Asia Cup Records: Leading Run-Scorers, Top Wicket-Takers, Centuries & Five-Wicket Hauls

The Asia Cup has always been one of the most exciting tournaments in cricket, bringing together top teams from the continent in a battle for regional supremacy. Over the years, the competition has produced iconic performances with both bat and ball. Here's a look at some of the most remarkable **Asia Cup records** across categories.



Leading Run-Scorers

When it comes to piling up runs, Sri Lankan legend Sanath Jayasuriya sits at the top with 1,220 runs. Known for his fearless batting, Jayasuriya dominated the tournament for years. Kumar Sangakkara followed him with 1,075 runs, showcasing his consistency and

elegance. India's master blaster <u>Sachin Tendulkar</u> also features among the top with 971 runs, proving his class across formats.

Top Wicket-Takers

In the bowling department, Muttiah Muralitharan leads the charts with 30 wickets. His spin wizardry often left batters clueless on turning tracks. Lasith Malinga, another Sri Lankan great, isn't far behind, finishing with 29 wickets thanks to his deadly yorkers. Among Indian bowlers, Irfan Pathan stands tall with 22 wickets, remembered for his swing bowling that troubled many opponents.

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Most Centuries

Sanath Jayasuriya once again dominates this list with six centuries, underlining his impact on the tournament's history. Virat Kohli has also made a big mark with three centuries, including a memorable 183 against Pakistan in 2012, which remains the highest individual score in <u>Asia Cup history</u>. Kumar Sangakkara, with four hundreds, also features prominently.

Most Five-Wicket Hauls

With the ball, Lasith Malinga has been the standout performer, recording three five-wicket hauls in Asia Cup history. His ability to strike in crucial moments often turned games in Sri Lanka's favor. Ajantha Mendis also left his mark with a famous 6 for 13 against India in 2008, one of the best spells in the competition.

Final Thoughts

The Asia Cup has given cricket fans countless memorable moments, from Jayasuriya's blazing centuries to Malinga's lethal spells. These records reflect not just individual brilliance but also the fierce rivalries and rich cricketing culture of Asia. As future editions unfold, new stars will surely add their names to this prestigious list of records.

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