Cricket Match Analytics and Prediction using Machine Learning

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ABSTRACT
In this research paper, we delve into the dynamic field of cricket analytics and match result prediction, leveraging the power of machine learning to enhance strategic depth and narrative in the sport. Our primary aim is to predict cricket match outcomes during the 2nd innings, considering factors such as target, runs left, wickets fallen, and player-specific performance metrics. The models employed in our study encompass Random Forest, SVM Classifier, Logistic Regression, and Naive Bayes. A key innovation in our approach involves the formulation of a custom formula termed 'Player Consistency,' integrating traditional cricket statistics with dynamic player ratings. This novel metric captures the nuanced aspects of player performance, contributing significantly to the predictive accuracy of our models. Our results showcase the superiority of tree-based models, particularly gradient boosted decision trees. The Random Forest model stands out with an impressive testing accuracy of 89.82%, outperforming probabilistic and statistical models. As a comprehensive review article, this paper not only identifies gaps in previous research but also highlights unexplored territories within the realm of cricket match prediction. By providing guidance for upcoming sports analytics machine learning applications, our work aims to contribute to the evolving landscape of cricket analytics, offering valuable insights for both enthusiasts and professional teams.

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Analytics, prediction, machine learning.

Keywords
Cricket, Machine Learning, Prediction, Hierarchical features, Comprehensive Dataset selection.

1. INTRODUCTION
Cricket with its widespread global fan base and lengthy history, provides an alluring setting for the incorporation of cutting-edge technologies like machine learning and data analysis. It has become a cultural phenomenon due to its widespread popularity, particularly in nations like India, Australia, England, and South Africa. This sport is an excellent candidate for digging into the depths of data-driven insights owing to its complexity, which includes various forms including as One Day Internationals (ODI), T20 Internationals, and Test matches, as well as its dependence on complicated strategy. Cricket fans, teams, and analysts may use machine learning and data analysis to uncover hidden trends, forecast outcomes, and more.

Cricket's popularity originates from both its competitive spirit and its ability to fascinate viewers on several levels. The sport's varied forms present diverse sets of data for study, ranging from the tense dynamics of T20 matches to the patience and endurance of Test matches. Furthermore, a variety of elements such as player form, pitch conditions, weather fluctuations, team chemistry, and others have an influence on cricket's complex ecology. These variables weave a complicated web of information that, when properly exploited, can disclose vital data about the game's dynamics.

ML, an AI discipline, may be used to assess and evaluate massive amounts of both recent and historical data. When applied to cricket, this results in the ability to anticipate player production and game outcomes. Machine learning algorithms can produce forecasts that are advantageous to both fans and teams by taking into account factors like player metrics, pitch conditions, and previous team performance data. A player's historical performance against certain opponents or under specific playing conditions, for example, might be used to inform tactical choices like team selection and batting order alterations.

To go one step further, deep learning strategies can be used to identify complex game patterns. Player biometrics and ball trajectory analysis are just two examples of the complex data hierarchies that deep learning models, like neural networks, can process. For example, they can learn to anticipate how a certain bowler's delivery will act on a specific pitch when up against a particular batsman's playing style. Such insights not only improve the sport's tactical component, but they also aid in the creation of fresh coaching techniques.

The emergence of websites like Dream11 has given cricket fandom an interactive component. Users of Dream11 can create their own fantasy cricket teams by using player statistics from the real world. This platform naturally combines prediction and data analysis, encouraging users to use their insights to assemble winning teams. This process can be aided by machine learning models, which can offer data-driven recommendations for team composition, captaincy decisions, and even player performance predictions based on past performance and recent form. Users are unknowingly participating in a real-world testbed for predictive algorithms as they compete against one another, improving their comprehension of cricket dynamics and performance prediction.

