

Sport and the Legacy of Imperialism, presented at [Causes and Consequence of Imperialism](#)
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Two Poems and Bibliography to accompany [powerpoint](#):

1. *If* by Rudyard Kipling, 1895, Inspired by Jameson's Raid in Boer War
Watch with the beginning of this [youtube](#) clip

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you
But make allowance for their doubting too,
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master,
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it all on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much,
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

2. <http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/at-a-glance-ipl-t20/>

a. At a Glance - IPL T20

Cricket and Bolly Wood
Two fascinations of Indians
Minced no words in making money
Invited hot debates on market economy
Solemnized themselves into IPL-T20
Glamour and Game into a cocktail
A meet called 'Globalization of Cricket Culture'.

Corporates pledged their crores
Bidding could buy human players
Heroes and heroines logged in an opera
Sponsor agencies up in arms
Local lads exposure to international masters
Revolution in ground infrastructure
Threat of ICL to Cricket Board yielded.

Some said 'its an innovative idea'
For others it's a humiliation of human trade
It's said – 'IPL to Cricket is what Page 3 to Journalism'
A harmless hilarity and money-minting machine.
It's an entertainment at its best to the mass
It's a colorful makeover in Indian Cricket
Heavy bucks to unknown treasurer of cricket board.

All eyes focused on flow of money into few pockets
Lot of hue and cry on the negligence of national games
Some say it's a threat to Test Cricket and One Days,
Forgetting the debate in 1971, when 'One Day Match' coined.
It's not a cakewalk to the organizers and players
Who have to prove at all cost - Invention and Incentives
Squashed cheekbones, bruised fingers – says its hard cricket.

Passionate Indian ready to spare time and money,
The investors ever satisfied with the day's returns,
Technicians, media persons, magazines, at hot spot,
Players elsewhere raring to come to India and play,
Chapter opening of Regionalism and not Patriotism,
Rejoice at one end, mixed reaction and jealous at other end.
Farmer suicide cases have taken back page coverage.

Test – One Day Match - same movies cannot sustain long

Change is debatable but inevitable and irreversible.
At the day end, game should be interesting and pulsating.
Blame game take us no where when all enjoy this game.
There is no look back in this game of fashion and speed.
IPL – T20 is here to stay and cannot be pulled down
Whom to point, when same 'Farmer' buys a ticket to watch?

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Also note BBC History article on 1899 South Africa football UK tour in
<http://www.bbchistorymagazine.com/issue/june-2010>)

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