



Betting as Means or Menace: A comparative Study of its Evolvment from the Traditional to the Online Mode

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Chapter 1 :

Introduction

The introduction of the game cricket was during the late 16TH century. It is known to be originated from the lands of South-East England, but it took some time to become a famous established game till the 18th century. And by the time period of 19th and 20th century cricket has spread like a wildfire across different continents and their countries. The first international match was taken place in 19th century in the format of test cricket and the year was considered to be around 1877. In today's era cricket is considered to be the second most popular spectator sports after the game of football.

Today cricket is governed by the International Cricket Council (ICC), according to research and facts more than one hundred countries and territories are also a member of ICC. But only 12 countries are currently playing test cricket.

Cricket has three different formats and they are known as:

1. Test Match Cricket.
2. One Day International (ODI).
3. T20.

But the game has it's own rules known as “ Laws of Cricket “. This game has different time variation from one format to another. Like a Test match can take 3-5days to declare the winners or during the game of ODI or T20 matches it takes a few hours to complete and declare the winner.

Since everything has it's both positive side and negative side, to which betting is considered to be one of the most annoying and also a shocking side of cricket. The word betting can be described as an illegal process to gain money at a certain huge amount. It can also be stated as an agreement between two individuals or parties where one party makes a correct prediction and other makes an incorrect prediction, the losing party has to let go their wage to the winning party but if the results of the game are uncertain or the match gets forfeit then the betting of that game becomes nil everyone gets back their own invested amount.

This illegal game of betting takes place both on international level or at a small match played in amateur level. But not just only cricket betting has been seen to be getting involved around every game whether it is horse riding, football or auto racing etc.

In the recent times we all come across different scandals of illegal betting games being hunted down and stopped by different police organisation in their own countries many political parties, famous celebrities and also many players has been found guilty for match fixing under the circumstances for earning a better huge amount of money from one game.

The first and even the most famously convicted international cricket betting scandal was put up in the lime light to the cricket lovers during the year of 2000 where several players of the international cricket team of South Africa was on their tour to India. This newly experienced team was led by their Captain Hansie Cronje who played the major role in the match fixing. During my research we would be able to get a view of how betting scandals do takes place and how the media puts a huge light to bring out the facts and also the different ways in which they are proven guilty.

Chapter 2

Literature Review

RR and CSK caught on betting scandal during IPL tournament :

In the year of 2013 all the lovers of IPL (Indian Premier League) fans got to know about the spot fixing done by Indian Cricketers Sreesanth, Ajit Chandila and Ankeet Chavan were arrested by the Delhi Police. All these players represented the Rajasthan Royals in the year 2013 for IPL. Whereas a sperate case was being investigated by the Mumbai police which resulted in the arrest of Vindu Dara Singh, Priyank Sepany (a diamond dealer) and also Gurunath Meiyappan who was known to be the Team principal of Chennai Super Kings (CSK).

Sreesanth was arrested from his friend's house and his teammates Chandila and Chavan were arrested from Mumbai hotel where they were staying. During investigation Chavan was the first one to confront his deeds and also stated that Chandila also tried to get players for his bookies to which he can uplift his earnings in which Chavan was also included. After this news BCCI (The Board Of Control Cricket in India) suspended the players till the investigation wasn't over. To which BCCI stated that they have zero tolerance for such a heart breaking Corruption in this game. On 4th June 2013 Delhi Police also arrested 23 other people who were included in this spot fixing scandal. 10th June 2013 Sreesanth, Ankeet Chavan and 17 other people who were arrested was asked by the Bombay High Court to leave them for lack evidence.

In the end of the investigation the Delhi Police Chief Neeraj Kumar stated that they were taping phone calls since April 2013. And he completed his statement by saying that from now on bookies will be arrested and no more players will be arrested.

BCCI imposed a life time ban on Sreesanth but their decision was uplifted by the Supreme Court In March 2019.

South Africa Match Fixing During Their Tour to India:

During the year of 2000 the South African team led by Hansie Cronje on their tour to India was found to be match fixing by the several South African players. On the day of 7th April 2000 Ishwar Singh Redhu an officer of Delhi Police Crime Branch stated through his investigation by getting hold of a call recording between Cronje and Sanjay Chawla who was a representative of an Indian Betting syndicate was caught in action. Three other players of the South African team Herschelle Gibbs, Nicky Boje and Pieter Strydom was also caught. On 8th April 2000, the United Cricket Broad of South Africa was denying the fact that their players were involved in match-fixing. To which Cronje stated that “ the allegations are completely without substances”. But in 11th April Cronje confessed to Ali Bacher that he had not been “entirely honest”. He also mentioned the amount he accepted was between 10,000 Dollars to 15,000 Dollars from a bookmaker who was London based for the match against One Day International Series against India.

On 15th June, Cronje released a statement that revealed all his contract with bookies. He also received a 50,000 dollars from Mukesh Gupta for giving out team information. On 11th October, Cronje was banned for a life time from playing or even coaching. On he challenged his life in September 2001 but on 17th October 2001 his application was dismissed.

