies with the ball ball the state of the pitch, and the heights of the pitcher and the batter. Note that bowling at a good length in this regard is not always appropriate, in some situations, in some pitches and against some batters other lengths are more effective. The diagram on the right explains the different lengths. A ball that bounces a little before the good length and rises to the batter's abdomen is said to be short throw or described as a long jump and is easier for a batter to hit, as it has had more time to see if the height or line of the ball has deviated after bouncing. [doubtful – arguing] A short-pitched ball is also at a height more suitable for the batter to play an attacking shot. A ball that bounces significantly before the good length and reaches shoulder or head height is a bouncer and can be an effective delivery. Any ball short enough to bounce over the batter's head is usually called, by the referee, Bowling short pitched or wide balls is a bad idea as they are relatively easy to defend or attack for the batter. At the other end of the scale, balls that bounce a little closer to the batter than the good length are said to be full-tone or over-pitched or described as a half volley. These are often easier to play for the batter than good length because they don't have time to move much after bouncing out of the seam and, reaching base batsmen to the ground, are ideal for driving strokes. However, in pro-swing-friendly conditions full pitched gives the ball more time to move through the air challenging the batter by weighing the risk of being able to play units against swing uncertainty. Closer to the batter's feet is the yorker. The effective length of a yorker is difficult to choose early, forcing the batter back into the crease. Also, because it bounces off the batsmen's feet, a well-own yorker is not playable by a conventional cricket shot. If the ball fails to bounce at all before reaching the batter, it is labeled as a full shooter. It is easier for a batsman to play a delivery as he has not deviated from bouncing off the pitch. Because the three effective lengths (good length, bouncer, and yorker) are interspersed with lengths that are easier for the batter to hit, length control is an important discipline for a fast pitcher. In addition to all the above variables, batsmen control the extent to which bend they face each other, further complicating the pitcher's task of correct length estimation. Turn throwers, on the other hand, almost always play to good length, but need much finer flight and line control to A fast pitcher tries to be physically fit throughout his cricket career, which can span more than a decade. Strike bowling This section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) Strike Strike is the term that usually applies to pitchers that are mainly used to put a batter out at the expense of racing if wickets are unsuccessful. For fast bowlers, this can be achieved through speed and aggression, rather than trying to make the ball move through the air or off the field. More commonly, however, aggressive bowling techniques can be combined with swing bowling and sewing techniques to create almost playable non-playable balls in the hands of a bowler of any speed. The inswinging yorker is seen as particularly deadly. Bouncer Main article: Bouncer (cricket) A bouncer (or bumper) is a ball destined to throw in the first half of the field, meaning it has had time to rise sharply to chest or head height by the time it reaches the batter. This causes two problems for the batter receiving the ball. If they try to play it, their bat is at eye level, making it difficult to visually track the ball at bat and clobber the shot correctly. If the ball comes out or is lost, it can painfully hit them on the head or chest and occasionally result in injury. For this reason, bowling containing many gorillas is said to be intimidating bowling. The usual answer for the gorilla is that the batter simply crouches under it, but this requires quick reflexes and a strong nerve and the batter is sometimes hit in any case. The natural reflex is to try to defend the head with the bat, but this should be suppressed if possible, as the likely result is that the ball flies out of the bat at an uncontrolled angle, making an easy catch. Most batters have panicked and lost their wickets this way several times in their careers after prolonged periods of rebounds. Physically powerful hitters often try to hit the rising ball, even though this obstructs their view of the ball as it is not uncommon for the batsman to use a brute force combined with the speed of the ball to make it fly to the limit. This possibility, combined with the difficulty that the wicketkeeper has tried to stop a high ball, means that rebounders can be expensive in terms of runs against expert hitters. Slower Ball Main Article: Slower Ball This section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) Slower Ball Grip A slower ball is a ball delivered exactly as a regular rhythm delivery in terms of action and run-up, but where the grip is changed slightly to slow down the ball. This tricks the batter, who will probably try to play the ball as if he were all over making them badly shy. The result is usually that the ball hits lower than the bat, leaving the bat at a slower speed. (A cricket bat has a medium – hitting the ball at this point transfers as much energy as possible to the ball. Hitting the ball away from the middle transfers less energy, producing speed.) In addition, the bat has generally