

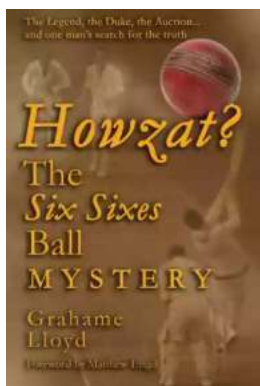
Unraveling the Mysterious Tale of Howzat's Six Sixes Ball!



Cricket, a sport that entralls millions around the world, has witnessed countless unforgettable moments throughout its rich history. However, few incidents have captured the imagination of fans quite like the iconic achievement of hitting six sixes in an over.

One such mesmerizing event occurred during the World T20 in 2007 when the legendary Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh unleashed an unparalleled display of power-hitting against England's Stuart Broad. What makes this feat even more

fascinating is the story behind the ball that soared over the boundary ropes on every occasion — the Howzat's Six Sixes Ball.



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The Beginning of an Extraordinary Over

It was a warm evening in Durban, to which cricket aficionados from different corners of the globe had flocked to witness this thrilling encounter between India and England. The atmosphere crackled with excitement as Yuvraj Singh took guard and prepared to face the young English seamer.

As the bowler charged in, Yuvraj stood tall, his eyes focused on the ball. With impeccable timing and brute force, he launched the first delivery high up into the night sky, disappearing into the stands. A collective gasp echoed through the stadium as the crowd realized the significance of this moment.

With adrenaline coursing through his veins, Yuvraj knew history beckoned. Over the course of the next five deliveries, he continued to pummel each ball, sending

them sailing over the boundary with effortless elegance.

The Mystery Unveiled: The Secret of the Six Sixes Ball

As Yuvraj's heroics unfolded, spectators marveled at his shot selection and unwavering accuracy, but many couldn't help but wonder about the fate of those six balls. What happened to them? Were they preserved somewhere, carrying the weight of this historic sporting achievement?

Well, the answer to this question lies in England, at the renowned Lord's Cricket Ground. Nestled in a glass enclosure, alongside cricketing treasures steeped in history, resides the Howzat's Six Sixes Ball, encapsulating a moment etched forever in the annals of the game.

Protected from the elements and time, this red Kookaburra cricket ball serves as a tangible reminder of Yuvraj Singh's masterclass. Its stitches hold the memories of a fascinating contest between bat and ball, resonating with the energy of that incredible evening when cricketing records were shattered.



Legacy and Lore

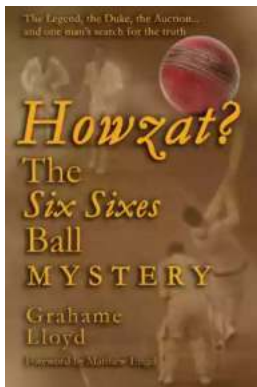
The significance of Yuvraj's achievement extends far beyond the numerical value of six sixes. It reverberated throughout the cricketing community, inspiring future generations to push the boundaries of human capability.

As young cricketers today reflect on the power and precision Yuvraj displayed, the Howzat's Six Sixes Ball stands as a beacon of ambition and possibility. It represents the relentless pursuit of greatness, reminding us that, with dedication and determination, seemingly insurmountable barriers can be shattered.

The story of the Howzat's Six Sixes Ball showcases the indomitable spirit of sportsmanship and the allure of cricket's historic moments. It encapsulates the

intense passion that drives millions to follow this sport and relish its unforgettable encounters.

So, next time you find yourself watching a cricket match, keep in mind the awe-inspiring tale of Yuvraj Singh and the six sixes. Remember that within this game, magic can happen, records can be rewritten, and the spirit of competition never fails to mesmerize and captivate.



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When Garry Sobers hit Malcolm Nash for an historic six sixes off one over at Swansea in 1968, cricket's Everest was finally conquered.

It was a record that would never be broken; equalled three times since but never beaten because, in cricket, it's just not cricket; it's simply not possible: you can't get better than six of the best.

History was made again 38 years later when the ball supposedly smashed around St Helen's by the then Nottinghamshire and West Indian captain was sold for a world record £26,400 at Christie's in London...except that, as Grahame

Lloyd suggested in his book, *Six of the Best: Cricket's Most Famous Over*, it couldn't possibly have been the right one because it was the wrong make. The actual ball was manufactured by Stuart Surridge and BBC TV footage confirms Nash's assertion that he bowled a single ball to Sobers – not three as claimed by Christie's.

The Duke ball then disappeared for nearly six years before turning up at another auction at Bonhams in Chester in the summer of 2012. After persuading the auctioneers to withdraw the ball from a sporting memorabilia sale, Lloyd immediately launched *Operation Howzat?* – a one-man quest for the truth about a key component of one of sport's most iconic moments.

In *Howzat? The Six Sixes Ball Mystery*, Lloyd traces the ball's journey from England to India via Nottingham, London, New Delhi, Faridabad, Chester and back to Faridabad. Along the way, he uncovers startling new evidence which sheds fresh light on the ball's vexing verification and its subsequent controversial sale.

During his 18-month investigation, Lloyd encounters a cast of colourful characters – including an art impresario and a solar energy expert in India, a London antiquarian book dealer and a cricket legend in the West Indies - as well as two shy and retiring former Christie's specialists.

As the dramatic tale surrounding the disputed Duke ball heads towards its denouement, how will the world's leading auction house respond to Lloyd's attempt to unravel the riddle? *Howzat?* The umpire's index finger is starting to twitch...



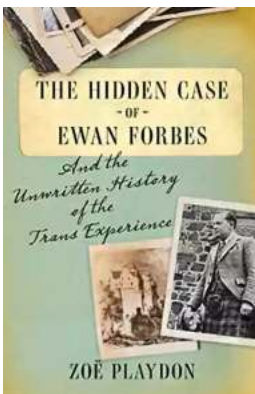
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