Cronje was killed in a private planes accident in 2002. After his death 70 bank accounts were revealed by the South Africa revenue services. But the investigation was terminated after his death.

Mohammad Azharuddin's Betting Scandal:

In the year of 2000 Azharuddin was of match-fixing scandal. According to the reports collected by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Azhar was being introduced to one of the bookies of former South African Captain Hansie Cronje. Based on a report done by

K. Madhavan from Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) both BCCI (The Board of Control For Cricket in India) and also ICC (International Cricket Council) decided to imply a Life-time ban over this cricketer.

On the day of 8th November 2012 his ban was revoked by the Andhra Pradesh High Court of a Divisional Bench consisting of Justice Ashutosh Mohunta and Krishna Reddy. The court was able to conclude that the ban was an illegal decision made towards his career but even after the bans were lifted we never got to Mohammad Azharuddin in the cricket fields again. At the age of 49 the verdict was announced for Azharuddin. Currently he is the Chairman of Hyderabad Cricket Board since 2019.

Spot Fixing Allegation for Pakistani Cricketer Mohammad Amir :

In 1st August 2010 from the pages of an English News paper News of the World, they published an allegations against Amir and his fellow mates for deliberately bowling no-balls during Pakistan tour of England in the year of 2010 for getting some payment from the betting syndicate. The allegations were proven to be satisfying for the cricketer Mohammad Amir that Pakistani official brand BoomBoom also announced their temporary suspension for using the kit until further allegations had emerged.

BoomBoom also gave a statement that they will “ make a complete decision once Amir’s fate had been decided by the Official Authorities “.

Yawar Saeed the Selector of Pakistan announced that his players Amir and two other accused Salman Butt and Mohammad Asif are being withdrawn from their own respective tour to England because of the mental torture they are facing by the allegation charges that were put upon on them. But even after the incident Mohammad Amir tried to continue his protest of innocence in those allegations. He was penalized for a ban of 5 years under the conspiracy to cheat at gambling and also a conspiracy to accept corrupt payemnts.

Sports Betting Applications used by Indian’s to earn extra money:

In today’s world betting has become a new face of the current situation for the different forms of betting and as the world becomes more modernised and developed with the fast changing lifestyle. But we all came across different scenarios of betting apps getting promoted in the current world of development.

Apps like :

1. Bet365
2. Betway
3. Dream 11
4. 1xBET etc.

We have seen many cricket players who are promoting this type of betting apps as their endorsement, even t20 league of India IPL (Indian Premier League) is sponsored by Dream11. Betting has taken over a hype in todays world as means of earning and spending money at the same time. But according to the laws and regulations of the country betting apps are legal in India and they also follow a strict amount of rules to work accordingly.

How The Dream11 App Works ?

The app provides users with a fantasy gaming for sports of different genre like Cricket , Football, Kabaddi etc. its an online gaming format where the real life players like us select or create a team consisting of players according to their performances in matches or with our intuitions also. Now after the matches get over players who have scored the most number Of points by their team of players selection falls under a leader board of winnings according to the rank the app pays the winners. But all who gets indulge with the online betting has to place a minimum amount to participate on the games. To participate a player has to follow the different terms and conditions one of which is that the player has to be above the age of 18 years old and also the rewarded money will be transacted directly to their own respective bank accounts.

Jannat: In Search of Heaven:

In the year of 2008 a movie about betting in cricket and its working in real life came up to lime light. The movie was produced by Mahesh Bhatt and directed by Kunal Deshmukh. The movie is about a local gangster boy who is smart and has a big obsession in making quick big bucks. With his money he impresses the love of his life Zoya. But with all the happiness comes a apart of life where zoya’s father doubts about Arjun’s income and also call him a liar. But this breaks them apart and Arjun moves to South Africa to meet the famous Don Abu Ibrahim

and there he becomes his famous and also one of the key Match-fixer. But with lot of money and a happy stable life with zoya in South Africa the police's started noticing about his movements and takes a notice in his personal life.

The Inspector in Charge Shekar, asks for zoya's help to trap Arjun. But then both CBI and South African police was puzzled to notice about the situation that Arjun was found out with the Don. After further investigation Arjun was imprisoned to for 5 years but due the influence of Don Abu Ibrahim he was bailed in ease. After being realised after 6months he was warned by the police. When he found out Zoya was pregnant he decided to leave all the bad pasts and he wants to live a happy life with her but he was asked to perform a last operations. But zoya came to knew about the conversation for among the bookies and Arjun she leaves with a disgust. But then for the last time he calls zoya because he wants her to be at the last moment of surrendering. But while surrendering he was shot dead because he was trying to retrieve the ring he got for zoya and she was shot by the cops.

A few years later we could see Zoya and her son shopping in supermarket. Their her son wanted to buy a toy and then she was short of money seeing this her son gave back on the toy and moved on. Seeing this zoya realised that her son isn't like her father who was greedy for anything he likes. In the end zoya hugs her son and smiles as the film ends.