There is a wealth of unrealized potential in the field of cricket analytics. Injury prediction models might be made possible by cutting-edge machine learning algorithms. Teams could proactively manage player fitness and lower the risk of injuries by analysing physiological factors, historical injury data, and player workload. By providing live match predictions, real-time data streaming and predictive models could improve the fan experience. Beyond the virtual world, this real-time interaction may have an impact on the betting market and improve fan interaction at sporting events.

Smartwatches and fitness trackers have already started to make their way into the world of cricket. Real-time insights into players' physical conditions and levels of fatigue during matches may be possible by integrating data from such devices into analytics. This knowledge could help coaches improve practise regimens and in-game tactics.

2. OVERVIEW

2.1 Literature Review

Kapadia et al.[1] use machine learning to anticipate cricket match results using IPL data. They use four algorithms, Random Forest, Naive Bayes, Model Trees, KNN to select features using filter-based methods. They evaluate the models' precision, recall, and accuracy. They discover that tree-based models outperform statistical and probabilistic models, but none of the models perform well when a coin toss is involved. They make recommendations for potential applications of machine learning in sport analytics.

Kampakis and Thomas[2] investigate the use of historical data from the English Twenty20 Cup to anticipate match results in their study. The paper builds predictive models from 500 plus team and player metrics using a variety of feature selection techniques and four classification algorithms. The study concludes that when it comes to forecasting cricket match results, tree-based models, particularly gradient boosted decision trees, outperform probabilistic and statistical models.

Mahajan et al.[3] use ML to forecast IPL match results in their paper taking into account factors including home advantage, player data, and current form. The study uses supervised learning methods including Random Forest, Naive Bayes, KNN and Gradient Boosted Decision Trees to estimate team strength and player performance. The study rates model precision and provides guidance for upcoming sports analytics machine learning applications.

Bandulasiri's study[4] used logistic regression to investigate the factors that influence ODI results. It considers factors such home advantage, toss choices, strategy, match type, and field advantage and uses the Duckworth-Lewis technique for games impacted by rain. The study evaluates the significance of these factors and examines the accuracy of Duckworth-Lewis against a predetermined criterion. The study reveals unexpected findings and offers views on cricket analytics.

Passi and Pandey's research[5] aims to forecast ODI cricket players' performances. The study focuses on utilizing methods of supervised learning to forecast the number of runs batsmen will score and the number of wickets bowlers will take. Out of Naive Bayes, Random Forest, Multiclass SVM, and Decision Trees, the study finds that Random Forest is the most trustworthy classifier for both predictions.

Ahmed's paper[6] aimed to predict ODI cricket results using data mining. The study built a model on team rating, toss outcome, venue, weather, and prior straight wins. It utilized machine learning methods such as k-Nearest Neighbors, Random Forests, Decision Trees, Naive Bayes, ANN, and Logistic Regression to categorize Pakistan's match results, as well as the unique variable "Consecutive wins before current match."

Sinha[7] used machine learning techniques to anticipate IPL match outcomes in his research. Utilizing attributes like city, team1, team2, toss winner, and winner, the study compared six algorithms (Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, Random Forest, ANN, Logistic Regression, KNN) to predict a team's win or loss. The research highlighted Random Forest's 88.46% accuracy and extended analysis into sentiment from Twitter data, gauging public opinion about IPL teams and players.

Ahmed et al.'s study[8] examined cricket team unpredictability. Analyzing Pakistan's One-Day International (ODI) matches, it employed attributes like batting average, bowling average, strike rate, economy rate, fielding average. Applying SVM, kNN, Decision Tree, and Random Forest, the study highlighted SVM's 82.5% accuracy. Batting average and strike rate emerged as key predictors for match outcomes.

Anik A. I. et al.[9] focuses on predicting individual ODI cricket player performance. The study aimed to establish a model estimating player batting and bowling performance by considering factors like role, order, style, opposition, and venue. Employing Linear Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, and Artificial Neural Network, the research achieved peak accuracy with Random Forest (93.75% for batting, 95% for bowling). Practical applications like team selection, ranking, and match analysis were also explored.

