

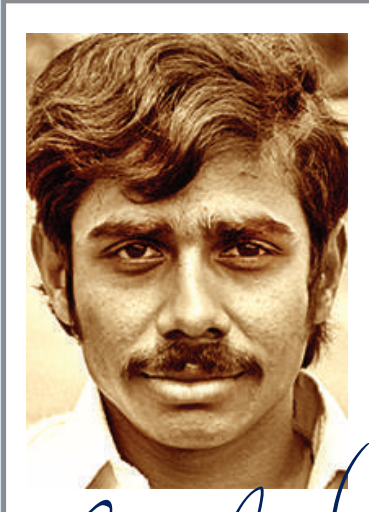
BANDULA WARNAPURA (1975 - 1982)

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

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 administrator and a selector.

DATE OF BIRTH	August 12, 1956
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
SCHOOL	Ananda College, Colombo
CLUB	Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC)
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Medium
PLAYING ROLE	Opening Batter
NICKNAME	'Sid'



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	LIST A
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
BOWLING				
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.

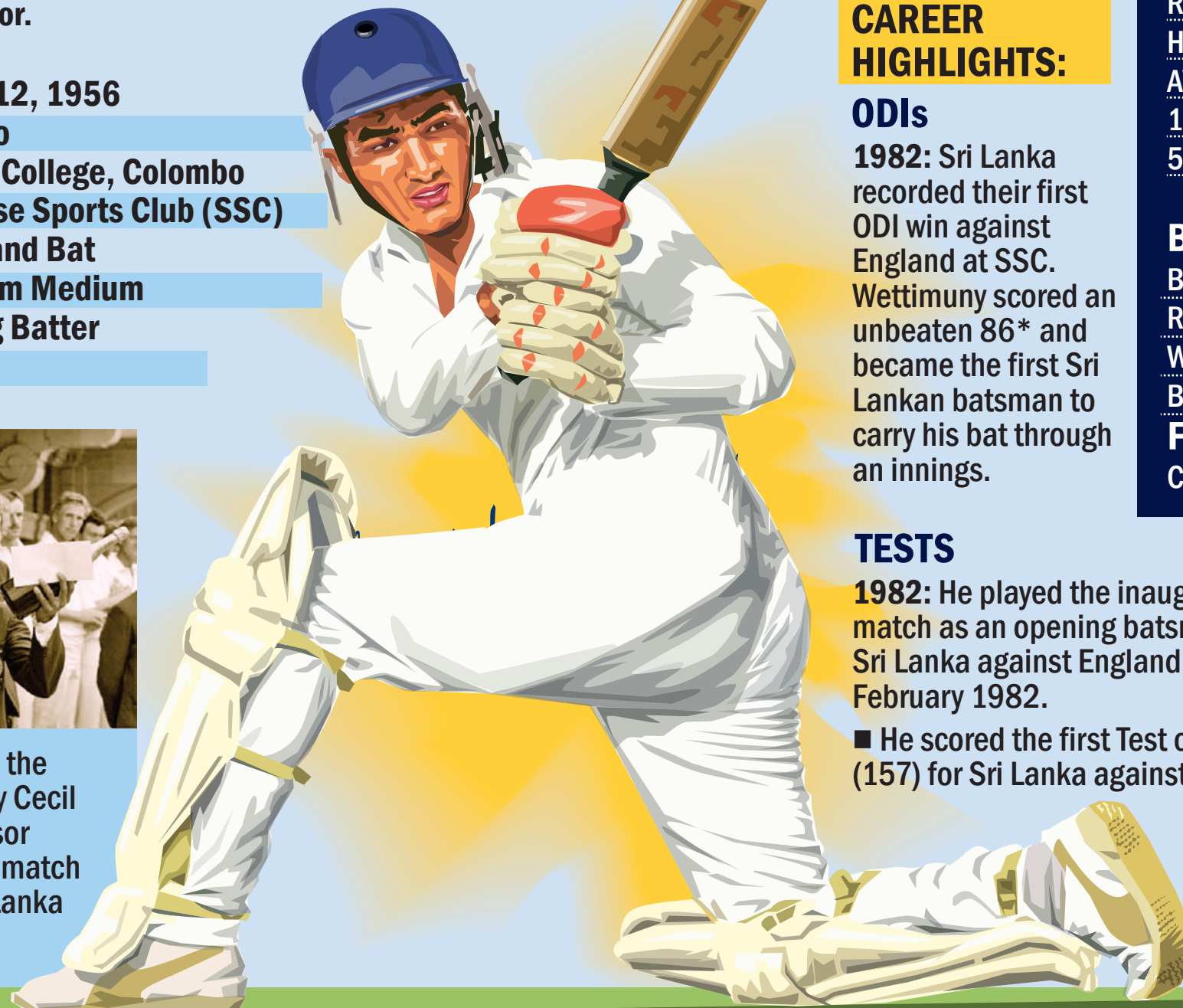
■ He scored the first Test century (157) for Sri Lanka against Pakistan

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.

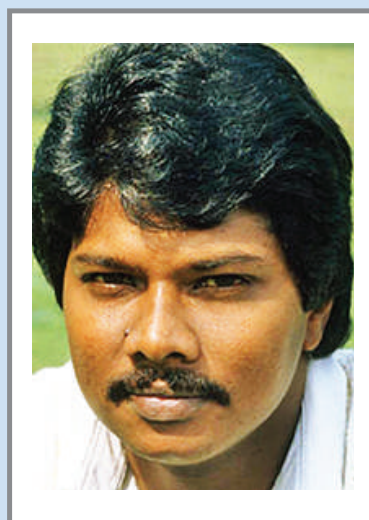


Roy Luke Dias (1979 - 1987)

An elegant and stylish No. 3 batsman, played 20 Test matches and became the first Sri Lankan to hit 1,000 runs in both Test and ODI formats.

With his consistent batting displays Dias formed the backbone of the batting during the formative years of Test cricket for Sri Lanka.

After retirement he served as a coach for Sri Lanka and Nepal.



DATE OF BIRTH	October 18, 1952
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
SCHOOL	S. Peter's College, Colombo
CLUB	Colts CC, SSC, CCC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Offbreak
PLAYING ROLE	Top order Batter
NICKNAME	Royya



Roy Dias cover drives on his way to 77 in the second innings, during the first Test against England in 1982

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

1979: His contributions with the bat during ICC trophy tournament in England helped Sri Lanka become champions and get qualified for the World Cup tournament.

■ He also contributed with a well compiled 50 to help Sri Lanka to win their first ever ODI victory against during the WC.

1982: Scored two centuries (102 and 121) during the tour of India.

■ He represented Sri Lanka in three ODI World Cups.

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

LAST TEST
New Zealand at CCC
April 16 - 21, 1987

ODI DEBUT
New Zealand at Nottingham
June 09, 1979

Last ODI
England at Pune
October 30, 1987

FC MATCHES SPAN
1971/72 - 1991/92

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1974/75 - 1990/91

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	20	58	93	89
BATTING				
INNS	36	55	147	84
NO	1	5	13	9
RUNS	1285	1573	4296	2363
HS	109	121	144	121
AVE	36.71	31.46	32.05	31.50
100s	3	2	5	3
50s	8	6	24	14
BOWLING				
BALLS	24	56	180	56
RUNS	17	70	118	70
WKTS	0	3	1	3
BBI	-	3/25	1/9	3/25
FIELDING				
CATCHES	6	16	39	24

TESTS

1982: During Sri Lanka's inaugural Test match, after being dismissed for a duck in the first innings showed his class with a fluent 77 runs in the 2nd innings.

■ Scored his maiden century (109) against Pakistan during the third Test in Lahore.

1985: He contributed with 95 and 60* to help Sri Lanka record their first ever Test victory against India at PSS.