Inside Edge (The Web-Series) :

The web series is based on how the betting takes place in any format of cricket, the movie depicts about a T20 league tournament where we the viewers get a close look on the match fixing and booky deals done in real life. In this web series we see Vivek Oberoi playing the role of a booky and he is also a businessman. The talks about the team *Mumbai Mavericks* where is about their captain who is very ambitious and about all his other teammates who are in a determination of winning the league. The team consist of many mixed players some hardworking and some who works for the bookies. With a loads of twist and turns the web series is all about it. For the first time viewers get a really inside view of how a betting take places how much is really on stake. Even the ministers and other big celebrities take part to earn money in a couple of hours too, many players who are greedy of money plays according to the runs and wickets decided by the bookies.

In a scene we see a spinner of Mumbai Mavericks was not being able to meet the needs of the bookies of giving a high run over so he decided to bowl a big No-Ball just add up more money in his own personal bank account. The same scenario was seen performed by the cricketer Mohammad Amir (a Pakistani bowler).

Research Gap :

After the brief description of the literature review it is cleared to me based on the topic. Many areas where betting in general and its consequences has been discussed but no such necessary measures except getting arrested or banned from playing the games. There is no long term effects for this situation and since there are less articles and movies out there to justify the consequences. So through my works and methods I am able to bring out different close scenarios of this issue in brief. Though my surveys and their questionnaire it was easy to work out how people from different age groups are able to share their opinions on this situations.

Chapter 3

METHODOLOGY

At this part we are going to look into the methods and necessary procedure that has been taken into this project. The following subheadings were organised :

1. Research Design
2. Research questions
3. Research objectives and
4. Methodology

1. Research Design :

The present research design is in the form of explanatory design of research. The research has been done from different age group of people whether they be college goers or working professional on their knowledge over betting in cricket.

The research is done in the form of a quotative nature. The survey methodology has been adopted for the study of the present thesis.

The survey sampling has been over 50 people. In which some are college students, and also a group of Government officials and Corporate Workers.

2. Research Questions :

- a. Sex: Male / Female
- b. Do u know about betting?
- c. How many of You watch cricket?
- d. Favourite cricket format
- e. Are you familiar with the structure of the game?
- f. Have you ever watched betting related movie or web series?
- g. Preferable cricket format?
- h. Have ever came across betting scandals?
- i. Do you use betting applications?
- j. Are u aware about the fact that umpires getting involved with betting scandals?

3. Research Objectives:

Like every other cricket viewers across the globe this research is all about gathering information of the illegal betting scandals and applications that are being promoted all over the world. People should be aware of this facts and its dangerous consequences they might fall upon for getting involved with betting scams.

People should be aware about the articles that are related to betting scandals.

How in real life does the bookies and other money launders play with our money to give underprivileged hopes to earn more money but investing a small amount in total.

There are a less number of movies and web series related to betting, since its not a widely accepted story by any producer.

Methodology:

With the given beneficial ideas derived from the literature review and research questions the dissertations becomes a handy way to showcase the actual problems of betting.

People are aware with the knowledge of betting and its consequences through online or new articles, if it is a sensational news then from any social media (like Facebook, twitter, Instagram etc.) they will receive the news at their fingertips.

Study of the population: The method used here in completion of the research is done with a help of a population of 50 people from college students to Job workers.

Method of data collection: The collected data was through the process of online survey. A total of 50 links were distributed among them. It was a simple online form survey done for research sampling method. The data's were then collected and necessary pie charts were being derived on the next Chapter.

