## **SIDATH WETTIMUNY** (1982 - 1987)

**Sidath Wettimuny was a stylish right-hand** batsman with a solid technique.

He played the inaugural Test match for Sri Lanka as an opening batsman.

**Wettimuny scored the first Test century for Sri** Lanka. He also became the first Sri Lankan batsman to carry his bat through an innings in both ODI and Test formats.

His record shows he was a far more effective player on overseas wickets.

**After retirement Wettimuny involved in the** game initially as a match referee, an adminstrator and a selector.

**August 12, 1956** DATE OF BIRTH

**BIRTH PLACE** Colombo

**Ananda College, Colombo** SCHOOL **Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) CLUB** 

**Right hand Bat** BATTING STYLE BOWLING STYLE Right arm Medium

**Opening Batter** PLAYING ROLE



**Sidath Wettimuny receives the** man of the match award by Cecil **Burrows from match sponsor** Cornhill after the only Test match between England and Sri Lanka at Lord's Cricket Ground, London, 28th August 1984.

TEST DEBUT **England at Colombo Oval (PSS)** February 17 - 21, 1982 LAST TEST **India at Cuttack** January 04 - 07, 1987

ODI DEBUT **England at SSC** February 13, 1982 Last ODI India at Wankhede January 17, 1987

FC MATCHES SPAN 1975/76 - 1986/87 **LIST A MATCHES** SPAN 1977/78 - 1986/87

## **CAREER STATISTICS**

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LISTA
MATCHES	23	35	55	46
BATTING				
INNS	43	33	90	43
NO	1	1	5	1
RUNS	1221	786	2859	1139
HS	190	86*	227*	105
AVE	29.07	24.56	33.63	27.11
100s	2	0	6	1
50s	6	4	15	5
<b>BOWLING</b>				
BALLS	24	57	134	72
RUNS	37	70	75	73
WKTS	0	1	2	1
BBI	-	1/13	1/7	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES	10	3	21	4

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:** 

## **ODIs**

**1982:** Sri Lanka recorded their first **ODI** win against **England at SSC.** Wettimuny scored an unbeaten 86\* and became the first Sri Lankan batsman to carry his bat through an innings.

## **TESTS**

**1982:** He played the inaugural Test match as an opening batsman for Sri Lanka against England in February 1982.

He scored the first Test century (157) for Sri Lanka against Pakistan in the second Test at Faisalabad.

**1982:** He made 63 not out against New Zealand at Christchurch and became the first Sri Lankan batsman to carry his bat through a Test innings.

**1984:** At. he scored a marathon innings of 190 (642 minutes) against **England and became the first Sri** Lankan to score a century at Lord's **Cricket Grounds.** 

1985: He was honoured with the Wisden Cricketer of the Year.