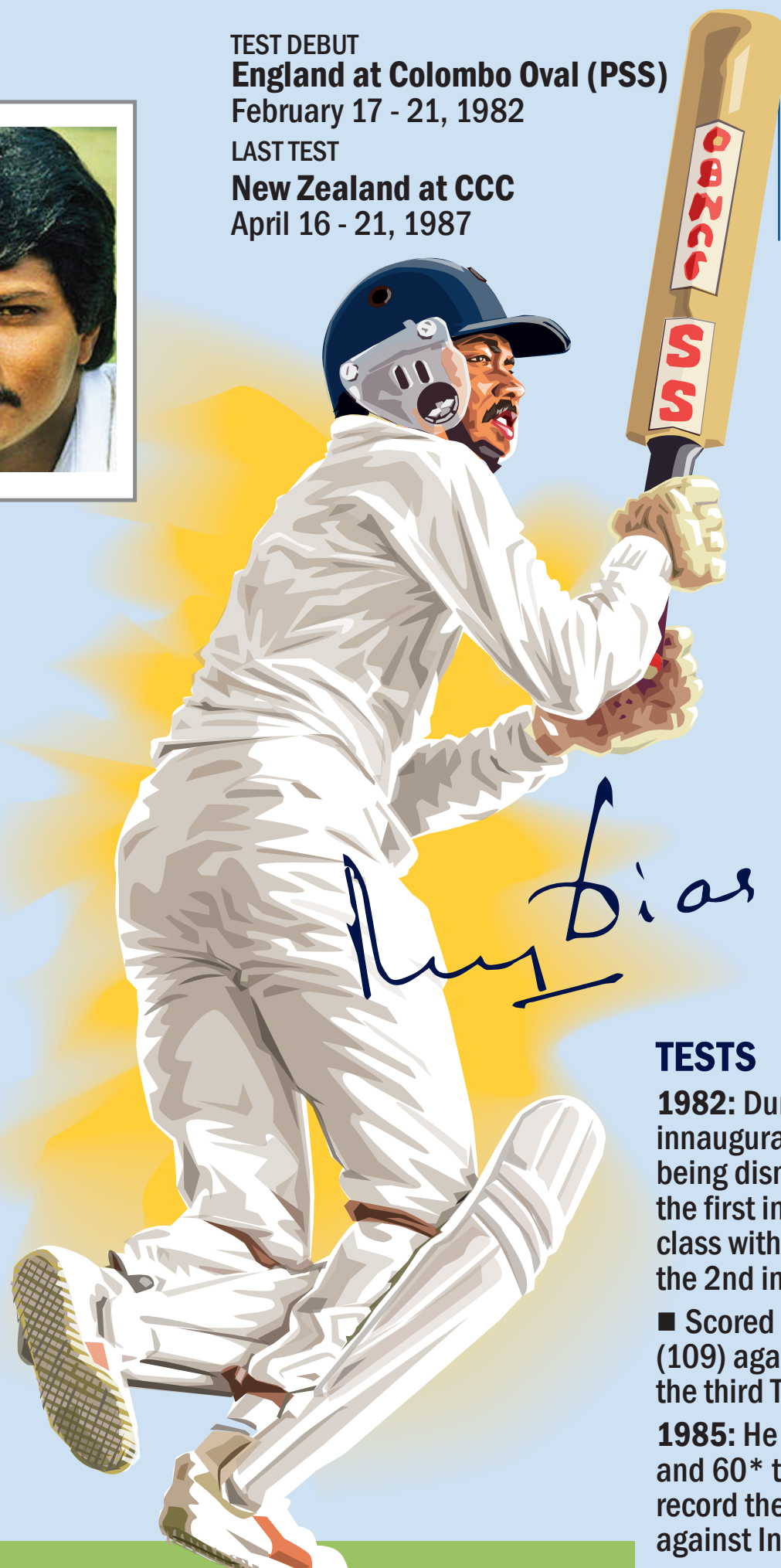
LIST OF TEST 100s

1. 109 v Pakistan (Lahore) 1982
2. 108 v New Zealand (SSC) 1984
3. 106 v India (Asgiriya) 1985

LIST OF ODI 100s

1. 102 v India (Delhi) 1982
2. 121 v India (Bengaluru) 1982

■ A match saving 216 runs partnership by Dias (106) and Duleep Mendis (124) forced to draw the third Test against India, which sealed Sri Lanka to record their first-ever series win.



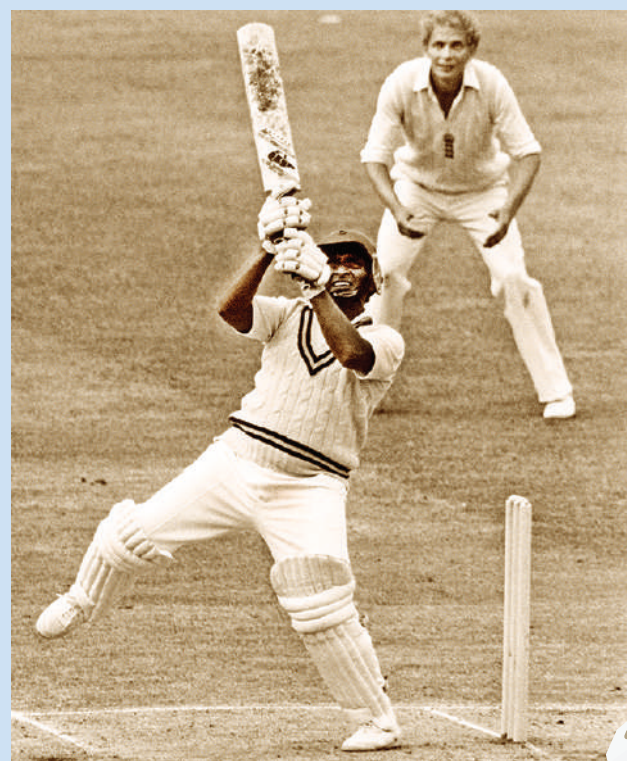
Louis Rohan Duleep Mendis (1975 - 1989)

A strong, burly batsman capable of destroying any attack, Mendis played a key part during pre-Test era and Sri Lanka's early days as a Test-playing country. He captained Sri Lanka in two ODI World Cups in 1983 and 1987.

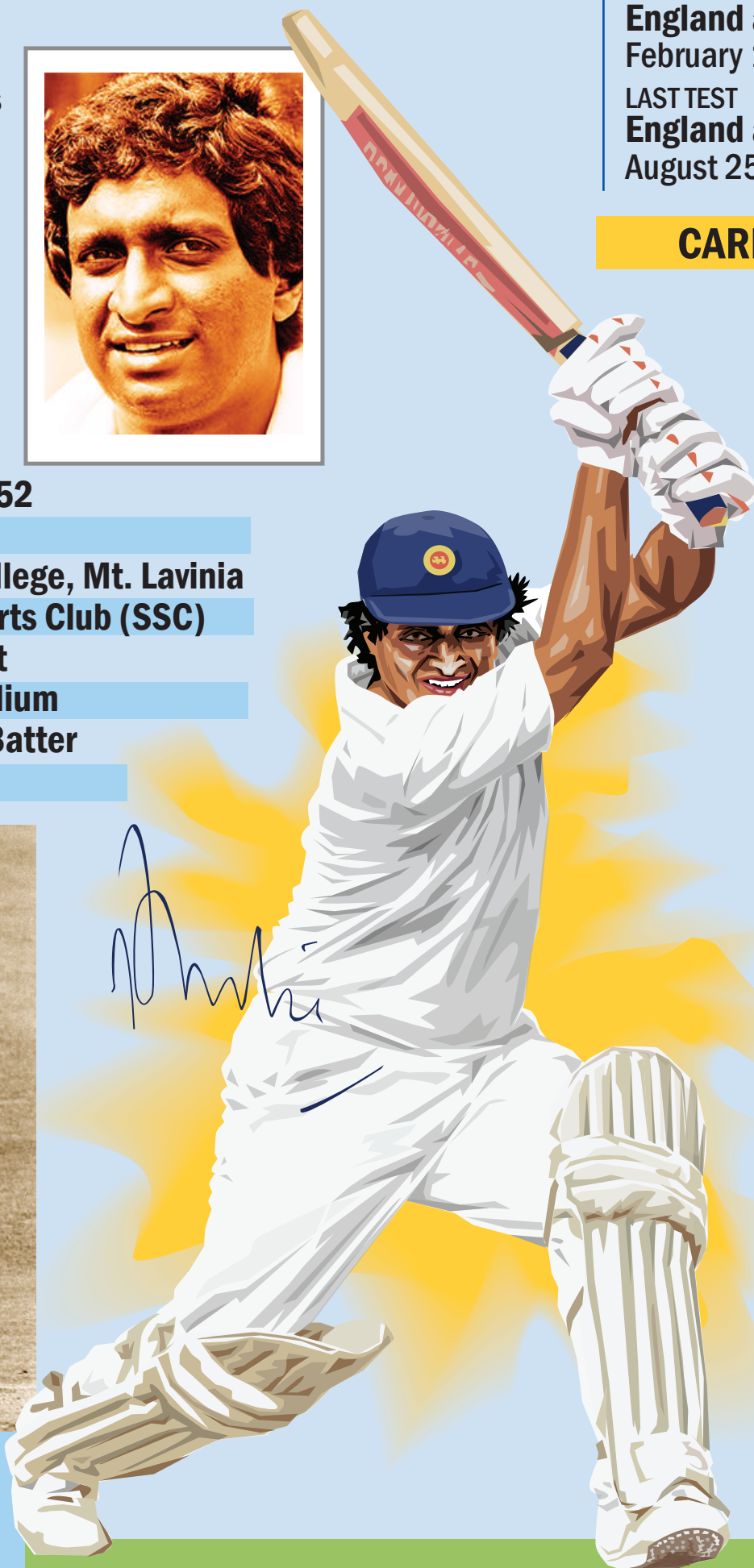
He led Sri Lanka for 19 Tests. After retirement he served SLC as an administrator and manager of the Sri Lanka team.



DATE OF BIRTH	August 25, 1952
BIRTH PLACE	Moratuwa
SCHOOL	S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia
CLUB	Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC)
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Medium
PLAYING ROLE	Middle order Batter
NICKNAME	Dulla



Mendis hooks Ian Botham during his 111 runs in the Test against England at Lord's in 1984



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

LAST TEST
England at Lord's
August 25 - 30, 1988

ODI DEBUT
West Indies at Manchester
June 07, 1975

Last ODI
Pakistan at Sharjah
March 24, 1989

FC MATCHES SPAN
1971/72 - 1990/91

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1973/74 - 1990/91

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

1975: Played in the maiden ODI of Sri Lanka against West Indies at Manchester.



1975: Mendis played a gutsy innings against Australia's fast and furious attack before he was knocked down by Jeff Thomson during a World Cup match against Australia.

1979: Player of the Match (64 runs in 57 balls) in Sri Lanka's first ever ODI victory recorded against India at Manchester.

CAPTAINCY RECORD:

TESTS: 19 / Won: 2 / Lost: 8 / Drawn: 9
ODIs: 61 / Won: 11 / Lost: 46 / NR: 4

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	24	79	121	110
BATTING				
INNS	43	74	190	104
NO	1	9	16	14
RUNS	1329	1527	6233	2467
HS	124	80	194	105*
AVE	31.64	23.49	35.82	27.41
100s	4	0	12	1
50s	8	7	35	13
BOWLING				
BALLS	-	-	90	12
RUNS	-	-	52	7
WKTS	-	-	1	0
BBI	-	-	1/4	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES	9	14	49	24

TESTS

1982: Played Sri Lanka's inaugural Test against England at P Sara Oval.

■ He scored twin centuries against India in Chennai.

1984: Scored 111 & 94 against England at Lord's.

LIST OF TEST 100s

1. 105 v India (Chennai) 1982
2. 105 v India (Chennai) 1982
3. 111 v England (Lord's) 1984
4. 124 v India (Asgiriya) 1985

1985: Sri Lanka recorded their first ever Test victory over India under his captaincy, played at the P Sara Stadium.