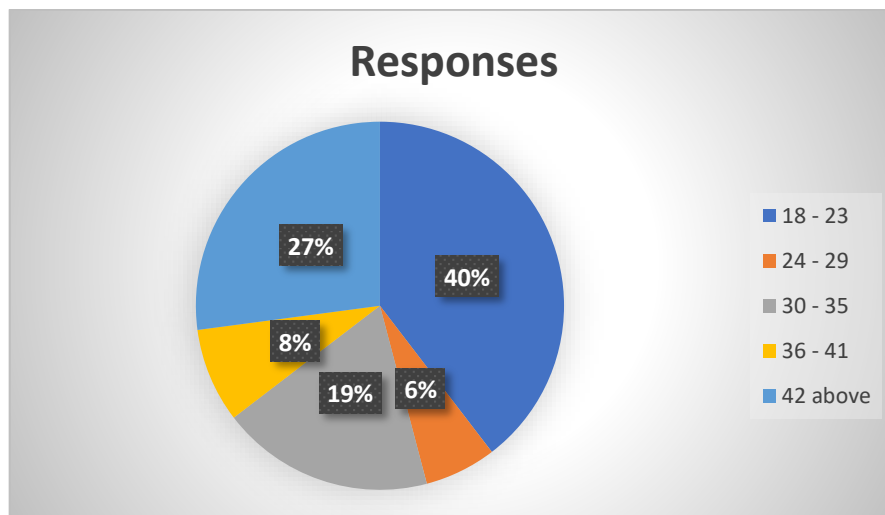
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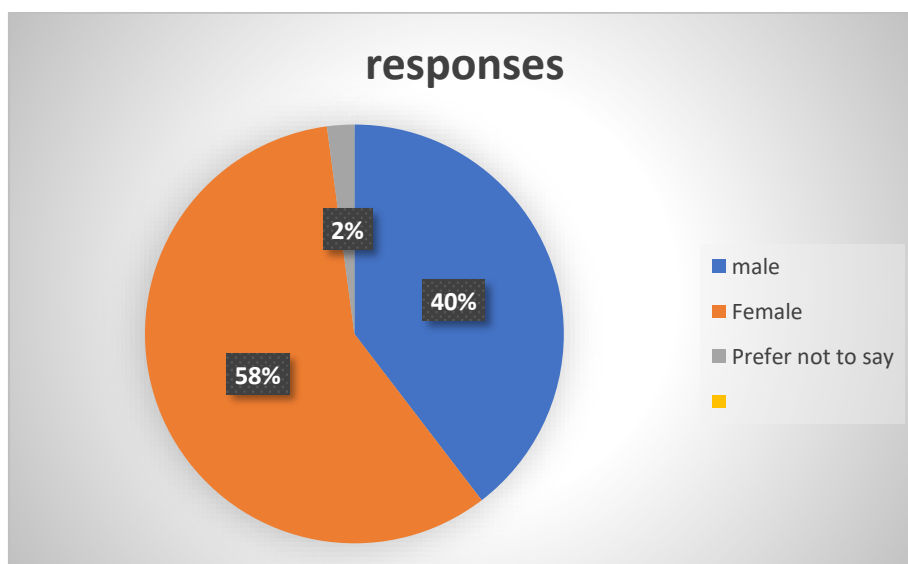
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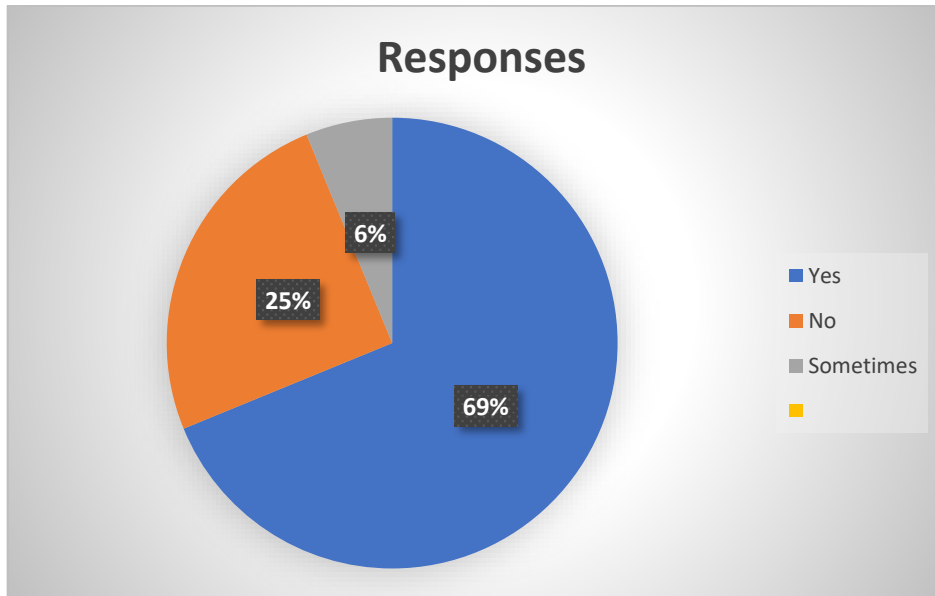
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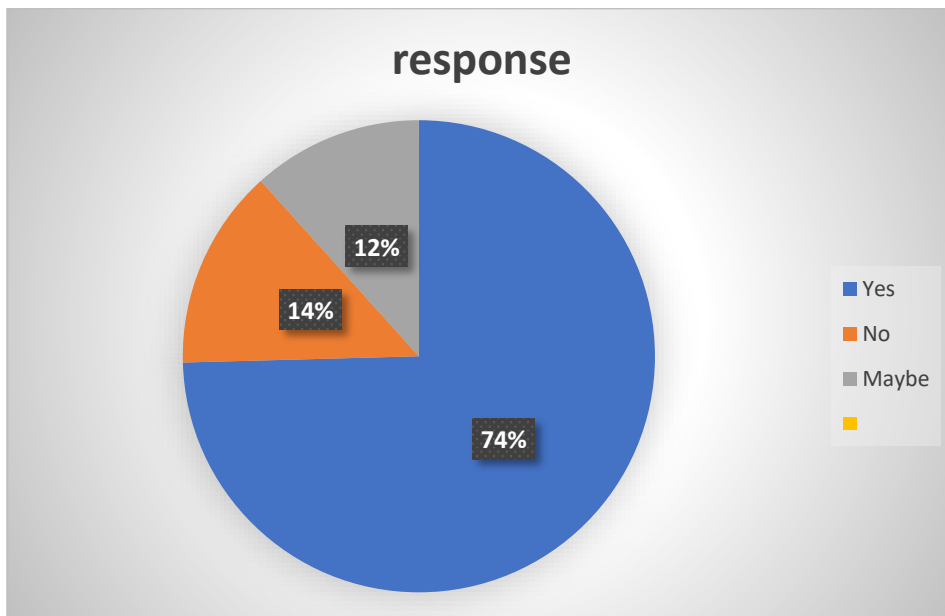
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Gender



Question No. 3 :
Do u watch cricket?

