

HOWZAT JACQUES!

Veteran Protea Jacques Kallis recently notched up his 150th Test – here are the statistics of a glittering career

HE'S not known as the prince of batsmen for nothing – Jacques Henry Kallis recently became the first South African cricket player to notch up 150 Test matches. Although the 36-year-old has been criticised as a slow scorer and a cautious batsman his career is far from over.

Kallis has been one of the Proteas' most consistent batsmen in the last 16 years. However the second Test against Sri Lanka proved he's also a mere mortal when he gave his worst performance ever with no runs at all. Yet in the third Test at Newlands, Cape Town, he proceeded to notch up his best score ever – a whopping 224 runs.

The veteran cricketer, who was slated for his lacklustre performance in the early stages of the series, made good by hitting a monstrous 31 fours and a double century. Thanks to his record-breaking tally – and of course AB de Villiers and Alvaro Petersen's centuries – SA declared in their first innings with a massive 580/4.

Kallis is renowned for his mental strength and commitment. His opponents have very little to exploit in terms of weaknesses in his game, which makes his wicket one of the most prized in Test cricket.

He's a sought-after player internationally. At the recent auction in Bangalore, India, for the Indian T20 League he was sold to the Kolkata Knight Riders for about R8,9 million and will play for the team in the 2012 Indian Premier League season.

We look at his career by numbers.

1975

The year he was born, in Pinelands, Cape Town.

20

The age at which Kallis made his Test debut for the Proteas during their tour of England in December 1995.

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The number of runs Kallis scored in his first match for the Proteas.

150

The number of Tests he's played. Ricky Ponting, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Steve Waugh and Allan Border are the only other players to have reached this milestone.

435

The number of minutes he batted to reach the highest score of his career.

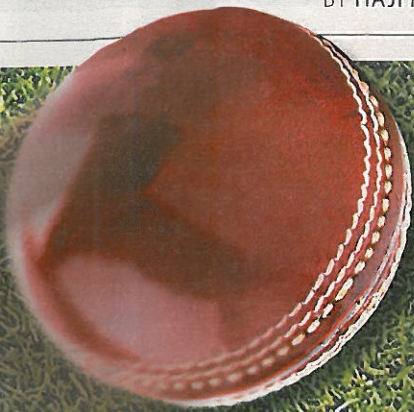
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The number of centuries Kallis has scored in his 150 Tests.

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The total number of runs Kallis has made in his Test career. This is the highest total by a SA cricketer in Tests and the fourth highest by any player in Test cricket. Fans marvel at the way the often-criticised batsman's game has improved.





27%

Kallis has made centuries in 27 per cent of his 150 Test matches, reaching 100 runs or more in 41 of them.

CELEB TWEETS

- **AB de Villiers (@ABdeVilliers17)** – Protea cricketer I felt privileged to have been at the other end of the wicket when JHK got 150 in his 150th test! #special
- **Gary Gold (@GaryGoldrugbyiq)** – Springbok assistant rugby coach Magnificent day at Newlands, made even better by watching #jacqueskallis getting his double century.
- **Toks van der Linde (@toksvdl)** – former Springbok and host of kykNet show Toks 'n Tjops J Kallis is a legend. Well done, chomma.

2 The number of double centuries he has to his name after bettering his own record for his highest Test score.

The current record for the most centuries scored in Test cricket, which is held by Sachin Tendulkar. Kallis closely trails the Indian cricketer.

51

0 He experienced the worst performance of his

career in the second Test against Sri Lanka from 26 to 29 December 2011 in Durban when he failed to score any runs.

2 Kallis' position in the ICC rankings for Test all-rounders after the third Test against Sri Lanka. He has

remained in the top 5 since 2001 when he was No 1 in the world. Kallis is the only cricketer who features in the ICC's top 5 for both batsmen and all-rounders.

2 Kallis' ICC ranking as a Test

batsman after the third Test against Sri Lanka. He's admired worldwide for his classic batting technique.

12 The number of players who've made

against all opponents in contests between the 10 Test-playing nations: West Indies, England, India, Pakistan, New Zealand, Australia, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka

427

The number of wickets Kallis has taken in Test cricket. He's taken four wickets in a single innings more than seven times in his Test career.

36 His age. He's the

second-youngest cricketer to play in his 150th Test match. Sachin Tendulkar (then 34) was the youngest in 2008.

9 Kallis' centuries at Newlands. He's scored more than 2 000 runs on the same pitch.

3 132

The number of overs he's bowled in Tests to date. He's regarded as a fast-medium bowler.

THE OTHER BIG HITTERS IN TEST CRICKET

INDIA



SACHIN TENDULKAR

The cricket icon who started his career at 16 has already scored 15 409 Test runs. He holds the record for centuries in Tests (51) and ODIs (48).

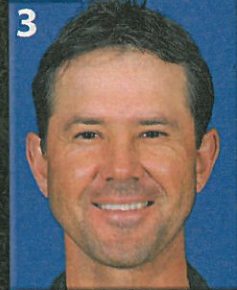
INDIA



RAHUL DRAVID

With 13 206 Test runs and 162 matches played Dravid has an impressive highest score of 270 runs in a single Test innings.

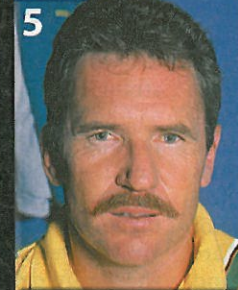
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RICKY PONTING

He's one of the most successful run makers in the world. Ponting has played 160 matches, scoring a total of 12 912 runs.

AUSTRALIA



ALLAN BORDER

Border made his debut in Test cricket in 1978 and played and captained in more Tests than any other cricketer of his time. In his 156 matches he made 11 174 runs.

AUSTRALIA



STEVE WAUGH

He made his Test debut in 1985 and within a career of 168 matches managed to score 32 centuries and 10 927 runs.

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