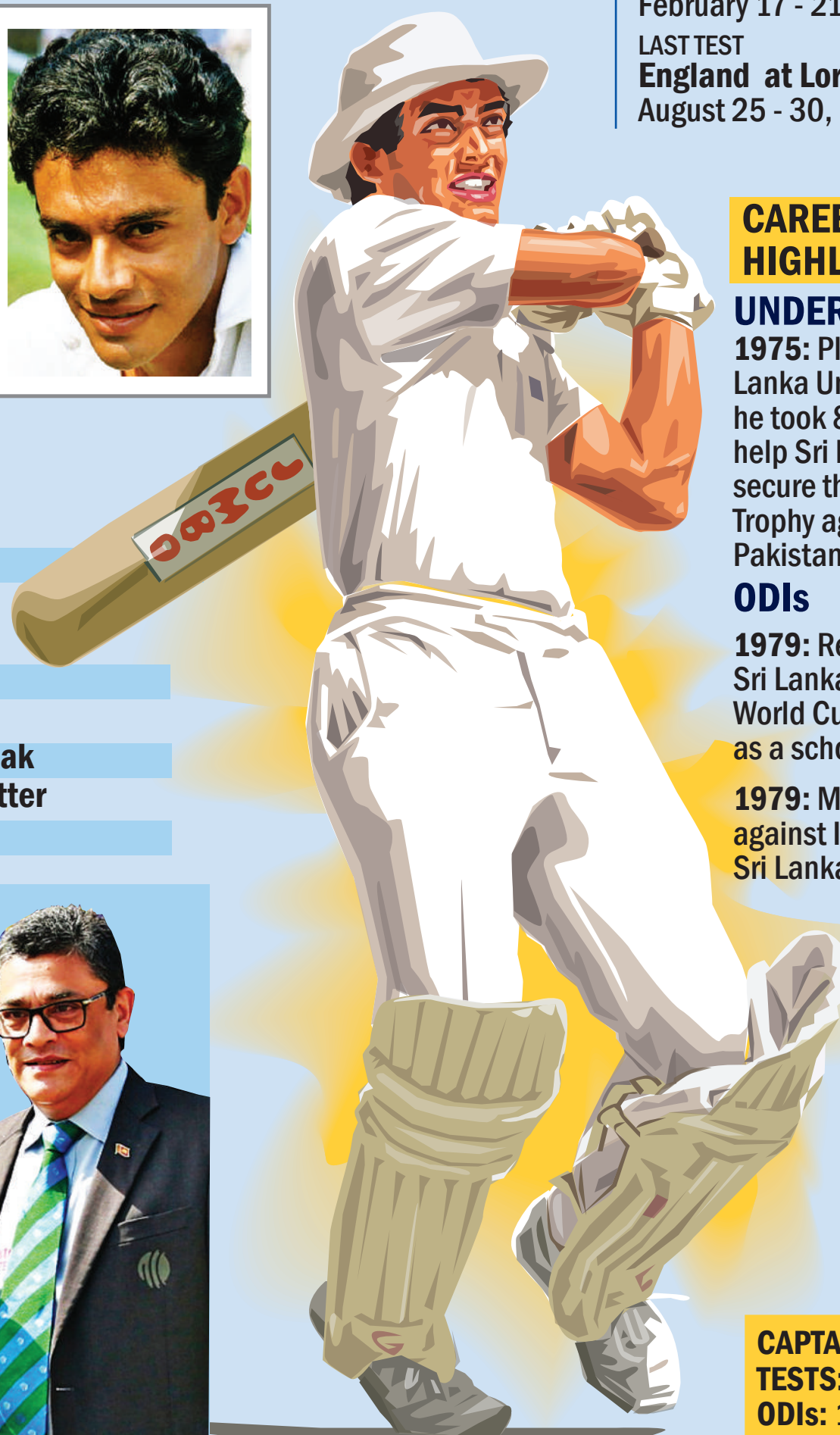
■ He also led Sri Lanka to their first Test series victory (1-0) against India.

5 Ranjan Senerath Madugalle (1979 - 1988)

Madugalle was a middle order batsman and who played the inaugural Test match against England in 1982. He did a commendable job with some useful knocks during Sri Lanka's formative years. After retirement, he joined the ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees and became the chief match referee in 2001.

DATE OF BIRTH	April 22, 1959
BIRTH PLACE	Kandy
SCHOOL	Royal College, Colombo.
CLUB	Nondescripts CC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Offbreak
PLAYING ROLE	Middle Order Batter
NICKNAME	'Madda'

The chief Referee of the ICC Elite Panel, Madugalle was the first to officiate 200 Tests. He was presented with mementos by the ICC and SLC in 2002.



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

LAST TEST
England at Lord's
August 25 - 30, 1988

ODI DEBUT
India at Manchester
June 16 - 18, 1979

Last ODI
Pakistan at Dhaka
October 27, 1988

FC MATCHES SPAN
1975/76 - 1986/87

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1978/79 - 1989/90

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

UNDER 19

1975: Playing for Sri Lanka Under 19 team, he took 8 wickets to help Sri Lanka to secure the Ali Bhutto Trophy against Pakistan.

ODIs

1979: Represented Sri Lanka at the World Cup in England as a school boy.

1979: Made his debut against India in which Sri Lanka recorded their first ever ODI victory.

TESTS

1982: Played Sri Lanka's inaugural Test against England at PSS and he top scored in the first innings with 65 runs.

1985: He scored his only century (103) against India at SSC.

■ Member of the Sri Lanka team which recorded their first ever victory over India.

CAPTAINCY RECORD

TESTS: 2 / Won: 0 / Lost: 2 / Drawn: 0
ODIs: 13 / Won: 2 / Lost: 11

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	21	63	81	82
BATTING				
INNS	39	56	118	74
NO	4	5	15	7
RUNS	1029	950	3301	1334
HS	103	73	142*	73
AVE	29.40	18.62	32.04	19.91
100s	1	0	2	0
50s	7	3	20	4
BOWLING				
BALLS	84	57	342	22
RUNS	38	70	159	15
WKTS	0	1	2	0
BBI	-	1/13	1/18	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES	9	18	42	27

LIST OF TEST 100s

1. 103 v India (SSC) 1985



Celebrating his fifty during the inaugural Test in 1982.

Arjuna Ranatunga (1982 - 2000)



Stocky left-hand batter, made his debut in Sri Lanka's inaugural Test at the age of 18, and made his country's first Test half-century. Represented Sri Lanka for 18 years and also captained 56 Test matches.

DATE OF BIRTH
December 01, 1963
BIRTH PLACE
Colombo
CLUB
SSC

SCHOOL
Ananda College, Colombo.

BATTING STYLE

Left hand Bat

BOWLING STYLE

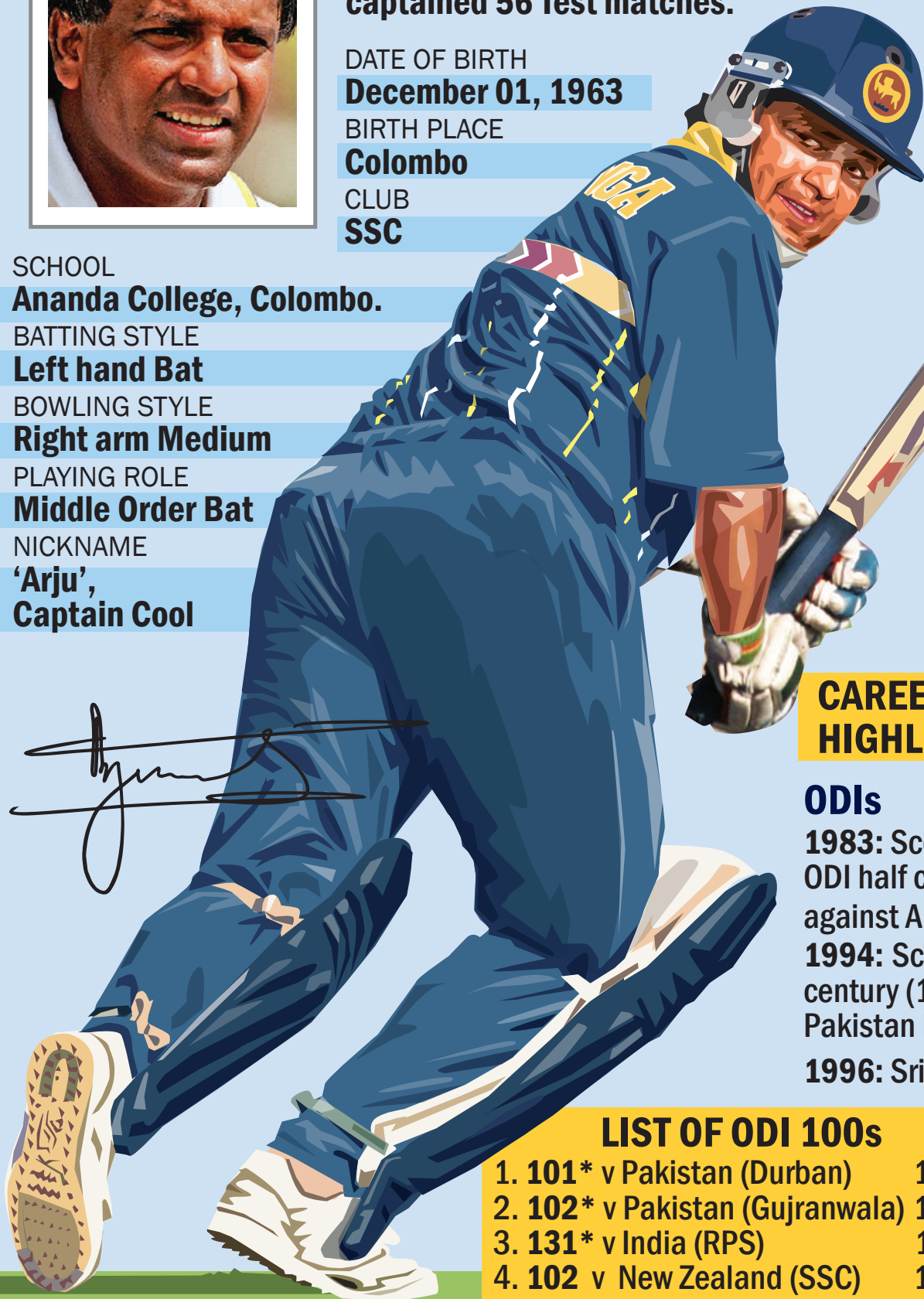
Right arm Medium

PLAYING ROLE

Middle Order Bat

NICKNAME

**'Arju',
Captain Cool**



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

1983: Scored his first ODI half century (55*) against Australia at PSS.