traveled further when it hits the ball, and is in the ascending part of its arc, leaving the bat at a more pronounced angle. The combination of these can be a slow moving ball, loop that is relatively easy to catch. In an extreme case, the batter plays the shot so early as to play completely on the ball, and be clean. One of a number of different grips is illustrated on the right. Essentially the only difference is that the middle and index fingers are divided and lowered on each side of the seam. This causes more drag on the ball as it comes out of the hand, slowing down delivery. Slower balls are also thrown using the break grip and finger action used by spinners. Slower delivery can also be achieved – less frequently – by using a leg turn grip and wrist action or by supporting the top loop of the ball with a single finger or with knuckles. The slower ball is particularly effective against a batter looking to score quickly. As a result, his prominence has increased with the development of a cricket day and twenty-one years of cricket, and particularly when bowling to death (at the end of an entry) where the batter attacks with abandon. A more experienced hitter can adjust a shot mid-air, making a momentary pause to put the ball in the crease when hit. In another version of the slower ball, also known as CBZ, the pitcher releases the ball with the upper fingers only. Directed as a beamer, the delivery method causes the ball to drop dramatically in flight and reach a yorker length. This was most famously used by Chris Cairns to Chris Read, causing him to crouch into a full-body ball that passed to the moles. Yorker Main Article: Yorker This section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) A yorker ball bounces off the field right in front of (or is aimed at the toes of) the batter's feet, an area known as the block hole. Due to the batsman's usual posture and cricket batting regulation length, the bat is not usually kept close to the ground while the batter prepares to hit the ball, so playing a yorker requires the batter to alter the height of his bat very quickly after detecting that a yorker has been thrown. This is difficult, and the yorker can often squeeze through the gap and break the wicket. Successfully playing this type of delivery is also known as digging a yorker. Bowling a yorker requires precise accuracy, as bowling a little too long results in a full pitch or pitch delivery which is easy to play for the batter because the ball has not deflected by bouncing off the field. It also has most of its value as a surprise ball. For these two reasons, yorkers are not common deliveries in most circumstances. In the final stages of an entry on a cricket day, batter batters to attack every ball pitched. In such circumstances, the yorker is a particularly effective delivery, both in taking wickets and preventing the limits of being hit. Therefore, the yorker is very frequently released in these circumstances, and bowlers who can play accurately the yorkers are appreciated in this form of cricket. Main article of the sewing bowling allele: Andrew Flintoff of england bowling in the nets, seen by Kevin Shine. Note the vertical seam. Thee the vertical seam does not cite any font. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) Sewing bowling is the act of using ball sewing to make the ball bounce in an unpredictable way when it hits the pitch. A good hitter can predict where a ball will bounce, and from that find out what the height of the ball will be when it hits the bat. By generating rebound variations, the pitcher may make it more likely that the batter will make a mistake or miss a seam by giving away his wicket. Sewing deliveries can be thrown at any pace, but most specialized sewers are bowled at medium, medium-fast or fast-medium pace. The basic technique of sewing bowling is to use normal fast bowling or slower ball grip and try to ensure that the seam stays upright until the ball hits the pitch. If the seam is upright and the ball is spinning around its horizontal axis, there is no appreciable Magnus effect, and the ball does not move in the air. The seam of the ball rises and causes variations in bounce and movement if it is the first part of the ball to hit the pitch. Sewing launchers can get a lot of help from certain types of pitches. Hard throws that have a cracked or squeezing surface are best for sewing bowling, as hardness makes it easier to bounce the ball without losing speed, while the uneven surface increases the unpredictability of the bounce when the ball hits the pitch. This is known as variable bounce. Rarely, an extremely hard and uneven pitch is declared too dangerous to play, and is likely to be hit as a result. Green throws can also help the seam thrower as the small tufts of grass present an uneven surface, although this is a mixed blessing as the green surface also slightly slows down the ball. It is difficult for a sewing pitcher to be effective on a very flat and even surface field (known as a flat track in the vernacular cricket) and sealants usually resort to tactics bowling under and/or bowling cutters on such surfaces. Cutters Main items: Leg cutter and cutter This section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) Leg cutting grip Cutting Handle A cutter is a fastball that is spinning, that is, say, delivery that is rotating around the opposite axis to the seam instead of keeping the seam straight. While this rotation is not even closer to that achieved by a spin pitcher, the small variations in air pressure are