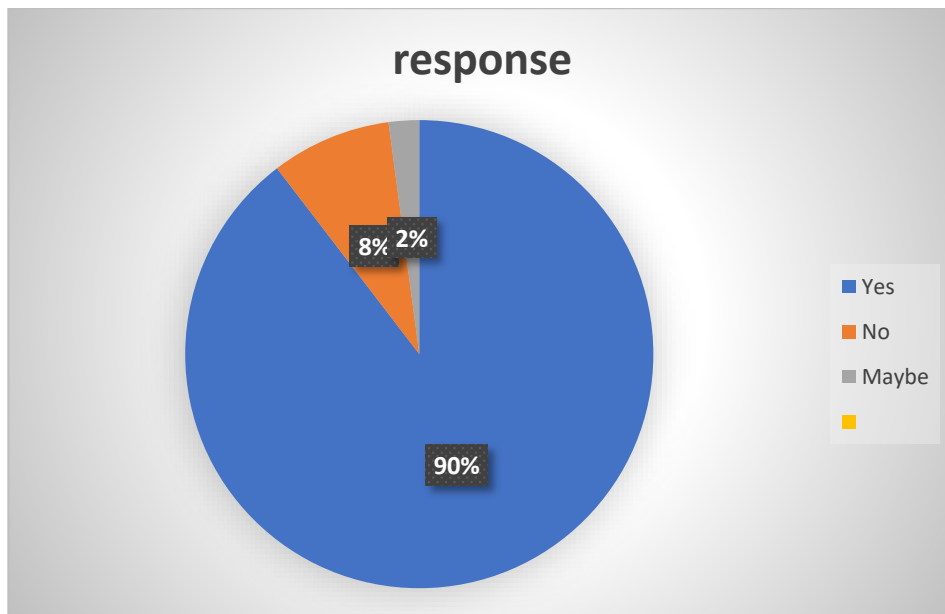


Question No.4 :
Are you familiar with the structure of the game play?



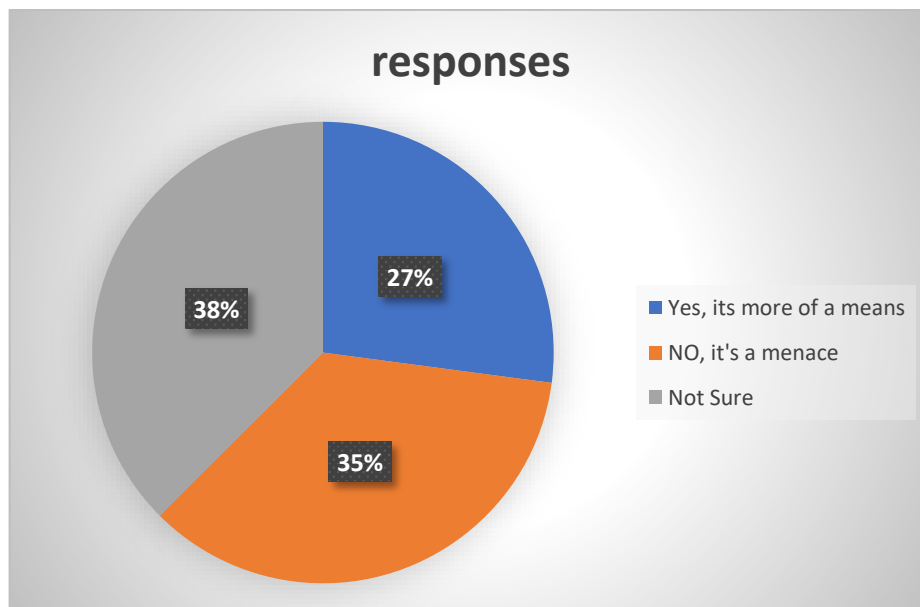
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Do You know what is betting?



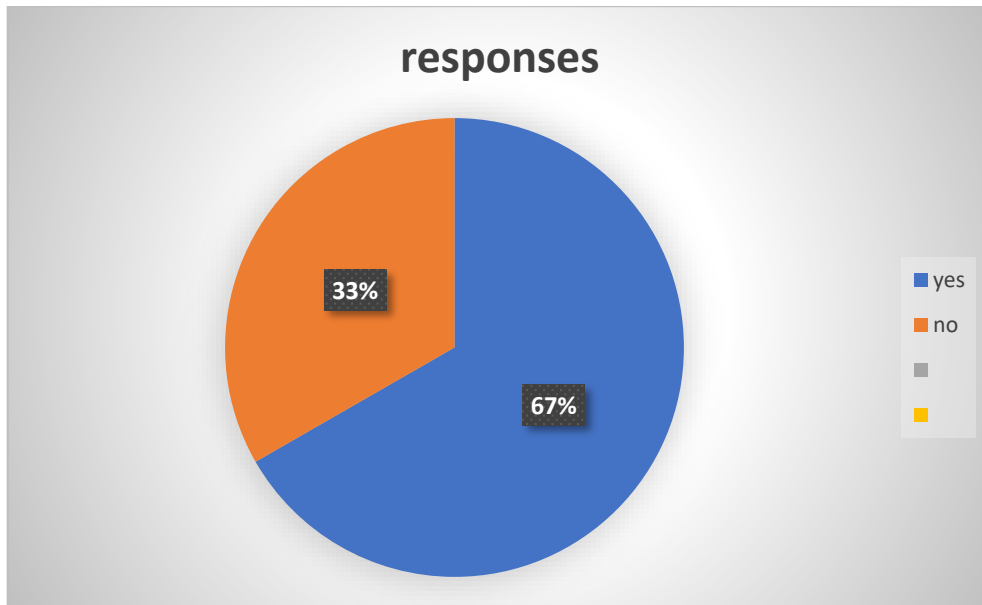
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Do you consider "Betting" as a means or menace in cricket?