1994: Scored his maiden century (101*) against Pakistan in Durban

1996: Sri Lanka won the

ICC ODI Cricket World Cup under his leadership

■ Represented Sri Lanka in five ODI World Cups (1983, 1987, 1992, 1996, 1999)

He led Sri Lanka in two World Cups (1996, 1999)

LIST OF ODI 100s

1. **101*** v Pakistan (Durban) 1994
2. **102*** v Pakistan (Gujranwala) 1995
3. **131*** v India (RPS) 1997
4. **102** v New Zealand (SSC) 1998

LIST OF TEST 100s

1. **111** v India (SSC) 1985
2. **135*** v Pakistan (PSS) 1986
3. **127** v Australia (SSC) 1992
4. **131** v South Africa (Moratuwa) 1993

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

LAST TEST
South Africa at Colombo (SSC)
August 06 - 10, 2000

ODI DEBUT
England at SSC
February 14, 1982

Last ODI
Kenya at Southampton
May 30, 1999

FC MATCHES SPAN
1981/82 - 2000/01

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1981/82 - 2000/01



Ranatunga led Sri Lanka to their greatest cricketing triumph, the 1996 World Cup win.

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	93	269	205	307
BATTING				
INNS	155	255	295	290
NO	12	47	32	53
RUNS	5105	7456	11641	8491
HS	135*	131*	238*	131*
AVE	35.69	35.84	44.26	35.82
100s	4	4	25	4
50s	38	49	63	55
BOWLING				
BALLS	2373	4710	7096	5338
RUNS	1040	3757	3085	4255
WKTS	16	79	94	98
BBI	2/17	4/14	5/45	4/14
FIELDING				
CATCHES	47	63	108	78

Infographic by Wasantha Siriwardena

TESTS

1982: Played Sri Lanka's inaugural Test and he scored the first Test half century for Sri Lanka.

1985: Scored his only century (111) against India at SSC.

1995: Led Sri Lanka to its first ever overseas Test victory against New Zealand at Napier.

■ Also won the first overseas Test series.



Scoring the maiden Test half century for Sri Lanka.

Dandeniya Somachandra de Silva (1975 - 1987)



Known as DS De Silva, he was the first Sri Lankan bowler to take a five-wicket haul in Tests. DS played a key part during pre-Test era and Sri Lanka's early days as a Test-playing country. He also captained Sri Lanka in two Test matches against New Zealand.

DATE OF BIRTH	June 11, 1942
BIRTH PLACE	Galle
SCHOOL	Mahinda College, Galle
CLUB	Bloomfield C&AC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Legbreak Googly
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler / Allrounder
NICKNAME	DS



Celebrating the wicket of Jeremy Coney during the Prudential World Cupmatch against New Zealand at Derby, 1983.

■ He represented Sri Lanka in three ODI World Cups (1975, 1979 & 1983)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

1975: Represented Sri Lanka in the inaugural World Cup held in England.

1979: He helped Sri Lanka to record it's maiden ODI victory against India with 3 for 29 at the World Cup at Manchester.

TESTS

1982: DS took 3 for 54 in the first innings of Sri Lanka's inaugural Test against England in 1982.

■ He took the first five wicket haul for Sri Lanka with 5 for 59 against Pakistan at Faisalabad in March, 1982.

■ He also took 9 wickets in the match.

TEST DEBUT
England at Colombo Oval (PSS)
February 17 - 21, 1982
LAST TEST
England at Lord's -
August 23 - 28, 1984

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	12	41	66	57
BOWLING				
BALLS	3031	2076	15670	2849
RUNS	1347	1557	6846	2005
WKTS	37	32	241	48
BBI	5/59	3/29	8/46	4/28
FIELDING				
CATCHES	5	5	35	8
BATTING				
INNS	22	29	97	42
NO	3	10	17	14
RUNS	406	371	1764	551
HS	61	37*	97	37*
AVERAGE	21.36	19.52	22.05	19.67
50s	2	0	6	0

■ He took 17 wickets in the three match Test series played in Pakistan.

1983: Scored his maiden Test fifty (52) against New Zealand at Christchurch.

FC

1975: DS took 4 for 39 and 6 for 117 against West Indies during a three-day match played

in Colombo.

1981: 7 for 55 against Lancashire during a three day match in Manchester.

■ DS scored 97 runs and involved in a match saving partnership of 159 runs for the 8th wicket with Asantha De Mel (94) against Gloucestershire at Bristol.

ODI DEBUT
West Indies at Manchester
June 07, 1975
Last ODI
West Indies at Melbourne
February 27, 1985

FC MATCHES SPAN
1966/67 - 1994/95
LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1973/74 - 1984/85

Asantha Lakdasa Francis de Mel (1982 - 1987)



De Mel was Sri Lanka's leading pace bowler following their elevation to full Test status. He bowled the first ball in a Test match for Sri Lanka. He had also made valuable contributions as a batsman in the lower order. He ended his career at 28 years due to a knee injury.

DATE OF BIRTH	May 09, 1959
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
SCHOOL	Issipatana and Royal College, Colombo
CLUB	SSC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm medium fast
PLAYING ROLE	Opening bowler

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

1983: His finest moment as a bowler came at the World Cup in England, where he used the helpful conditions to register his two only ODI five-wicket-hauls. He was the first Sri Lankan bowler to take 5 wicket haul in an innings, when he took 5/39 against Pakistan at Leeds.

■ He took 17 wickets during the series and became the second highest wicket taker at the World Cup.

■ After retirement, De Mel served as a cricket administrator and the Chief Selector at Sri Lanka Cricket several times.

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

LAST TEST
India at Kanpur -
December 17 - 22, 1986

ODI DEBUT
England at Colombo (SSC) -
February 13, 1982

Last ODI
England at Pune
October 30, 1987

FC MATCHES SPAN
1981/82 - 1986/87

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1980/81 - 1987/88



England's David Gower is bowled by Asantha De Mel during the World Cup in Taunton in 1983.

■ He represented Sri Lanka in three ODI World Cups (1983 & 1987)

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	17	57	42	70
BOWLING				
BALLS	3518	2735	7056	3347
RUNS	2180	2237	4132	2569
WKTS	59	59	109	69
BBI	6/109	5/32		
FIELDING				
CATCHES	9	13	22	15
BATTING				
INNS	28	41	57	51
NO	5	9	9	13
RUNS	326	466	918	577
HS	34	36	100*	39*
AVE	14.17	14.56	19.12	15.18
100s	0	0	1	0
50s	0	0	2	0

Infographic by Wasantha Siriwardena

TESTS

1982: De Mel took the first Test wicket for Sri Lanka in Sri Lanka's inaugural Test against England in 1982, De Mel took 4 for 70 in the first innings.

1985: Took his best figures of six wickets (6/43) during the third Test against Pakistan at Karachi.

4 wkts and over in Tests

1. **4/70** v England (PSS) 1982
2. **5/68** v India (Chennai) 1982
3. **4/110** v England (Lord's) 1984
4. **5/64** v India (SSC) 1985
5. **6/109** v Pakistan (Karachi) 1985

4 wkts and over in ODIs

1. **4/34** v England (SSC) 1982
2. **5/39** v Pakistan (Leeds) 1983
3. **5/32** v New Zealand (Derby) 1983

Lalith Wasantha Silva Kaluperuma (1973 - 1982)



An off-spin bowler and useful lower-order batsman and fine fielder in the gully. He was a regular member of the Sri Lankan team during the 1970s. He represented Sri Lanka in both inaugural matches in ODIs (1975) and Tests (1982). He ended his cricket career when he joined the rebel tour to South Africa in 1982.

DATE OF BIRTH	June 25, 1949
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Nalanda College, Colombo
CLUB	Bloomfield C & A C
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Offbreak
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler
NICKNAME	'Kalu'

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

1975: Represented Sri Lanka at the inaugural World Cup in England.

■ Made his debut against West Indies in Sri Lanka's inaugural ODI played at Manchester.

■ His first wicket in ODIs was the Australian skipper Ian Chappel, who was clean bowled for 4 runs at the London Oval.

TESTS

1982: Played Sri Lanka's inaugural Test against England at PSS.

■ He made history by taking Sri Lanka's first catch in Test cricket by grabbing a stunning catch at gully to dismiss England opener Geoff Cook off Asantha De Mel.

■ Kaluperuma captured 5/123 against South Africa in an unofficial Test played during the rebel tour in South Africa at Johannesburg.

Kaluperuma was rated Sri Lanka's best off spinner of his time.