According to Mustafa R. U. et al.[10], Twitter sentiments were used to estimate cricket match results. Analyzing sentiments and emotions towards teams and players, the study employed Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machine, Random Forest, and Artificial Neural Network to categorize tweets. The research reported Artificial Neural Network achieving 86.67% accuracy for sentiment analysis and 83.33% for emotion analysis, highlighting the crowd's predictive potential in match outcomes.

In the paper by P. E. Allsopp and Stephen R. Clarke[11], a Bayesian network was developed to model cricket team performance. Utilizing factors like batting, bowling, fielding, home advantage, and weather, the study assigned ratings using historical data. The Bayesian network achieved 74% accuracy in one-day matches and 68% in test matches. Sensitivity analysis further revealed influential factors in match outcomes.

Manoj Ishi et al.'s[12] study focuses on accurately categorizing cricket players into five performance groups for ODI matches. They attain high accuracy rates of 97.14% for batters, 97.04% for bowlers, 97.28% for batting all-rounders, 97.29% for bowling all-rounders, and 92.63% for wicket keepers using a hybrid strategy of CS-PSO feature optimization and Support Vector Machine. By considering players' historical and current performance, the authors provide an efficient method for team prediction, contributing to the advancement of predictive analytics in cricket.

Indika Wickramasinghe's paper[13] comprehensively explores machine learning applications in cricket, offering insights into player classification, performance prediction, and decision-making realms. Encompassing 177 players and ten performance indicators, the study classifies all-rounders in ODI Cricket, predicting new talents via KNN, Naive Bayes and Random Forest classifiers. Impressively, Random Forest attains a noteworthy prediction accuracy, surpassing its counterparts. The work not only surveys existing applications but also outlines challenges and future research directions, making it a valuable resource for understanding the evolving role of machine learning in cricket analysis.

Apurva Lawate et al.'s[14] study introduces a ML based methodology to forecast the projected score and determine the winner in IPL cricket. By utilizing key features such as wickets taken and runs scored in the last 5 overs, overs bowled, overall score, and wickets at the current ball¹, the model employs Linear Regression to predict the 1st inning's score, achieving a data explanation rate of approximately 75.226%. However, the absence of information regarding the accuracy in winner prediction leaves a gap in the assessment. The research underscores the possibilities of ML in cricket outcome estimation while highlighting areas for further exploration in enhancing prediction accuracy and winner determination.

Mazhar Javed Awan et al.[15] investigate cricket match analytics using a Big Data methodology, combining machine learning and big data analytics to forecast team scores and winners. Utilizing both linear regression models in traditional machine learning and Spark ML within a big data framework, the study achieves notable predictive outcomes. The results, with accuracy at 95% and measured through various metrics including RMSE, MSE, and MAE, underscore the efficacy of the Spark ML-based approach in enhancing prediction accuracy. The study advances the expanding field of sports analytics by demonstrating how big data and machine learning have the potential to transform the prediction of cricket match results.

Pallavi Tekade et al.'s study[16] presents an insightful exploration of cricket match outcome prediction using a a variety of supervised machine learning methods. Focused on Indian Premier League (IPL) matches, the research delves into key determinants of match results and applies various algorithms including Decision Trees, Bayes Network, Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines, Linear Regression, and Random Forest. The paper accentuates the importance of selecting an optimal regression model that aligns with the data, leading to superior predictions. With a notable peak accuracy of 90%², the study advances the field of sports analytics by demonstrating how machine learning may be used to predict cricket match results.

Prasad Thorat et al.'s research[17] addresses the intriguing domain of cricket score prediction by employing machine learning techniques. Focused on forecasting the first innings' final score in cricket matches, the study employs the linear regression algorithm. The model draws upon critical factors such as runs scored in 5 overs and wickets taken². While limited in scope, the research contributes to the realm of sports analytics, showcasing the potential of ML in anticipating cricket match results. Further exploration and validation could potentially refine this predictive approach for enhanced accuracy and broader application within the field.