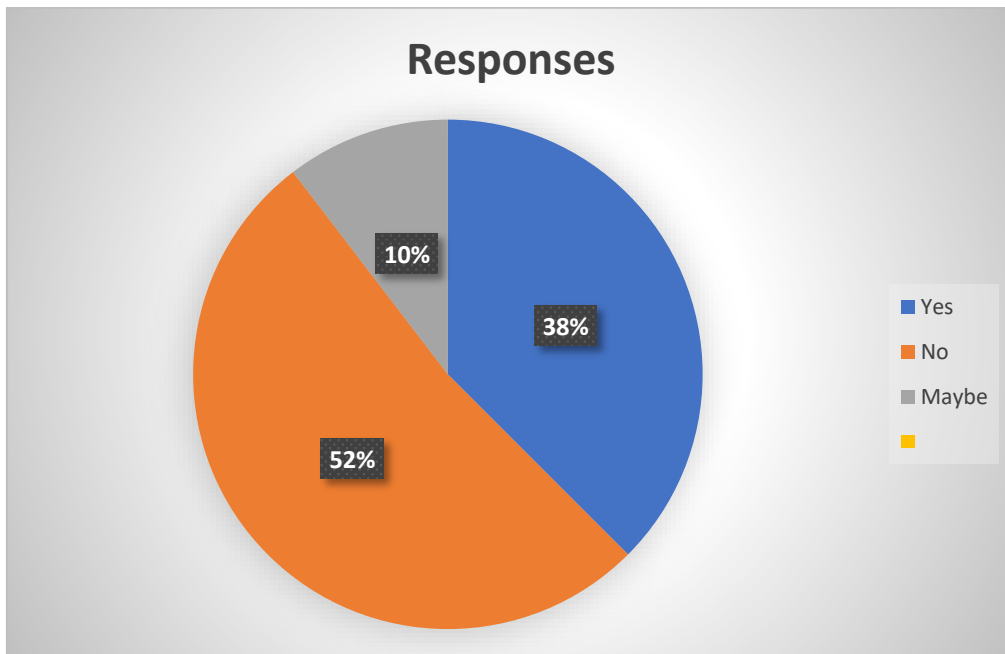
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Did u ever watched any movie or web-series related to betting?



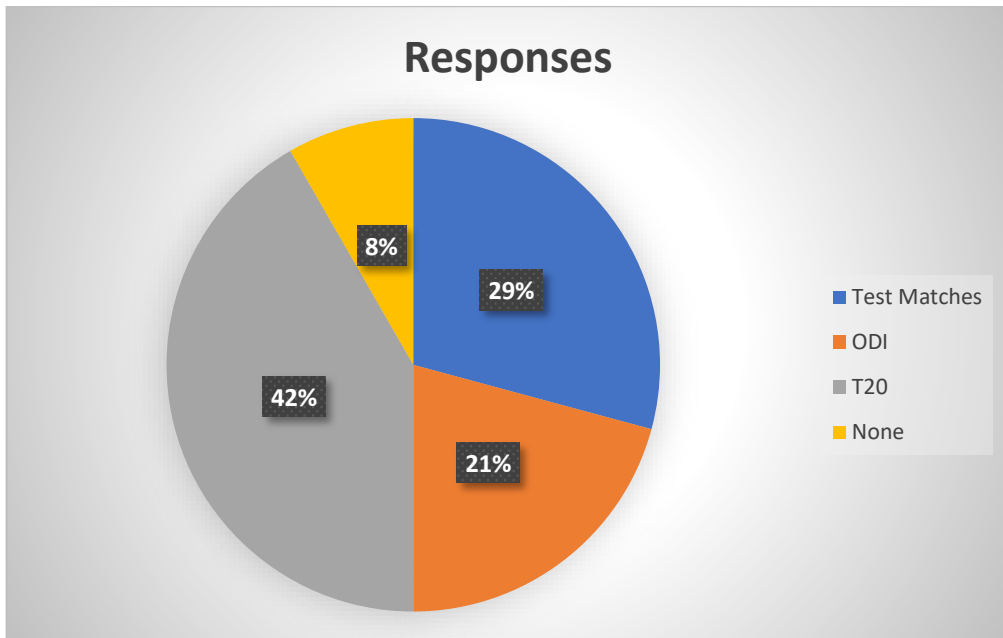
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Have you ever came across any betting scandal in Indian Or Foreign Cricket?