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

LAST TEST
Pakistan at Faisalabad
March 14 - 19, 1982

ODI DEBUT
West Indies at Manchester
June 07, 1975

Last ODI
England at Colombo (SSC)
February 13, 1982

FC MATCHES SPAN
1970/71 - 1982/83

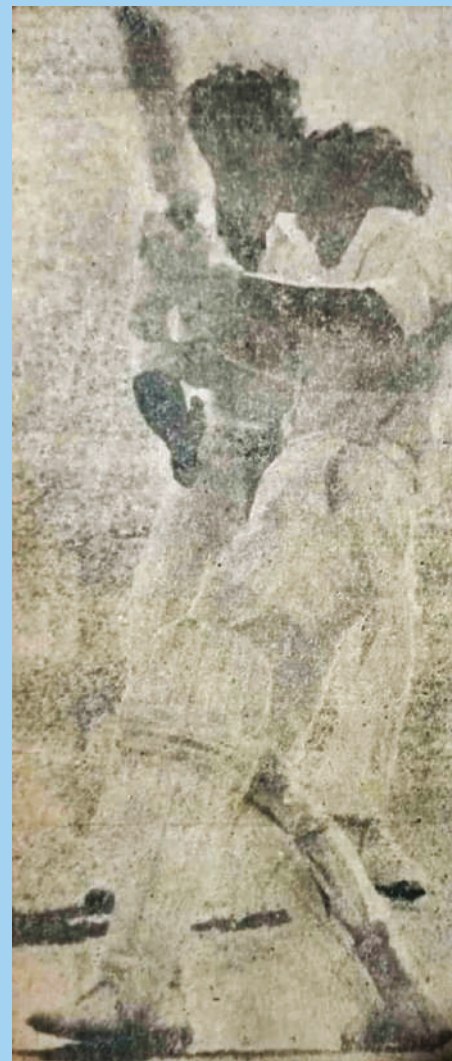
LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1973/74 - 1982/83

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	2	4	57	16
BOWLING				
BALLS	162	208	9372	636
RUNS	93	137	3931	414
WKTS	0	2	129	14
BBI	-	1/35	8/43	4/35
BBM	-	1/35	-	4/35
BATTING				
INNS	4	3	81	11
NO	1	3	22	4
RUNS	12	33	1023	80
HS	11*	14*	96	17
AVE	4.0	-	17.33	11.42
FIELDING				
CATCHES	2	0	48	3

Infographic by Wasantha Siriwardena

THE WINNING HIT



1976: Lalith Kaluperuma, Sri Lanka's hero in the four-wicket win over Pakistan, makes the winning hit.

First Class

1974: 8/50 vs Pakistan North West Frontier Province Governor's XI at Preshawar.

■ 5/59 vs Pakistan Under 19 at Multan.

1976: His brilliant allround performances helped Sri Lanka to win against Pakistan in an unofficial Test played at PSS, Colombo. He scored a brilliant 96 as a 'night watchman' and 50* in the

second innings and also took 3/37 as a bowler.

■ 8/43 vs Tamilnadu in a Gopalan Trophy match at NCC, Colombo.

1981: 4/35 vs Australia in a 45 overs match played at SSC, Colombo.

■ 3/35 & 5/74 against Australia in an unofficial Test played at PSS, Colombo.

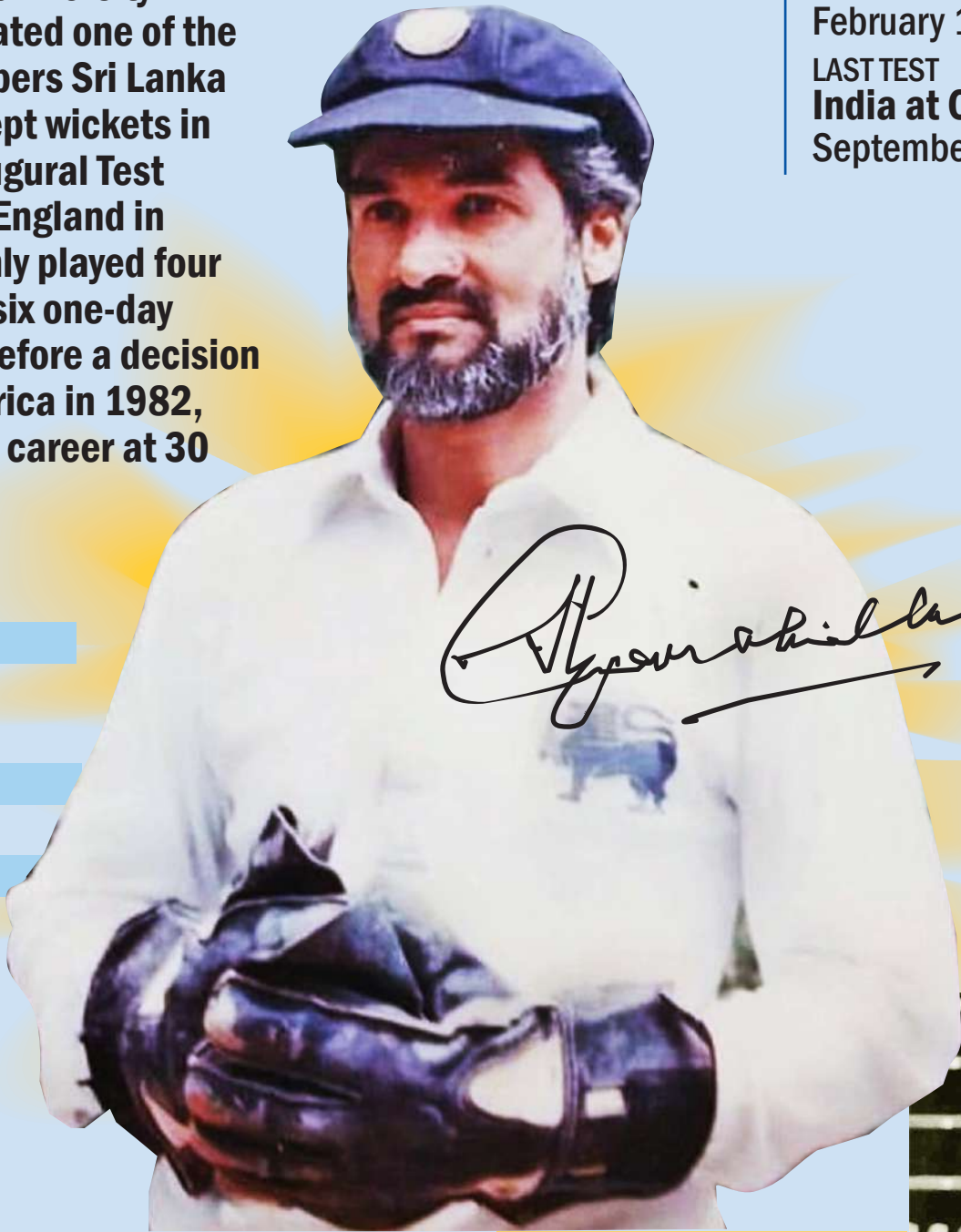
■ 5/34 vs Glamorgan at Cardiff in a three day match.

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HETTIARACHIGE MAHES GOONATILLEKE (1975 - 1982)



Goonatilleke, a university graduate, was rated one of the best wicket keepers Sri Lanka produced. He kept wickets in Sri Lanka's inaugural Test match, against England in Colombo, but only played four more Tests and six one-day internationals before a decision to tour South Africa in 1982, which ended his career at 30 years of age.



DATE OF BIRTH

August 16, 1952

BIRTH PLACE

Kegalle

SCHOOL

St. Anthony's College, Katugastota.

CLUB

Kandy CC

BATTING STYLE

Right hand Bat

PLAYING ROLE

Wicket Keeper

NICKNAME

'Mahesh'

TESTS

1982: Played Sri Lanka's inaugural Test against England at PSS as Sri Lanka's first wicket keeper in Test cricket.

- He remained unbeaten in both innings of the first Test (22* & 2*).
- He also took the first stumping for Sri Lanka during the second innings when he stumped Chris Taware off Ajith de Silva for 85.
- He took four dismissals (3 cts & 1 stumping) during the first innings of the first Test against Pakistan played at Karachi. He also took six dismissals in the match.

- Top scored with a half century (56) in the second innings of the second Test against Pakistan against at Faisalabad.

ODIs

1982: He had both England openers stumped off Ajith de Silva during his debut match. Sri Lanka recorded it's first ever ODI victory against England.

Mahes has had an incredible record of not conceding a single bye as a wicket keeper during his first four ODIs, while keeping wickets for a total of 169 overs.

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

LAST TEST
India at Chennai
September 17 - 22, 1982

ODI DEBUT
England
at Colombo (SSC)
February 14, 1982

Last ODI
India at Bengaluru
September 26, 1982

FC MATCHES SPAN
1975/76 - 1982/83

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1981/82 - 1982/83

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	5	6	26	9
BATTING				
INNS	10	4	39	7
NO	2	3	7	5
RUNS	177	31	430	59
HS	56	14*	56	23*
AVE	22.12	31.00	13.43	29.50
100s	0	0	0	0
50s	1	0	1	0
BOWLING	-	-	-	-
WICKET KEEPING				
CATCHES	10	0	36	1
STUMPINGS	3	4	18	4



Mahes Goonatilleke in action during the inaugural Test against England

FC

1975: Toured India with Sri Lanka team as a reserve wicket keeper.

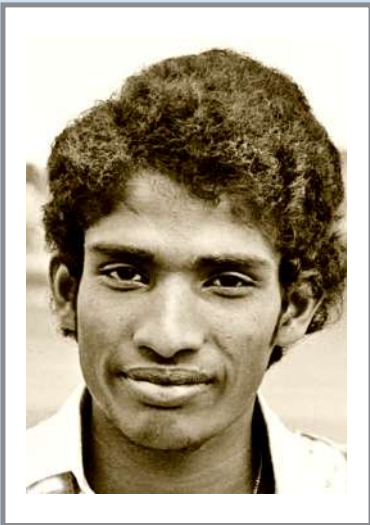
1976: Represented Sri Lanka Board President's XI against visiting Pakistan team in Galle.

1981: Member of the Sri Lanka team that toured England as a wicket keeper.

11

Ginigalgodage Ramba Ajit De Silva (1975 - 1982)

As a left arm leg spin bowler Ajith played the innaugural Test match against England in 1982. He was a highly rated left-arm orthodox spinner who represented Sri Lanka during the pre Test era from 1972. In 1982, he joined the rebel tour to South Africa which ended his cricket career.



DATE OF BIRTH	December 12, 1952
BIRTH PLACE	Ambalangoda
EDUCATION	Dharmashoka College, Ambalangoda Ananda College, Colombo
CLUB	Bloomfield C &A C
BATTING STYLE	Left hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Slow Left arm Orthodox
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler
NICKNAME	'Ajja'

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

- 1975: Represented Sri Lanka at the innagural World Cup in England.
- Made his debut against Pakistan at Nottingham.
- 1979: Represented Sri Lanka at the World Cup in England.
- Took his maiden wicket (John Wright) at Nottingham against New Zealand.

