

Cricket is an all-pervading element in the Indian subcontinent. Without mentioning cricket, the story of India would be incomplete. It is not just a sport in India, but a part of our culture and tradition. But, the question often arises, has it overshadowed other sports and sportspersons? Is cricket an overrated sport in India?

Very recently, Sunil Chhetri, the captain of the Indian football team had to request Indians to come to watch their match against Kenya. Apparently, the stands weren't getting the audience they had expected. Indian Women Kabaddi team, which won the World Cup had to go back to their homes in autorickshaws from the airport. While the Indian Cricket team members are treated no less than Bollywood celebrities.

This brings us to the answer to our previously stated question. Yes, Cricket IS an overrated sport in India. The reasons for this are multiple and need to be looked at differently. The factors are discussed below:

- **Management:** BCCI is a key factor in creating such a persona of cricket in our country. They have invested heavily to promote the game to its current standards of popularity.
- **Public:** The public outlook of cricket is also very positive. A very general example of this would be how sportspersons in India are encouraged to take up cricket instead of the sport of their choice. Cricket has much better job prospects in India as compared to any sport. IPL and World-Cup seasons in India are treated as festivals.
- **Media:** Indian media has also been obsessed with the game. News channels and Newspapers allot more coverage to cricket than any other sport. Due to better viewership and fanbase of cricket, the media tends to focus more on them.

But, things seem to be improving for other sports recently. With Indian athletes and sportspersons achieving great feats in international tournaments, several obscure sports have come into the Limelight. Mary Kom, who won a Bronze in Olympics 2012 and several World Championships, has become an inspiration for the youth of India. Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu are paving the way for badminton players of the country. Sushil Kumar, Yogeshwar Dutt, and Bajrang Punia have brought new energy to Indian wrestling. Bhaichung Bhutia and Sunil Chhetri have worked tirelessly, sacrificing even their international careers just to improve Indian football. Abhinav Bindra, Gagan Narang, and Jitu Rai have contributed tremendously to shooting.

Conclusion :-

In light of the information above, it can be deduced that: yes, cricket is an overrated sport in India, but things seem to have taken a turn for the better. Other sports have been



taking significant strides towards greatness and soon India will witness the results of their hard work.

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