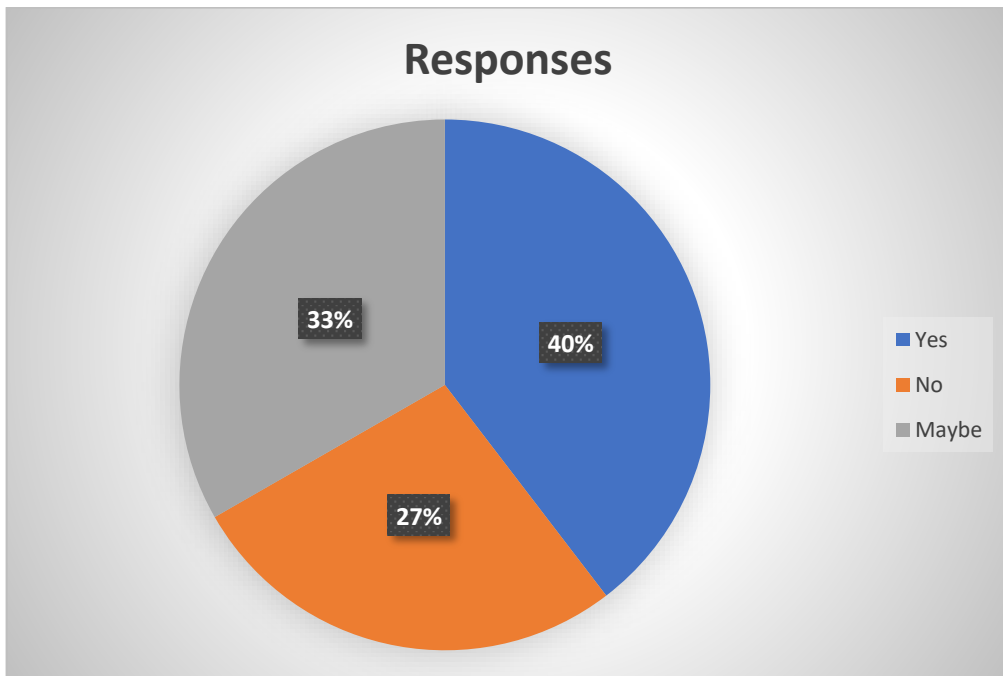
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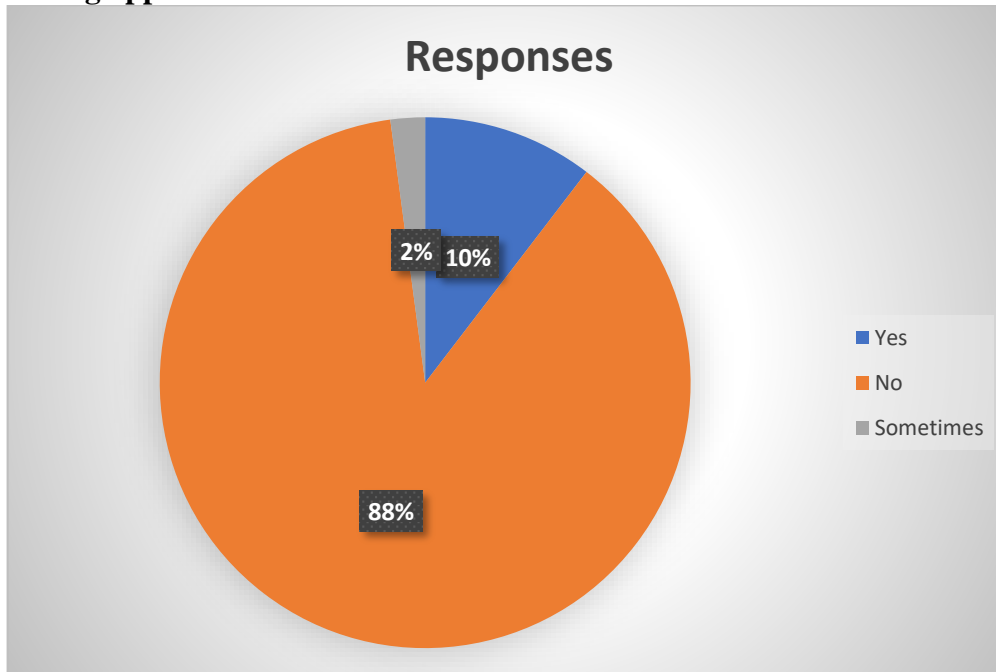
Which cricket format do you love to watch?



Question No.10 :

Are you aware about umpires getting involved with betting scandals?



Question No.11 :**Do you use any betting apps?****Findings:**

From the above collected data through online survey we could see a variable of opinions and data in the form of a pie chart. And in the following sequence we will be able to see the analysis of every questions in the pie chart according to the followings:

Question 1 :

Here we can see a majority of people are from the age group of 18 – 23 who are at 39.6% and 42 above having 27.1% in the survey

Question No.2 :

The genders are also consisting where the males are at 58.3%

Females at 39.6% and

There are some who does not want to reveal their gender at 2.1%

And from this it can be derived that women do watch and keep an update on the game of cricket in today's time.