TESTS

- 1982: Played Sri Lanka's inaugural Test against England at PSS.
- He took his maiden Test wicket of England Skipper Keith Fletcher.
- He took two wickets each (2/52 & 2/46) in both innings of the inaugural Test.
- Recorded his best bowling figures in Tests, 2/38 against Pakistan at Faisalabad.



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

LAST TEST
India at Chennai
September 17 - 22, 1982



Ajit with late DLS de Silva during 1979 World Cup in England.

First Class

- 1976: 6/58 against Tamilnadu in a Gopalan Trophy matach played at NCC Grounds, Colombo.
- 1977: As the No:11 batsman, Ajith scored 75 runs and put up a record 10th wicket partnership of 134 runs with Ranjan Gunatilake against Tamilnadu in Chennai.
- 1979: In a three day match against West Indies in Colombo, he bowled a marathon spell of 41.4 overs and captured 4 wickets for 127 runs.
- 1981: Best figures of 6/36 recorded against Australia in an unofficial Test at PSS Stadium.
- His best match bag of 9/100 in the same match.

ODI DEBUT
Pakistan at Nottingham
June 14, 1975

Last ODI
India at Delhi
September 15, 1982

FC MATCHES SPAN
1973/74 - 1982/83

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1975 - 1982/83

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT MATCHES	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
	4	6	53	15
BOWLING				
BALLS	962	305	11736	822
RUNS	385	262	4418	517
WKTS	7	9	161	19
BBI	2/38	3/41	6/36	3/41
BBM	4/98	3/41	9/100	3/41
BATTING				
INNS	7	4	68	7
NO	2	2	27	3
RUNS	41	9	317	20
HS	14	6*	75	10*
AVE	8.20	4.5	7.73	5.0
FIELDING				
CATCHES	0	2	21	4

UNDER 19

- 1969: As a schoolboy at Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda, he toured India with the Sri Lanka Under 19 team.
- 1972: Represented Sri Lanka Schools against visiting Australian Schools team.

Ajit de Silva was one of the the finest left arm spinners that Sri Lanka has ever produced. He played in an era which Sri Lanka's club cricket was not recognized as first-class. Club cricket was more intense in the 1970s and 80s. The statistics do not record his dominance.

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Joseph Ravindran Ratnayeke (1981 - 1990)

Six footer, Ravi was a right-arm medium-pace bowler with the ability to swing the ball at a lively pace. He was also a reliable left-hand batsman and made few useful contributions with the bat. Ratnayeke retired he retired prematurely, at the age of 29, in 1990 and migrated to Australia.



DATE OF BIRTH	May 02, 1960
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Trinity College, Kandy
CLUB	NCC
BATTING STYLE	Left hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Fast medium
PLAYING ROLE	Bowling Allrounder
NICK NAME	Ravi



Ravi Ratnayeke during his 22 match Test career, took 56 wickets and scored five 50s.

Ravi Ratnayeke during his knock of 59* against England at Lord's in 1988.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

- 1985: Scored 50 vs West Indies at Melbourne.
- 1986: 3/32 vs Pakistan at PSS, Colombo.
- 1987: Played in the fourth ICC World Cup held in India and Pakistan.
- 1988: Captained Sri Lanka against (4/23) Bangladesh at Dhaka.

TESTS

- 1982: His first wicket in Tests was Pakistan opening batsman Rizwan-uz-Zaman.
- 3/121 against Pakistan at Lahore.
- 1984: 5/42 against New Zealand at SSC.
- 3/128 against New Zealand at CCC.
- 1985: His best figures, 8/83 against Pakistan at Sialcot.
- 1986: 5/37 against Pakistan at CCC.
- 4/116 against Pakistan at PSS.
- 93 & 4/132 against India at Kanpur.
- 54 vs India at Nagpur.



TEST DEBUT
Pakistan at Karachi
March 05 - 10, 1982

LAST TEST
Australia at Hobart
December 16 - 20, 1989

ODI DEBUT
Pakistan at Karachi
March 12, 1982

Last ODI
Australia at Sharjah
May 02, 1990

FC MATCHES SPAN
1980/81 - 1989/90

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1981/82 - 1989/90

CAREER STATISTICS

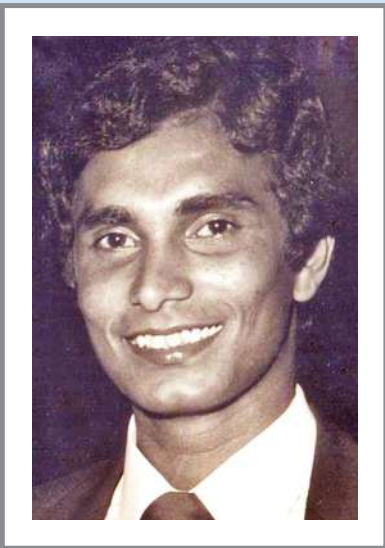
FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	22	78	71	88
BOWLING				
BALLS	3833	3573	9394	3988
RUNS	1972	2866	4891	3174
WKTS	56	85	133	95
BBI	8/83	4/23	8/83	4/23
BBM	8/108	4/23	-	4/23
AVE	35.21	33.71	36.77	33.41
BATTING				
INNS	38	69	103	75
NO	6	14	25	16
RUNS	807	824	2225	929
HS	93	50	107	51
AVE	25.21	14.98	28.52	15.74
50s	5	1	11	2
FIELDING				
CATCHES	1	14	18	15

- 1987: 5/85 against India at Cuttack.
- 1988: 4/98 against Australia at Perth.
- Top scored with 59* in the first innings against England at Lord's.
- 1989: Scored 56 against Austrlia at Brisbane.

- Top scored with 75 runs in Sri Lanka's second innings during his last Test match against Australia at Hobart.
- First Class**
1981: Debut for Sri Lanka Under 25 tour vs Tamilnadu for Gopalan trophy.

Anura Nandana Ranasinghe (1975 - 1982)

Created history in 1975 when he became the first schoolboy to play in a World Cup when he represented Sri Lanka in the inaugural World Cup in England. As an allrounder Anura was renowned for his fighting qualities, where he had rescued Sri Lanka many times. In 1982, he played a brilliant 77 against India in one off Test before undertaking the illegal tour to South Africa, which ended his cricket career at the age of 26.



TEST DEBUT
Pakistan at Faisalabad
March 14 - 19, 1982
LAST TEST
India at Chennai
September 17 - 22, 1982

ODI DEBUT
West Indies at Manchester
June 07, 1975
Last ODI
India at Delhi
September 15, 1982

FC MATCHES SPAN
1974/75 - 1989/90
LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1974/75 - 1982/83

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	2	9	43	24
BATTING				
INNS	4	8	76	21
NO	0	1	6	2
RUNS	88	153	1664	417
HS	77	51	77	100
AVE	22.00	21.85	23.77	21.94
100s/50s	0/1	0/1	0/13	1/2
BOWLING				
BALLS	114	324	3320	976
RUNS	69	281	1663	744
WKTS	1	2	39	15
BBI	1/23	1/21	5/65	4/50
FIELDING				
CATCHES	0	0	26	3

■ Scored a match saving 77 runs against India at Chepauk Stadium, India.

First Class

1975: Represented Sri Lanka as a schoolboy and scored match saving 21* against West Indies in a three day match at CCC.

■ Scored 66 and took 3/54 against North Zone, India at New Delhi.

1976: Scored 59 & 70 for SLBP XI against Pakistan in a three day game at Asgiriya.

1978: A hatrick against Bangladesh in an unofficial Test played in Bangladesh.

1981: During Sri Lanka's tour of

England he scored 379 runs and 22 wickets in twelve matches .

List A

1981: Scored a fighting 61 against

■ Anura won the Schoolboy Cricketer Award in 1974 and 1975.

■ Won the Batsman of the Year Trophy in 1979.

■ Scored a 100 against South Africa in a 55 over game at Port Elizabeth in 1982.

Australia in a 45 over game at SSC.

■ 4/50 & 22 against Essex at Chelmsford.

■ 3/15 against Netherlands at Haarlem.

DATE OF BIRTH	October 13, 1956
BIRTH PLACE	Kalutara
EDUCATION	Nalanda College, Colombo
CLUB	Bloomfield C & AC, BRC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Left arm Medium/Slow Orthodox
PLAYING ROLE	Allrounder
NICK NAME	Rane
DIED	November 09, 1998, Colombo

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

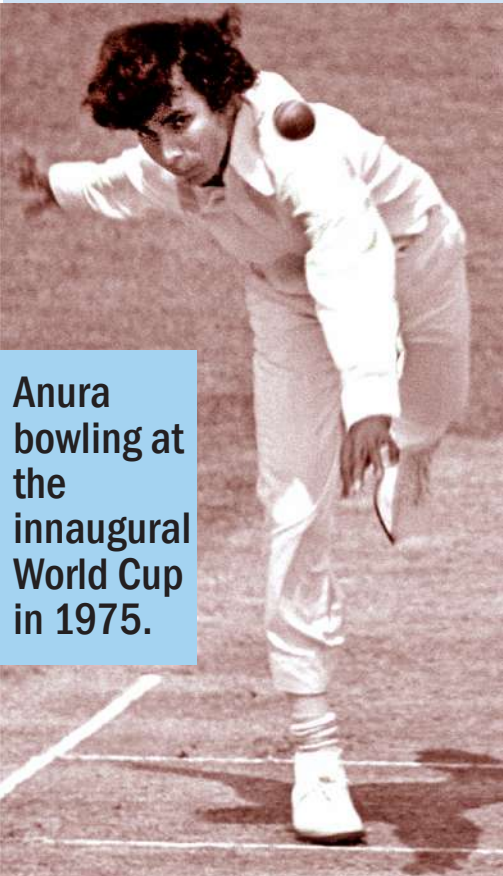
ODIs

1975: Represented Sri Lanka at the innaugural World Cup in England.

1982: Top scored for Sri Lanka with 51 against England at SSC Grounds.

TESTS

1982: His first and only wicket in Tests was Pakistan batsman Ashraf Ali at Faisalabad.



Anura bowling at the innaugural World Cup in 1975.



Schoolboy Anura (without any head gear) facing West Indies fast bowler Andy Roberts, hooks for a four during a three day match at CCC in 1975.

