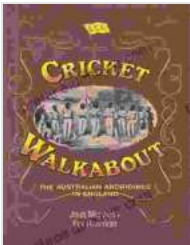


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The Aboriginal Cricket Team

The Aboriginal cricket team that toured England in 1868 was a remarkable group of men. They were all skilled cricketers, but they were also strong and determined individuals. They faced many challenges on their tour, but they never gave up.

The team was captained by Charles Lawrence, a Wiradjuri man from New South Wales. Lawrence was a gifted cricketer and a natural leader. He was also a proud Aboriginal man, and he was determined to show the English people that Aboriginal people were just as skilled and intelligent as white people.

Other notable members of the team included:

- **Tom Wills**, a Yorta Yorta man from Victoria, was a brilliant all-rounder who is considered one of the greatest Aboriginal cricketers of all time.
- **John Cuzens**, a Gundungurra man from New South Wales, was a fast bowler who was known for his accuracy and pace.
- **Billy Midge**, a Yorta Yorta man from Victoria, was a wicket-keeper who was known for his safe hands and quick reflexes.

The Tour of England

The Aboriginal cricket team's tour of England began in May 1868. The team played 47 matches against a variety of English clubs, including some of the best teams in the country. The Aboriginal team won 14 matches, lost 14, and drew 19.

The Aboriginal team's success on the field was a testament to their skill and determination. They were able to compete with the best English teams, and they often surprised their opponents with their skill and sportsmanship.

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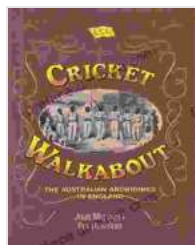
The Legacy of the Tour

The Aboriginal cricket team's tour of England in 1868 was a watershed moment in Australian history. It was the first time that a team of Aboriginal cricketers had toured England, and it helped to break down stereotypes and prejudices about Aboriginal people. The tour also played a role in fostering greater understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

The legacy of the tour is still felt today. The Aboriginal cricket team's success on the field inspired generations of Aboriginal cricketers, and it helped to pave the way for the establishment of the Australian Aboriginal Cricket Team in 1971. The Aboriginal cricket team continues to tour England today, and it remains a source of pride and inspiration for Aboriginal people all over the world.

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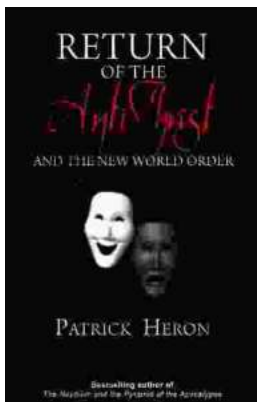
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