Rushikesh Bhor et al.'s[18] work presents a comprehensive exploration of cricket match prediction through machine learning methodologies. Focusing on outcome prediction, the study incorporates diverse factors influencing match results, encompassing ground conditions, historical player and team performance records at specific venues. In order to get the best predictions, a regression model is suggested in the study, which also emphasizes the significance of the "master" element's key factor impact. Leveraging a range of techniques, including Naïve Bayes Classification, Euler's Strength Formula, and Ensemble techniques, the research demonstrates the authors' commitment to enhancing predictive accuracy. While absent in the paper, the incorporation of multiple machine learning algorithms underscores the study's commitment to robust predictions in cricket match outcomes.

Srikantaiah K C et al.'s[19] study presents a comprehensive approach to predicting IPL match outcomes using a variety of ML algorithms, including Random Forest Classifier, Logistic Regression, SVM and KNN. The research integrates team composition, player batting and bowling averages, previous match success, and traditional factors like toss, venue, and day-night considerations. With a notable accuracy of 88.10%, the study underscores the effectiveness of the Random Forest algorithm in outperforming other techniques. By combining player-centric and contextual variables, the research offers valuable insights into enhancing the precision of match outcome predictions in the dynamic context of IPL cricket.

Aman Sahu et al.'s study[20] delves into predictive cricket analysis through machine learning methodologies. Focused on outcome prediction, the research employs the Random Forest Classifier algorithm and utilizes label encoding for dataset preprocessing. Utilizing the data analysis tool Google Colab, the authors process data and offer recommendations. While the accuracy of the model isn't explicitly mentioned, the research contributes to the field by highlighting the possibilities of ML algorithms in forecasting cricket game outcomes, offering insights into the processing techniques employed for improved predictive performance.

Daniel Mago Vistro et al.[21] focus lies on pre-match IPL winner prediction via trained machine learning models. Employing algorithms like Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, Random Forest, SVM, and Decision Tree on various datasets, the study showcases the potential of these techniques in forecasting cricket match outcomes. Although the specific features used for prediction aren't outlined in the abstract, their related work attests to a noteworthy 90% prediction accuracy². This research contributes to the evolving landscape of sports analytics, underlining the role of machine learning and data analytics in cricket outcome prediction.

Manoj Ishi et al's research[22], delves into victory prediction in ODI cricket via a comprehensive ensemble methodology. Encompassing 128 features, the study introduces three models based on team batting-bowling strength, run-scoring pattern, and overall team prowess. Employing ensemble algorithms like voting and stacking classifiers, the research employs machine learning to predict match outcomes. Incorporating feature selection techniques, the investigation evaluates models based on F1 score, precision, accuracy, and recall value. Notably, Support Vector Machine and Logistic Regression yield optimal results, achieving a 96.30% accuracy in predicting ODI match winners¹. This study contributes to enhancing cricket outcome predictions through advanced machine learning techniques.

2.2 Research Gap

Researchers and experts are becoming interested in cricket, a popular sport. The growing importance of using machine learning for analytics and prognostication in the domain is highlighted by the numerous research papers that have presented various models and methodologies to forecast cricket match results. However, the common flaws in these studies highlight a number of promising directions for further research in this developing subject.

The only emphasis on certain cricket leagues or formats limits these analyses, making their conclusions possibly unapplicable in other contexts. Some studies focus on data from the Indian Premier League (IPL), while others isolate information from English county cricket. Different rules, tactics, and characteristics specific to several formats and leagues can have an impact on players' and teams' efficacy and consistency. As a result, it is crucial to create more thorough and reliable models that take a variety of cricket leagues, formats, and influencing variables into consideration.