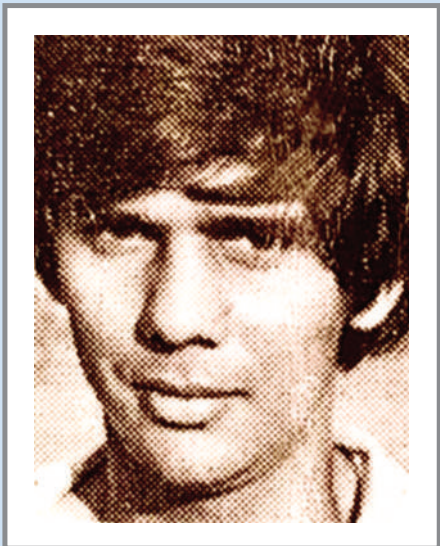
Under 19

1975: Sri Lanka U19 won the Ali Bhutto Trophy under Anura's captaincy over Pakistan U19 led by Javed Miandad. This was the first ever trophy won by Sri Lanka at international level in cricket.

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Rohan Stanley Amarasiriwardene Jayasekera (1979 - 1982)

Jayasekera was a member of the 1979 World Cup squad in England. He played for Sri Lanka in the ICC Trophy tournament as a wicket keeper. Later, he moved to Canada representing them in four matches at the 1986 ICC Trophy in England.



Rohan Jayasekera

DATE OF BIRTH	December 07, 1957
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Royal College, Colombo
CLUB	Tamil Union
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
PLAYING ROLE	Batsman / Wicket keeper
NICK NAME	Rohan

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

1982: Made his debut as the wicket keeper and No: 3 batsman against England at SSC.

■ Played his second and last ODI against Pakistan at Karachi.

TESTS

1982: Played his only Test at Lahore. He was bowled by Imran Khan in both innings.

First Class

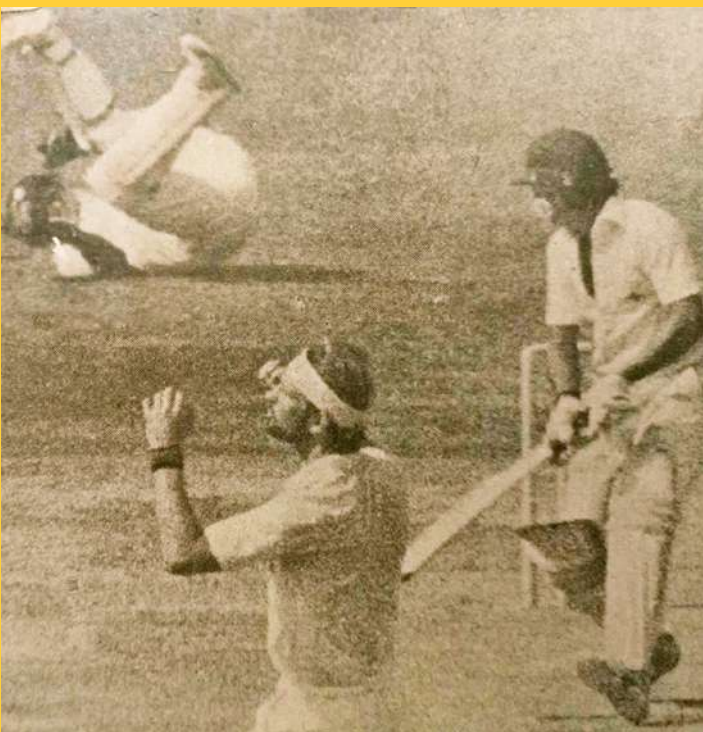
1979: He scored 37 & 79* against Worcestershire at Worcester in a three day match.

■ Scored 32 & 55 vs Glamorgan at Swansea in a three day match.

List A

1979: Scored 27 vs West Indies at Galle.

1982: He played for SLBP XI against England and scored 52 runs in the second innings of a three day match at Agiriya.



Rohan Jayasekera edges one past wicketkeeper Richards off Paul Allot during the ODI against England at SSC in 1982.



Rohan moved to Canada, representing them in four matches at the 1986 ICC Trophy. He 41 not out against Fiji.

ONLY TEST
Pakistan at Lahore
March 22 - 27, 1982

ODI DEBUT
England at Colombo (SSC)
February 13, 1982

Last ODI
Pakistan at Karachi
March 12, 1982

FC MATCHES SPAN
1979 - 1981/82

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1978/79 - 1981/82

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	1	2	8	4
BATTING				
INNS	2	1	13	2
NO	0	0	1	0
RUNS	2	17	356	44
HS	2	17	79*	27
AVE	1.00	17.00	29.66	22.00
100s/50s	0/0	0/0	0/3	0/0
BOWLING				
BALLS	-	-	18	-
RUNS	-	-	8	-
WKTS	-	-	0	-
BBI	-	-	-	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES/ST	0	0	6/2	1/1

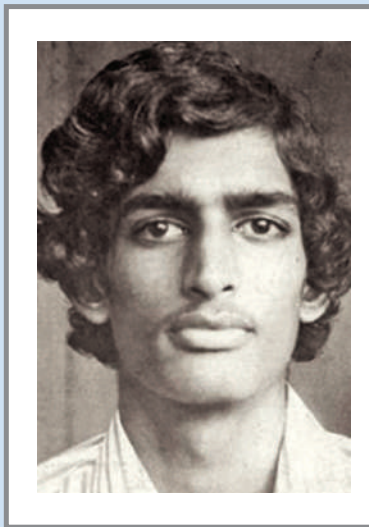


Rohan Jayasekera toured England as a reserve wicket keeper (standing far right) with the 1979 World Cup squad and played few first class matches and one ICC trophy match.

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Roger Gerard Christopher Ediriweera Wijesuriya (1979 - 1985)

Wijesuriya was one of the three school boys who toured England with the 1979 World Cup squad. He was a slow left arm leg spin bowler who played four Tests and eight ODIs. After retirement he served as a Junior coach for Sri Lanka cricket.



Roger Wijesuriya

First Class

1979: He took 3/60 against Kent in a three day game at Canterbury.
■ 3/13 against Scotland in a two day game played at Glasgow.

1981: 5/35 against Combined Universities in a three day game played at Oxford.

■ 3/51 against Lancashire in a three day match at Old Trafford.

■ 3/49 against

Hampshire in a three day match at Bournemouth.

■ During Sri Lanka's tour of England in June - Aug, 1981, he took 15 wickets in five games.

List A

1979: As a school boy he represented Sri Lanka against West Indies in a 35 over game and took the wicket of Larry Gomes.

1981: 3/13 against Netherlands at Haarlem.

TEST DEBUT
Pakistan at Lahore
March 22 - 27, 1982

LAST TEST
Pakistan at Karachi
November 07 - 11, 1985

ODI DEBUT
Pakistan at Karachi
March 12, 1982

Last ODI
Pakistan at Hyderabad
November 03, 1985

FC MATCHES SPAN
1978/79 - 1993/94

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1978/79 - 1993/94

DATE OF BIRTH	February 18, 1960
BIRTH PLACE	Moratuwa
EDUCATION	St Sebastian's College, Moratuwa
CLUB	SSC / Colts CC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Slow Left arm Orthodox
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler
NICKNAME	'Roger'

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

1979: Member of the World Cup squad in England.

1982: Top scored for Sri Lanka with 51 against England at SSC Grounds.

TESTS

1982: His first and only wicket in Tests was Pakistan batsman Ashraf Ali at Faisalabad.

UNDER-19

1979: Outstanding allround performance by Wijesuriya against Pakistan U19 in a three day match at PSS. He took a match bag of 9 wickets (4/62 & 5/68) and scored 82 runs for SL U19.

■ 5/36 & 5/56 against Pakistan U19 in the second three day match played at CCC, Colombo.

■ 4/14 against Pakistan U19 in a 40 over match at PSS, Colombo.

■ He took 25 wickets in this series against Pakistan U19.

ICC Trophy -1979



Three school boy cricketers - Ranjan Madugalle, Roger Wijesuriya (middle) and Sudath Pasqual were included in the squad which won the inaugural ICC Trophy held in England in 1979.

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT MATCHES	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
BOWLING				
BALLS	586	312	7014	931
RUNS	294	287	2758	683
WKTS	1	8	107	32
BBI	1/68	2/25	6/51	5/21
BBM	1/77	2/25	-	5/21
BATTING				
INNS	7	3	47	9
NO	2	2	17	6
RUNS	22	18	486	64
HS	8	12*	77*	24*
AVE	4.40	18.00	16.20	21.33
FIELDING				
CATCHES	1	2	27	5

UNDER-19 COACH

Roger Wijesuriya was with Sri Lanka Cricket as a coach for ten years and was the Under-19 coach for two Youth World Cups in 2008 and 2016. Sri Lanka Youth team reached the semi final in 2016.



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Rumesh Joseph Ratnayake (1982 - 1993)



The wiry Rumesh pacer could swing it both ways and at a decent pace. He played a key role in Sri Lanka's first ever Test victory against India in 1985. Unfortunately, his career was hampered by injuries. After retirement he took up coaching.

DATE OF BIRTH	January 02, 1964
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	St. Peter's College, Colombo
CLUB	NCC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Fast medium
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler



ODIs

- 1983: 3/30 vs New Zealand at Dunedin.
- 1985: 3/40 vs New Zealand at Melbourne.
- 3/51 vs Pakistan at Gujranwala.
- 1990: 3/44 vs Australia at Melbourne.
- 3/51 vs Pakistan at Sharjah.
- 3/24 vs India at Cuttack.

Sri Lanka registered it's first Test vicory at PSS, Colombo in 1985. Rumesh taking the last Indian wicket of skipper Kapil Dev.



