

M.S. Dhoni: The Helicopter Legend

From winning the Cricket World Cup to the Champions Trophy and being the only Captain to lead his team to victory on both occasions, it is no surprise that M.S. Dhoni has been termed as a 'Legend of Cricket'. Dhoni is labeled as 'Captain Cool' and this comes as a great compliment to this cricketer as he is known for maintaining his calm and composure during tough times and is hence prepared for any situation he is about to face.

For him, cricket is not just a sport. It is his life. Cricket is his obsession; his passion and most importantly, his dream come true. He breathes cricket and that is the secret to his success. From being a former football goalkeeper to a ticket collector, he never stopped pursuing his dreams and finally made it as one of the best cricketers in the world; M.S. Dhoni is an inspiration to all.

Not only is he known for finishing his matches with crystal clear shots, his wicket keeping skills that have been compared to 'lightning' are admired by many across the globe. Looking back at his matches, Dhoni left the audience wanting more in his best played international cricket match where he smashed 91 runs of 79 balls against Sri Lanka. He also scored a dazzling 148 runs in an ODI against Pakistan and his colossal 183 not out against Sri Lanka is legendary.

While Dhoni is known for his great sportsmanship, what stands out the most about this great player is his world famous 'Helicopter Shot'. He is the first cricketer in history to hit the helicopter shot and is respected by many for this skill.

Here is a little history behind the famous Helicopter Shot. Years ago M.S. Dhoni played a match against his fellow friend Santosh Lal. Santosh had 5 runs to win with only a ball left, as part of a strategy to win the game, Dhoni instructed the bowler to aim the ball at Santosh's leg. As the bowler threw the ball at Santosh's leg, the batsman made a

full circle with his bat and swept the ball away. This shot was later termed as the helicopter shot. Dhoni longed to learn this unique shot from his friend and after immense practice he finally mastered the technique. In his career of cricket, Dhoni has hit many of these shots and won many matches as well as hearts using this shot.

Witnessing a legend like M.S. Dhoni retiring from cricket is saddening; however he will always be remembered for his dedication to the game and to our country. From building a stronger team for India, to making the entire country cheer with pride and joy, he has changed how people have viewed Cricket over the years. He is now and will always be embedded in our minds and hearts as a Legendary Cricketer.

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