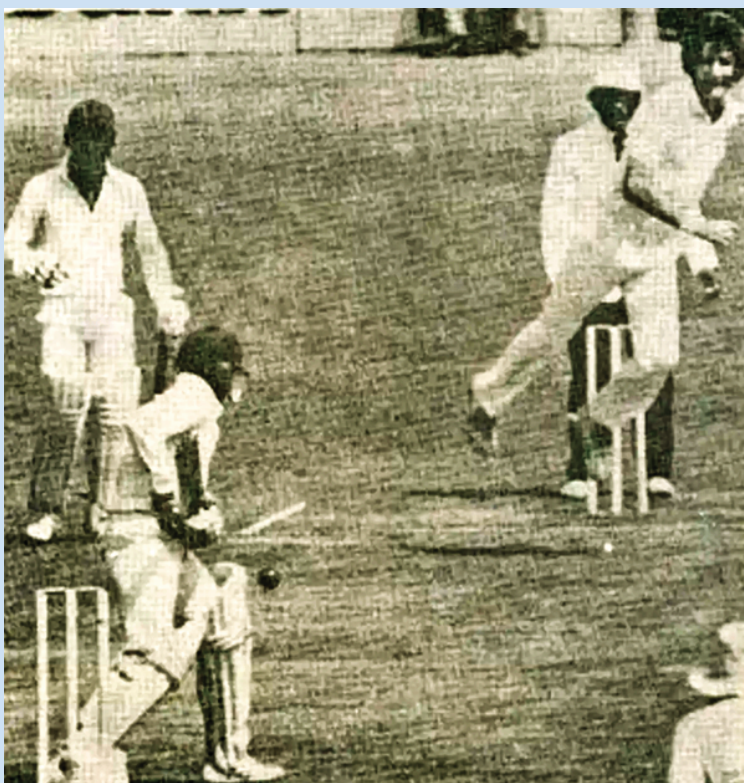


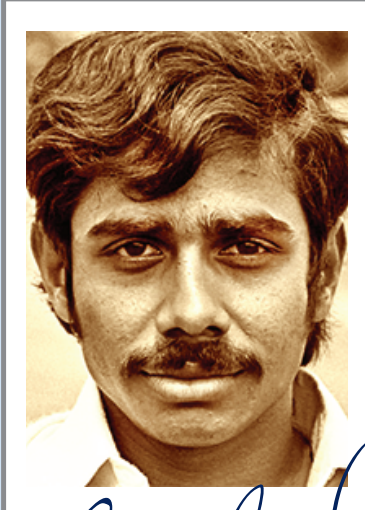
BANDULA WARNAPURA (1975 - 1982)

Opening batsman with a solid technique, Warnapura entered the national team in 1972 as a schoolboy. He was also a useful allrounder, an able leader and Sri Lanka gained Test status during his captaincy. The pinnacle of his career was when he was appointed to lead Sri Lanka against England in the inaugural Test match in 1982. His illustrious playing career ended when he participated in a rebel tour to apartheid South Africa in October 1982.

DATE OF BIRTH	March 1st, 1953
BIRTH PLACE	Rambukkana
SCHOOL	Nalanda College, Colombo
CLUB	Bloomfield C & AC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Medium
PLAYING ROLE	Middle order Batter
NICKNAME	'Bandu'



Sri Lanka skipper Bandula Warnapura faces the first ball in Test Cricket BOWLED BY Bob Willis at the PSS on February 17, 1982.



Bandula Warnapura

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

1975: He played in the Sri Lanka team in their maiden ODI against West Indies during the first World Cup tournament held in England.

■ Scored a boundary in an ODI.

1979: Sri Lanka recorded their first ever ODI victory under his captaincy beating India at the World Cup at Manchester.

■ Led Sri Lanka to victory in the ICC Trophy Final.

■ He represented Sri Lanka in the 1975 and 1979 ODI World Cups.

TESTS

1982: He led Sri Lanka team in their inaugural Test match against England at P Sara Oval.

■ He faced the first ball in Test Cricket for Sri Lanka.

■ Scored the first run for Sri Lanka in Tests.

■ He was also the first batsman to be dismissed in Tests.

■ Bowled the first maiden over.

Warnapura served the game in many positions as an administrator, coach, manager, commentator, curator, match referee and Development Manager at ACC.

TEST DEBUT
England at Colombo Oval (PSS)
February 17 - 21, 1982

LAST TEST
India at Chennai
September 17 - 22, 1982

ODI DEBUT
West Indies at Manchester
June 07, 1975

Last ODI
India at Bengaluru
September 26, 1982

FC MATCHES SPAN
1970/71 - 1982/83

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1973/74 - 1982/83

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	4	12	57	31
BATTING				
INNS	8	12	99	29
NO	0	0	8	1
RUNS	96	180	2280	564
HS	38	77	154	106
AVE	12.00	15.00	25.05	20.14
100s	0	0	2	1
50s	0	1	10	3
BOWLING				
BALLS	90	414	1211	982
RUNS	46	316	628	758
WKTS	0	8	13	19
BBI	-	3/42	2/33	3/21
AVE	-	39.50	48.30	39.89
FIELDING				
CATCHES	2	5	23	10



Warnapura during his innings of 106 against Australia in 1981

LIST A

1981: Sri Lanka led by Warnapura recorded a six wicket victory over Australia in a 40 overs match played at the SSC. He scored a brilliant 106. This victory immensely helped Sri Lanka gaining ICC Test status, one month later.

CAPTAINCY RECORD:

TESTS: 4 / Lost: 3 / Drawn: 1
ODIs: 8 / Won: 3 / Lost: 5