These enquiries are further limited by their absence of relevant factors that may affect cricket match results. Players' current form and fitness, match timings (day or night), weather circumstances, pitch characteristics, toss decisions, etc. are not always taken into account. For prediction, some studies just consider historical match results, while others only include team and individual data. However, these unaccounted factors have the potential to significantly influence batting and bowling plans and, in turn, have an impact on players' and teams' performances. Therefore, it is clear that more comprehensive models must be developed in order to account for these factors and their complex interactions.

Furthermore, a fundamental flaw in these queries is the lack of comparison or validation with other cricket match prediction models or procedures, such as betting odds, professional opinions, and simulation methodology. While some studies claim that random forest is superior to other algorithms or that tree-based models are superior to probabilistic and statistical ones, these claims lack support from comparisons with other models or techniques. In order to accurately evaluate and verify various models and methodologies for predicting cricket matches, a variety of indicators and benchmarks must be used for thorough evaluation.

A fourth restriction in these analyses is the exclusion of explanatory or interpretative insights into the selected variables and models, as well as their implications for cricket analytics and decision-making. This omission is notable. Intricate hierarchical characteristics may be used to predict match results in some cases, or player batting and bowling abilities may be modelled using performance data. The relevance or significance of these characteristics within the context of cricket analytics and tactical decisions, however, remains unexplained. As a result, it becomes necessary to explain and construct the features and models used to predict cricket matches by utilising statistical methodologies and domain expertise for thorough understanding.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Data Extraction

In the pursuit of assembling a comprehensive dataset for our cricket match analytics and prediction model, we employed a two-pronged approach, extracting data from two distinct sources: iplt20.com and cricsheet.org.

Player Data Extraction (iplt20.com) – To gather detailed player statistics, we utilized web scraping techniques with the Selenium framework on iplt20.com. Selenium facilitated the automated retrieval of player data, allowing us to navigate through the website's structure and extract relevant information efficiently. By leveraging this method, we acquired essential player-specific details, including batting and bowling averages, strike rates, and other performance metrics. (see Figure 1)

Figure 1: Sample Player Data

Match Data Extraction (cricsheet.org) – For comprehensive match data, we turned to cricsheet.org, a valuable repository of cricket match information. We extracted complete match data in JSON format from cricsheet.org, encompassing a wide array of details such as match outcomes, player performances, team statistics, and other relevant attributes. (see Figure 2 and Figure 3) This data, extracted in a structured JSON format, served as the foundation for our historical match analysis, enabling us to unravel patterns and trends that contribute to match predictions.

3.2 Data Compiling

Player Data Compilation – The player data extracted from iplt20.com was organized on the website in a year-wise manner. To create a comprehensive dataset for each player, we initiated a meticulous data compilation process. This involved systematically aggregating the player statistics from different years, ensuring that we captured the evolution of each player's performance over time. By consolidating the information into combined stats for each player, we generated a cohesive dataset that encapsulated their overall contributions across multiple IPL seasons.

Match Data Compilation – While cricsheet.org provided a wealth of match data, it also included extraneous information that was not pertinent to predicting match outcomes. To streamline the dataset and focus on the most crucial factors, we performed a meticulous filtering process. Unnecessary columns were excluded, and only the valuable attributes essential for our predictive model were retained.

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Figure 2: Sample Cricsheet Data


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Figure 3: Sample Cricsheet Data

3.3 Feature Extraction

In the quest to enhance the predictive capabilities of our cricket match analytics model, we engaged in a nuanced feature extraction process.

Formulation of Player Rating Formula – To encapsulate a player's overall contribution in a single metric, we devised a proprietary player rating formula. We selected key performance indicators such as batting and bowling strike rates, highest individual scores, wickets taken, and other relevant metrics. This formula was designed to assign weights to each selected feature, reflecting their relative importance in determining a player's performance. The goal was to create a composite player rating that considered various facets of a player's skill set.