still enough to make a batters uncomfortable due to the speed of the ball. Cutters can be an effective way for a sewing thrower to move the pitch. A ball spinning around the seam moves right or left when it hits the pitch, depending on how the ball is spinning. A ball bouncing towards right is said to be a cutter outside the seam and is traveling from the stump to the leg stump for a right-handed batsman. Instead, a ball bouncing to the left is a leg cutter, traveling from left to stump for a right-handed hitter. Cutters often aim for them to reach the pitch just outside the batter's stump and move away from the wicket. This causes the ball to capture the outer edge of the bat instead of the middle, and fly up to get caught in the slips. For a cutter bowl, the launcher uses a different grip. The two handles are shown on the right, with the top producing a leg cutter, while the lower one shows the grip needed for a cutter turned off. In addition to changing the handle, the pitcher must pull his fingers on the appropriate side of the ball as he leaves his hand to impart the required turn. The action of bowling a cutter also increases drag on the ball as it comes out of hand, causing the ball to slow down in the same way as a slower ball and this can also help confuse the batter. Swing bowling Main article: Swing bowling This section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) Oscillating bowls cause the ball to move laterally through the air, rather than leaving the field like sewing pitches. Normal or conventional swing bowling is encouraged by the raised seam of the ball,[4] and conventional swing is usually larger when the ball is new and therefore has a pronounced seam. As the ball ages, wear makes the swing more difficult to achieve, but this can be countered if the fix team systematically cleans one side of the ball while allowing the other to become rough. When the ball has been polished a lot on one side and not on the other and if the ball is thrown very fast (more than 85 miles per hour), it produces a reverse turn in such a way that the ball swings in the opposite direction as in the swing Contrary to popular opinion, this swing is not produced by air flowing faster on the smooth or bright side compared to the rough side. Swing occurs due to a net force acting on the ball from one side, that is, the side with the most turbulent boundary layer. For conventional oscillating bowls, the raised seam and the direction in which it points govern the direction of the swing, pending the angled seam of the ball, the air flowing over the seam produces turbulence on the side to which the seam is tilted towards. This causes the boundary layer to separate from the ball surface later (farther to the back of the ball) than the other side where it separates earlier (later on the surface). The resulting net force acts to move or swing the ball in the direction of the angled seam. Conventional swing bowling is delivered with angled seam in such a way that the smooth or polished side of the ball flows forward to move the ball in the direction of the seam, i.e. to the rough side. An oscillating ball is classified as an outswinger, moving away from the batter, or an inswinger, that moves towards the batter.[4] In most cases the outswinger is seen as the most dangerous ball because, if the batter does not recognize it, it catches the outer edge of the bat instead of the middle and flies up to get caught in the slips. Throwers also have their place, especially combined with the yorker, as this can result in the ball either breaking the wicket (by going clean through the door or getting an inner edge) or hitting the pad instead of the bat (resulting in a possible LBW decision). Oscillating bowling can also be roughly classified as early swing or late oscillation, corresponding to when in the trajectory the ball changes direction. The later the ball swings, the less likely the batsman is to adjust to account for the swing. Bowling players often use the same grip and technique on swing balls as fast balls, although they usually keep the seam slightly rather than straight, and can use the slower grip of the ball. It is difficult to achieve swing with a cutting grip as the ball rotates in flight, varying the orientation of bright and rough surfaces as it moves through the air. Many players, in-game commentators and fans agree that swing is easier to achieve in wet or cloudy conditions, and also that the red ball used in Test cricket swings more than the white ball used in the one-day game. Reverse swing is a phenomenon that causes the ball to rotate in the opposite direction to what is normally produced by the orientation of the bright and rough sides of the ball. [4] When the ball is reverse rolling, the ball swings to the bright side. Backing balls move much later and much more abruptly than conventionally oscillating balls, both factors increase the difficulty the batter has in trying to hit the ball. At speeds of more than 90 mph, a ball always exhibits reverse oscillation, but as roughness on the main side increases, the speed at which reverse oscillation occurs.