Asia Cup Records: Most Runs, Wickets, Centuries, and Five-Wicket Hauls

The **Asia Cup** has been one of the most prestigious tournaments in world cricket, showcasing the best of Asian talent since its inception in 1984. Over the years, legendary players have etched their names in history with unforgettable performances. From run machines to wicket-taking magicians, the Asia Cup has given fans countless records to celebrate. Here's a look at the **top Asia Cup records – most runs, most wickets, most centuries, and most five-wicket hauls**.



Most Runs in Asia Cup

Sanath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka) holds the record for the **most runs in <u>Asia Cup history</u>** with **1,220 runs**. Known for his explosive batting, Jayasuriya dominated bowlers throughout his Asia Cup journey, scoring six centuries – the most by any player in the tournament.

Other notable run scorers include:

• Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka): 1,075 runs

• **Virat Kohli (India):** 910+ runs (still active)

• Shoiab Malik (Pakistan): 786 runs

Most Wickets in Asia Cup

When it comes to bowling, **Muttiah Muralitharan (Sri Lanka)** leads the charts with **30 wickets**, showcasing his spin wizardry. His ability to control the game in the middle overs made him a vital part of Sri Lanka's success.

Other leading wicket-takers:

• Lasith Malinga (Sri Lanka): 29 wickets

• Ajantha Mendis (Sri Lanka): 26 wickets

• Ravindra Jadeja (India): 24+ wickets

Most Centuries in Asia Cup

Sanath Jayasuriya tops this list too, with **6 centuries** in the Asia Cup – a record that still stands tall. His ability to score big runs at a rapid pace made him a nightmare for bowlers.

Other notable century-makers:

• Kumar Sangakkara: 4 centuries

• Virat Kohli: 4 centuries (active player, could surpass)

• Shojab Malik: 3 centuries

Most Five-Wicket Hauls in Asia Cup

Bowling brilliance has also shone in the Asia Cup, with **Lasith Malinga** holding the record for the most **five-wicket hauls (3)**. His lethal yorkers and match-winning spells turned games in Sri Lanka's favor.

Other notable performances include:

• Ajantha Mendis: 2 five-wicket hauls

• Arshad Ayub (India): 1 five-wicket haul

Final Thoughts

The **Asia Cup records** reflect the dominance of some of the greatest cricketers from Asia. With players like Virat Kohli and modern stars still active, these numbers could change in future editions. However, legends like **Jayasuriya**, **Muralitharan**, **and Malinga** have set benchmarks that will always be remembered in cricket history.

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