Question No. 3:

With 68.8% there is a mixed contribution of both men and women watching cricket. Whereas a there are people who don't watch cricket are at 25%. There are also people who sometimes view cricket who are at 6.2%

Question No. 4:

With the majority knowing the structure of the game gameplay has been at a 74% and the rest consist of knowing and not knowing the structure of the game play is at a combination of 26%

Question No. 5:

Here we can see that 90% of the people has an idea about betting and and the rest 10% has no idea on the concept of betting.

Question No. 6:

This is a mixed result that has been obtained from the question and we can see that according to the survey people who thinks betting as a means are at 27%, people who believes betting to be a menace is at 35% and also there are some cricket followers who has a neutral view on this statement is at 38%.

Question No. 7:

Not many movies or web-series has been released on the betting structure of the cricket, but a majority of 67% people has viewed cricket genre movies. And the rest 33% are those who have no interest on cricket related movies or web-series.

Question No. 8:

Betting scandals are a rare and controversial news many cases of betting don't come up to the lime light. But there are people with 52% who has come across betting scandals through news or articles. And 10% are those who might have come across but might forget. And the rest 28% has never come across such news.

Question No. 9:

The game of cricket has different formats and the major 3 are as follows:

- A. ODI (One Day International) has a viewer of 21%
- B. T20 has a viewer of 42%
- C. Test Cricket has a viewer of 29%
- D. There are some who don't follow cricket are at 8%

Question No. 10:

This is a very rare and not so very known question because umpires getting involved with betting is not new. But there are people who believes or thinks that umpires do get involved are at 40%. There are people who thinks umpires do and don't get involved with this betting scenarios are at 33% and the rest 27% are those who firmly believes that umpires don't get involved in such wrong deeds.

Question No. 11:

Betting apps are a new source of income for those who has a tendency of earning quick and big amount of money at one go. We also see Indian cricketers and many teams are also getting sponsored by these betting apps. People who uses betting are at 10% and we can see a majority of 88% has no interest in betting apps but we also see people who sometimes uses betting apps are at mere of 2%.

Chapter 5**Discussion and Analysis:**

From the above survey and literature review we can see that people are aware of the betting and its consequences. There are a few amount of article and news headlines about this controversial topics. We can only get a news and the decisions taken by the government officials and also by the ICC (International Cricket Council), we know or we have an idea that players who get involved match-fixing and spot fixing gets a life time ban and also get arrested.

News hubs and media platforms covers news about betting scandals but people have a less interest on this serious agenda. Many betting applications are getting promoted in India by the Indian cricketer themselves. Since betting is illegal but these apps aren't illegal by the government of the countries this makes an easy way for the people to income money at a illegal way. But these apps states and bets on the facts of the performances of the player which comes out to be pure luck for the users using this type of applications.

People should be aware of the facts and the consequences that even if it is legal we should not support these kind of applications for a short term income since many people result in losing a big chunk of money in the hope of earning or investing a small amount.

Movies and web-series are needed more and more to help the people guide that betting isn't a way of income. How people from different source of income losses money and even life. From the movie of Jannat (In Search Of Heaven) we see the protagonist playing the role of a booky showed our viewers how actually the betting industry works.

Not just only cricketer but umpires do get involved in betting scandals we just don't get aware with the details or facts about this type of news.

Chapter 6

Conclusion

Since the beginning of time humans have a tendency to out bring the wrong deeds with good deeds. And betting is one of the most unsuitable form of such behaviour performed both by the players who represent their countries and also by the people who are at the greed of earning a huge ransom not by work hard in their own respective lives. We saw and got an idea about how does the betting industry spoils the game and also for those who are working hard to represent their countries at the maximum level.

Many news and articles are suppressed and are asked to be taken off the chart just to save the reputation of the players and the country they represents. People need to know and understand that supporting and promoting these kind of illegal measure will spoil the nature and love for the game for everyone out there. Since it's a game of the gentleman, since the year of Mohammad Azharuddin to Sreesanth we the cricket lovers are been made aware of the facts and problems of betting in the real world. We are being alerted by movies web-series and even through articles by different media hubs.

We the people need to be strong enough to not allow any kind of fantasy apps which promotes betting (i.e. Dream11, bet365 etc.) we also hear or come across different allegations like IPL (Indian Premiere League) the national T20 cricket format of India to be recognised as a match fixing game since after the Ban of two IPL teams:

CSK (Chennai Super kings)

RR (Rajasthan Royals).

The fact that in this game the people of different religion and caste sits together to enjoy the game and share a good time is getting spoiled by some people. During the time of any World Cup matches we get to see that across every country friends family and even those who works for others sit and watch the game with all interest and support their players who represents a millions of fans who are standing behind them as their backbone. More necessary and hardcore treatment should be taken in the need of saving the fortune of the game so that people who love to watch and enjoy a happy times with their friends and family can get satisfied without being saying that “ *Why will I watch something that is already fixed?*”