[4] This means that an older ball is more likely to cause the reverse oscillation, as its surface is rougher. In reverse rolling, the net force on the ball is in the opposite direction to the seam, so the seam is tilted towards. The turbulent boundary layer that is later separated is similar to the effect produced by dimples on a golf ball. In the case of the golf ball, turbulence occurs on both sides of the ball and the net effect is a rear separation of the boundary layer on both sides and a smaller side on the back of the ball and a lower net drag due to the pressure differential between the front and rear – this allows the golf ball to travel further. The discovery of reverse oscillation is attributed to Pakistani cricketers, with Sarfraz Nawaz and Farrakh Khan both named as creators of the installment. [5] Now, in one-day cricket the mandatory rule of two new balls (which states that two new balls must be used at the beginning of each entry, one at each end) means that the chances of reverse oscillation are drastically reduced. With two new balls being used, the amount of wear to which each ball is attached is half that compared to the usual. Dipper See also: Inswinger and Outswinger This section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) A dipper is a deliberately bowling swinging ball like a yorker or a complete pitcher, the latter is not usually a ball that a fast pitcher would choose to bowl. The indipper approaches the right-handed hitter as the outdipper moves away. To be effective, a dipper has to generate a lot of swing to compensate for the variation in lost movement because the ball is not bouncing off the pitch. However, because the batter usually expects a complete shooter to be an easy-to-score ball, dipper has enormous surprise value and can be extremely difficult to play, especially if the pitcher is very accurate and handles the yorker instead of a real full shot. Chaminada Vaas' bowling for Yuvraj Singh in the 2007-08 Commonwealth Bank Series is a classic example. Intimidating bowling This section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) Intimidating or aggressive bowling is a legitimate bowling tactic with the intention of hitting the batsman with the ball. This is somewhat restricted by some of the laws of cricket, including those that do not allow excessive use of bounces and any use of the beamer, which is directed directly to the head in the whole. Successful bullying bowling usually employs a mix of gorillas and pitch deliveries directed at the batsman's head, chest and chest box. The intention is to disrupt a batter's approach, and ultimately induce an error that leads to the loss of the batter's wicket. Often the eventual wicket does not fall into a goalkeeper or short-pitched ball, but at a more standard delivery that the batter no longer expects, or is depicted unable to play in his usual way (by fear, pain, surprise, or some combination of the three). A classic approach is to deliver several short balls to the batsman's chest, forcing the batter into the back foot to defend himself with a high bat, and then shoot in a fast yorker, aimed at the base of the moles. If the batter expects to play a defensive high back foot, the time it takes to change his weight to play the ball at his feet may be enough for the delivery to surprise the batter and cause him to panic, causing the loss of his wicket. A fast pitcher can also employ intimidating tactics to anger (or thwart) a hitter to play a hasty shy, directing the ball to hit the batter. Intimidating bowling plays a role in each fast pitcher's attack to some extent, and even the best hitters sometimes suffer inferior injuries that can force them out of the field and out of the game. In almost all cases, the verbal sled accompanies the attack. Excessive use of intimidating tactics by elite fast pitchers is considered unsportsmanlike, and is rejected by many teams and players. An example of overuse was the Bodyline series, where The English Cricket Captain at the time (1932-1933), Douglas Jardine, employed a tactic to contain the skills of the Australian cricket team, and his star player, Donald Bradman. The tactic was to bowl, very fast and very short, to the batter's body. After the Bodyline series, as it became known, several cricket laws were altered to prevent such a tactic from being used again, as a restriction on the number of gardeners who can occupy the rear quadrant of the leg side of the cricket to two (excluding the wicketkeeper). Tactics This section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) The field for a fast pitcher is generally aggressive, that is, it is configured for the purpose of obtaining a wicket instead of preventing the flow of racing. Sometimes, especially when the field team is hitting last and chasing a total, a defensive field is required. As a general rule, it is difficult to play defensive fast bowling – that task is more suitable for spinning bowling. The various fast bowling techniques lend themselves to three ways to get the batter out. LBW can be thrown or caught either by speed, yorker or by sewing or swinging causing the ball to move towards them, in which case the placement of the gardeners is irrelevant. The swing or seam can be used to move the ball away from the batter, in which case the ball hits the outer edge of the bat and can be caught in the slips. A poorly played gorilla will fly off the outer edge like a ball and can result in a bad shot which can be captured near the limit. It follows that the most effective field locations for aggressive fast bowling are packing the outfield and lace and ravine slips, as these are the positions in which the batter is most likely to be caught. Placing gardeners on the outside field has the added advantage of limiting the number of places where a batter can score a limit. One nearby field camps such as the off/half silly and the various midwicket and cover positions are generally redundant. In contrast, a defensive field for fast bowling packs positions, such as ravine, point and cover, in a full circle around the batter. One or two slips and one or two gardeners remain in the event of a catch. Because hitters usually try to play ground shots instead of risking being caught in this field can stop most of the limits while remaining close enough to the pitch to try to run at the batters if they try a single. Defensive fast bowling is difficult because an expert hitter sets this type of field simply relies on the technique and limit scores that hit over the ring of half the fuse and away from any gardener present. Bowling an out of this section does not cite any source. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) The main goal of any pitcher is to take the batter's wicket. The secondary goal is to prevent the batter from running. The latter is often a route to the first, as a private racket hitter is often frustrated and is more likely to try to shoot risky to score. In addition, stopping the scoring batsman keeps the same batter in the crease to face consecutive balls, which can form a tactical sequence. Intuitively counterage is the best approach for a fast pitcher is not to play constantly against the wicket, as such predictability allows the wicket to simply defend his wicket and collect the occasional bad ball. A more effective approach is to introduce line variation and length, leaving the batter unsure as to whether to attack, defend or exit. Most balls in a well-cast spell are usually balls swinging or sealing that pass at waist height, just outside the stump and move away from the batter because this is the area where it is harder for the batsman to choose the most suitable answer. Common variations and their tactical application are discussed below. The precise balls the pitcher chooses during an over depends on the match situation, the batter's ability, and how the batter settles in the crease. It is common to attack hitters who have recently arrived at the wicket with successive short balls or rebounders with the dual goal of pulling them out and preventing them from ingesting in an attacking game mode for as long as possible. Short balls are riskier against batsmen who have settled in the crease as they make easy limits, but most bowlers still mix a few a spell, just to keep the batter guessing. Most batters prefer to play shots either the front or rear foot and this influences the choice of balls from bowlers. It is difficult to play short balls outside the front foot so bowling more short balls out the front foot is similar. Similarly, it's hard to play and full throw balls of the back foot so those are the deliveries of choice against the bowlers on the back foot. If a bowler can successfully get a batter playing outside his less favored foot with a sequence of properly thrown balls, then he can win an element of surprise by suddenly throwing the opposite type of ball - a yorker after a succession of short balls or a bouncer after a succession of full balls. An unanspner or complacent hitter can easily be caught without realizing it and losing his wicket. Another variation, especially against hitters who have settled in the wicket and are starting to score more freely, is to change the area's attack line just outside the stump to bowling directly on the leg stump. The batter has to react to these balls, as otherwise he or she is at high risk of being thrown or caught LBW, but as he or she does his bat moves to the side of the leg, leaving the off side vulnerable. If the pitcher can induce enough sideways movement with rolling or sewing techniques, it often traps the outer edge of the bat, offering a catch or hitting notes directly. Surprise is a big element in bowling, and bowlers often avoid common tactical approaches in the hope of simply confusing the batter into playing the wrong shot. For example, bowling a new batsman who is likely to expect goalkeepers or at least line balls and standard length has caused many batters to lose their first wicket due. Role by region This section does not cite any origin. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to trusted sources. Material without source can be challenged and removed. (August 2013) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) In most cricket countries, fast bowlers are considered the mainstay of a team's bowling attack, with slower pitchers in support roles. In the Indian subcontinent, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, the opposite often happens, with fast pitchers serving mainly to soften the ball for spinners. This is largely due to the condition of the pitches used in those countries, which gives more help to spinners than to fast bowlers, but internationally it also reflects the skills of their rhythm launchers. Inwler Risks Fast pitchers often experience the highest incidence of injuries from all player roles in cricket. [6] Larger time-loss injuries are typically associated with overuse at the lumbar spine site. Common injuries include spondylolisthesis (fractured lower back stress), fractures from navicular foot stress, tears, or SLAP, lateral tensions or intercostal strains and muscle tensions of the calves, hamstrings or spinal erector. Popular media outlets and commentators are often critical of the number of injuries suffered by fast-bowling players. However, as of 2019, injury rates are at their lowest level in decades, in many ways thanks to advances in fitness, sports science and load management interventions. 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