Weight determination using Deep Learning – To optimize the weights assigned to each feature in our player rating formula, we employed a deep learning model. This model was trained on historical data to learn the intricate relationships between the selected features and match outcomes. The result was a set of dynamically determined weights that reflected the contextual importance of each feature, providing a more nuanced and adaptive approach to player rating. (see Figure 4)

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Figure 4: Weights Determination

3.4 Feature Selection

In the pursuit of refining our feature set and optimizing the performance of our cricket match prediction model, we implemented rigorous feature selection techniques. Two primary filter methods, namely correlation-based feature selection and the chi-squared test, were instrumental in identifying and retaining the most influential features. (see Figure 5)

Additionally, our formulated column, 'Player Consistency,' emerged as a key contributor to the predictive efficacy of our model.

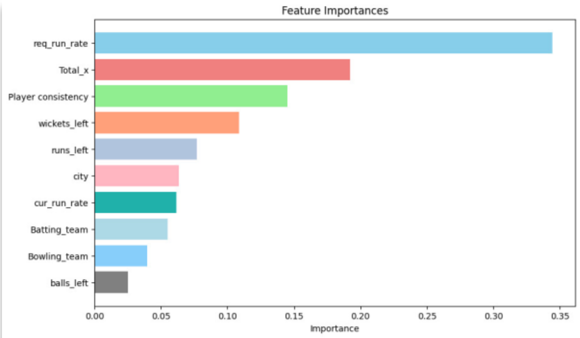

Figure 5: Importance of Features

3.5 Models Used

Our cricket match prediction system leveraged a diverse set of machine learning models, including Random Forest, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Logistic Regression, and Naive Bayes. These models were selected for their distinct strengths in capturing patterns within the data. To optimize their performance, we utilized grid search to determine the best hyperparameter values.

Random Forest: A powerful ensemble algorithm, well-suited for handling a large number of features and mitigating overfitting.

Support Vector Machine (SVM): Versatile in handling non-linear relationships and effective in high-dimensional spaces.

Logistic Regression: Provided interpretability and insights into linear relationships between features and match outcomes.

Naive Bayes: Known for simplicity and efficiency, suitable for datasets with numerous features.

4. RESULTS

In evaluating the performance of our cricket match prediction models, we employed several machine learning algorithms, each yielding varying levels of testing accuracy. Notably, the Random Forest model exhibited the highest accuracy, achieving an impressive 89.82%. (see Figure 6) Further analysis using a confusion matrix for the Random Forest model reveals precision, recall, and F1 score values of 0.91, 0.88, and 0.9, respectively. (see Figure 7)

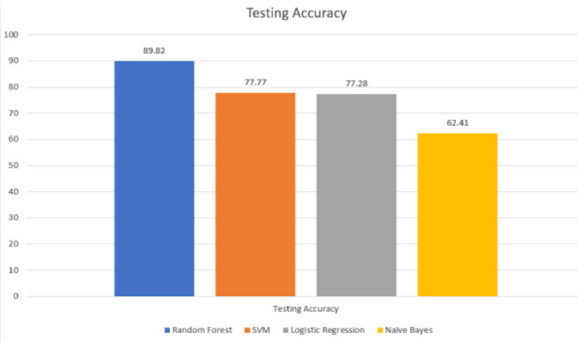

Figure 6: Testing Accuracy of All Models

Conversely, the SVM Classifier achieved a testing accuracy of 77.77%, showcasing a respectable predictive capability. Logistic Regression and Naive Bayes models demonstrated testing accuracies of 77.28% and 62.41%, respectively.

