Selection of the all-time best World XI Test cricket team using the TOPSIS method

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Abstract: The aim of this paper is to apply the technique for order preference by similarity to ideal solution (TOPSIS) as a multi-criteria decision making tool to form the all-time best World XI Test cricket team while taking into consideration over 2600 cricketers participated in Test matches for more than 100 years of cricket history. From the voluminous database containing the performance of numerous Test cricketers, separate lists are first prepared for different positions in the batting and bowling orders consisting of manageable numbers of candidate alternatives while imposing some constraints with respect to the minimum number of innings played (for batsmen), minimum number of tests played (for wicketkeepers and bowlers), and minimum numbers of runs scored and wickets taken (for all-rounders). The TOPSIS method is later adopted to rank those shortlisted cricketers and identify the best performers for inclusion in the proposed World XI Test team. The best World Test cricket team is thus formed as Alastair Cook (ENG) (c), Sunil Gavaskar (IND), Rahul Dravid (IND) (vc), Sachin Tendulkar (IND), Shivnarine Chanderpaul (WI), Jacques Kallis (SA), Adam Gilchrist (AUS) (wk), Glenn McGrath (AUS), Courtney Walsh (WI), Muttiah Muralitharan (SL) and Shane Warne (AUS).

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