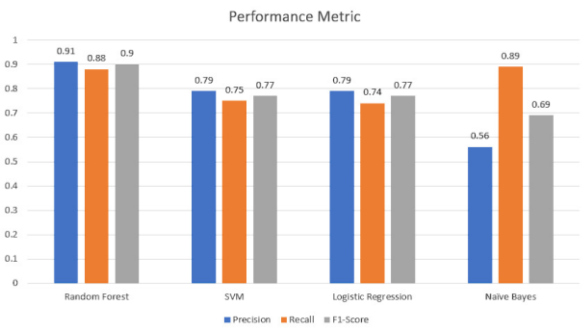

Figure 7: Performance Matrix of All Models

The Random Forest confusion matrix (see Fig. 8) provides additional insight into the model's performance, detailing true negatives, false positives, false negatives, and true positives. This detailed breakdown enables a nuanced understanding of the model's predictive strengths and areas for improvement.

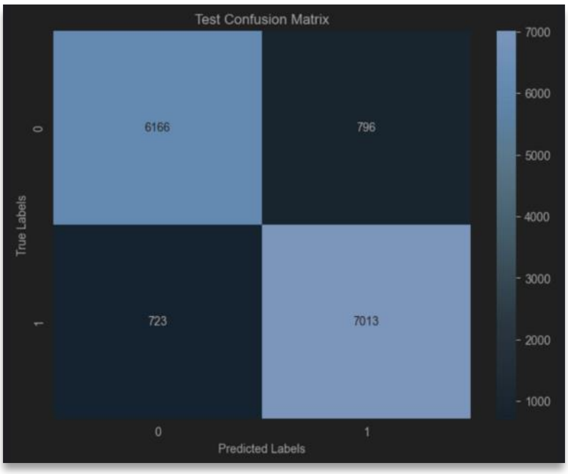

Figure 8: Random Forest Confusion Matrix

These accuracy metrics and confusion matrices serve as valuable benchmarks for evaluating the reliability of each model in the context of cricket match analytics.

5. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, our research has made significant strides in the realm of cricket match analytics and prediction through the implementation and evaluation of various machine learning models. Amongst the models assessed, Random Forest emerged as the standout performer, achieving an impressive testing accuracy of 89.82%. The precision, recall, and F1 score values of 0.91, 0.88, and 0.9, respectively, underscore the model's robust predictive capabilities.

While other models demonstrated respectable accuracies, the comprehensive performance of Random Forest, as evidenced by the detailed confusion matrix, sets it apart. This precision-oriented approach not only enhances our understanding of predictive strengths but also highlights areas for potential refinement.

The practical implications of our work extend beyond academic pursuits, offering tangible benefits to cricket enthusiasts and professional teams alike. Our research provides a reliable tool for strategic decision-making, unlocking crucial insights into the factors influencing match outcomes. As we navigate the intersection of sports and technology, the success of the Random Forest model in our study serves as a foundation for future endeavors, paving the way for continued innovation in cricket match analytics.

6. FUTURE WORK

In the pursuit of refining our cricket match prediction model, future work will build upon the foundation laid by historical match analysis. One notable enhancement involves the formulation of a proprietary method for calculating player consistency. Our unique approach to capturing player performance nuances has proven instrumental in boosting the model's predictive accuracy.

Moving forward, we aim to deepen our understanding of player dynamics by expanding and refining the player-centric metrics. Incorporating additional factor like individual strengths can contribute to a more comprehensive assessment of a player's impact on match outcomes.

Furthermore, our future research will delve into the exploration of advanced techniques, including ensemble methods and deep learning architectures. These methodologies hold the potential to unveil intricate patterns and relationships within the data, thereby elevating the sophistication and accuracy of our predictive models.

Collaboration with cricket experts, statisticians, and data scientists remains integral to our future endeavors. By combining domain expertise with cutting-edge technology, we aspire to develop predictive models that not only excel in historical match analysis but also adapt dynamically to real-time scenarios. The ongoing refinement of our model and the exploration of novel features will ensure its relevance and effectiveness in the ever-evolving landscape of cricket analytics. Through these future initiatives, we anticipate providing cricket enthusiasts and professional teams with a predictive tool that continually pushes the boundaries of accuracy and insight in the realm of cricket match prediction.

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