TEST DEBUT
New Zealand at Christchurch
March 04 - 06, 1983
LAST TEST
Pakistan at Faisalabad
January 02 - 07, 1992

TESTS

- 1983: His first Test wicket was Bruce Edgar of New Zealand at Christchurch.
- 4/81 against New Zealand at Wellington.
- 1985: Scored 56 vs Pakistan at Faisalabad.
- 6/85 vs India at SSC.
- 4/76 & 5/49 vs India at PSS, Colombo.
- He took 20 wickets in three match Test series against India in Sri Lanka.
- 1986: 3/57 vs Pakistan at Asgiriya.
- 1989: 6/66 vs Australia at Horbart.
- 1990: 3/60 vs India at Chandigarh.
- 1991: 4/45 vs New Zealand at Wellington.
- 3/83 vs vs New Zealand at Auckland.
- 5/69 & 52 vs England at Lord's.

First Class

- 1982: 4/79 vs Zimbabwe in an unofficial Test at Bulawayo.

ODI DEBUT
India at Bengaluru
September 26, 1982
Last ODI
West Indies at PSS
December 01, 1993

FC MATCHES SPAN
1982/83 - 1998/99
LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1980/81 - 1999/00

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	23	70	59	95
BOWLING				
BALLS	4961	3575	9335	4777
RUNS	2563	2712	4844	3480
WKTS	73	76	177	106
BBI	6/66	5/32	6/57	5/32
BBM	9/125	5/32	-	5/32
5w	5	1	11	1
BATTING				
INNS	36	55	77	72
NO	6	18	15	22
RUNS	433	612	1078	769
HS	56	33*	86	33*
AVE	14.43	16.54	17.38	15.38
FIELDING				
CATCHES	9	11	20	12

- Scored 47 vs Zimbabwe in an unofficial Test at Harare.
- 1983: 4/101 vs Canterbury at Christchurch.
- 5/50 vs Auckland in Auckland.
- 4/49 vs Zimbabwe in an unofficial Test in Colombo.
- 1985: 5/124 vs Pakistan U23 at Asgiriya.

- 6/65 & 3/73 vs Pakistan U23 in Colombo.
- 1991: 68* vs Yorkshire at Leeds.
- 6/97 vs Gloucestershire at Bristol.

Under 19

1981: Toured England with the Sri Lanka Schools team under Navin de Silva.

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Vinothen Bede John Jeyarajasinham (1982 - 1993)

The stocky right-arm seamer opened the bowling for Sri Lanka in the eighties in Tests and ODIs. He was the first tamil national to play Test cricket for Sri Lanka. He retired after playing in the 1987 Cricket World Cup.



DATE OF BIRTH	May 27, 1960
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	St. Peter's College, Colombo
CLUB	NCC, Bloomfield C&AC, Moratuwa SC
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Fast medium
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler



Vinothen John bowling during the Prudential World Cup against England at Taunton in 1983



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

ODIs

1983: 3/28 vs New Zealand at Dunedin.
1985: 3/29 vs New Zealand at Melbourne.

TESTS

1983: Made his Test debut in Lancaster Park in New Zealand and had the scalps of Glenn Turner and Sir Richard Hadlee.

After retirement, Vinothen John served Sri Lanka cricket as a selector in both mens and womens cricket.

TEST DEBUT
New Zealand at Christchurch
March 04 - 06, 1983
LAST TEST
England at Lord's
August 23 - 28, 1984

ODI DEBUT
India at Amritsar
September 12, 1982
Last ODI
England at Pune
October 30, 1987

FC MATCHES SPAN
1981/82 - 1986/87
LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1982/83 - 1987/88

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	6	45	21	56
BOWLING				
BALLS	1281	2311	3603	2827
RUNS	614	1655	1875	1960
WKTS	28	34	74	43
BBi	5/60	3/28	6/58	3/22
BBM	8/159	3/28	-	3/22
5w	2	0	6	0
BATTING				
INNS	10	19	23	23
NO	5	10	9	13
RUNS	53	84	127	90
HS	27*	33*	86	33*
Ave	10.60	9.33	9.07	9.00
FIELDING				
CATCHES	2	5	4	6

■ 5/60 against New Zealand at Wellington.
1984: In the famous Lord's Test against England he captured 4 wickets for 98 runs. That was his last Test appearance.

First Class
1984: 3/64 against Nottinghamshire at Cleethorpes.

■ 6/58 against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham.
■ 5/50 against Kent at Canterbury.

List A
1982: 3/22 against Zimbabwe at Harare.
1983: 5/24 vs Australian Capital Territory in Canberra,

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Sridharan Jeganathan (1979 - 1988)

He was a leading left-arm spinner, played for Sri Lanka against many foreign teams during 1970s. Made his Test debut during the New Zealand tour in 1982-83. He also played in the 1987 Cricket World Cup. After retirement he served as the national coach for Malaysia. He was the first Sri Lankan Test cricketer to die.

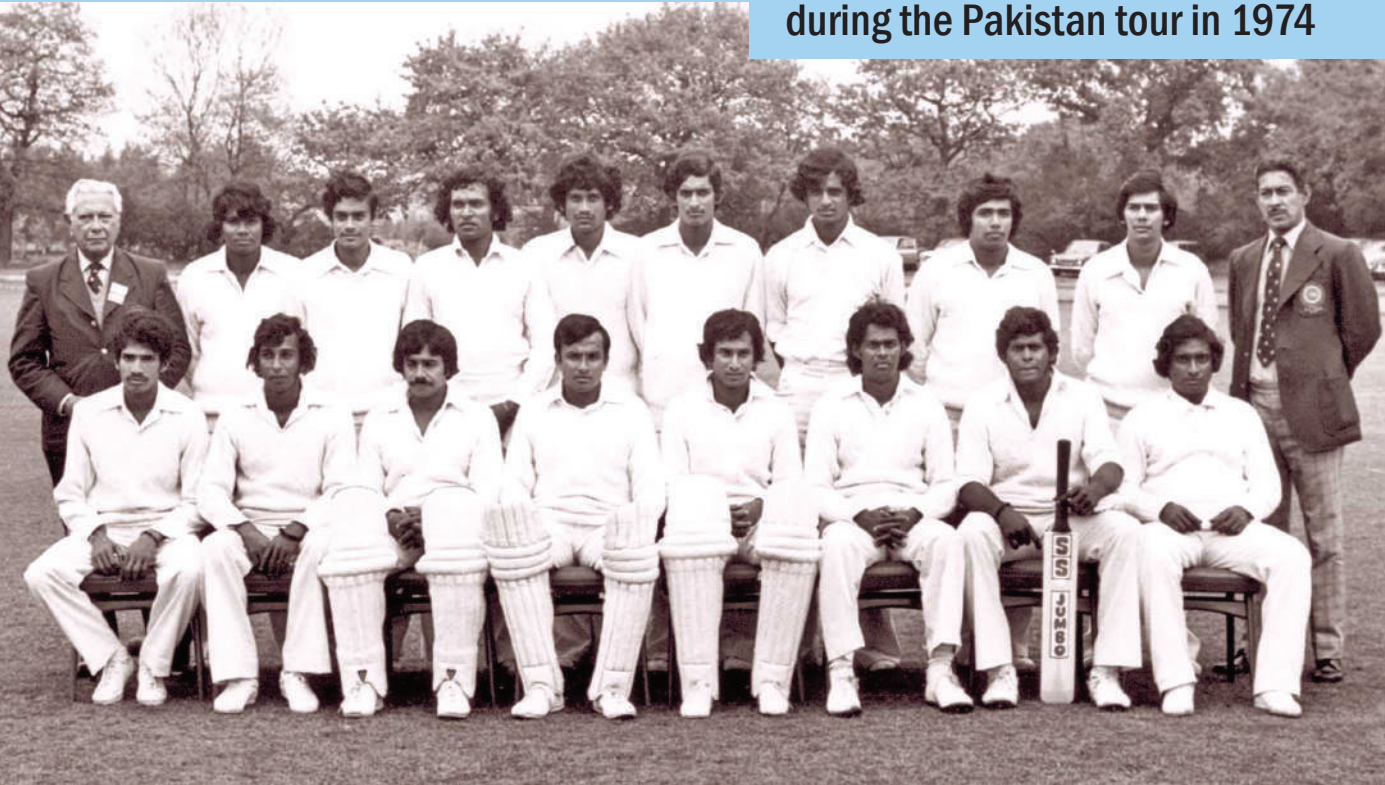
DATE OF BIRTH	July 11, 1951
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Wesley College, Colombo
CLUB	NCC
BOWLING STYLE	Slow Left arm Orthodox
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler
DEATH	May 14, 1996



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:



Sridharan, Ajith de Silva, Jayantha Seneviratne and Duleep Mendis during the Pakistan tour in 1974



Sridharan Jeganathan (seated second from left) toured England with the team which won the inaugural ICC Trophy in 1979.

TEST DEBUT
New Zealand at Christchurch
March 04 - 06, 1983
LAST TEST
New Zealand at Wellington
March 11 - 15, 1983

ODI DEBUT
New Zealand at Auckland
March 20, 1983
Last ODI
Australia vs Sri Lanka at Melbourne
January 14, 1988

FC MATCHES SPAN
1973/74 - 1987/88
LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1973/74 - 1989/90

ODIs

1987: 2/45 & 20* against England in a World Cup match at Pune.

TESTS

1983: Made his Test debut at Christchurch vs New Zealand but bowled only five overs with two maidens and 12 runs.

First Class

- 1974: 3/68 & 2/48 vs Pakistan U19 at Multan.
- 4/30 vs India in a threeday match at Kandy.
- 1979: 4/92 vs Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.
- 1982: 3/72 & 2/48 against Zimbabwe in an unofficial Test at Bulawayo.
- 3/74 against Zimbabwe in an unofficial Test at Harare.
- 1983: Scored 43 & 2/49 against Tamilnadu XI in a Gopalan Trophy match in Colombo.
- 2/58 against New South Wales at Sydney Cricket Ground.
- He top scored for Sri Lanka with 74 runs as a

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT MATCHES	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
	2	5	29	13
BOWLING				
BALLS	30	276	3742	630
RUNS	12	208	1549	465
WKTS	0	5	49	9
BBI	-	2/45	5/34	2/45
BBM	-	2/45	-	2/45
5w	0	0	1	0
BATTING				
INNS	4	4	38	13
NO	0	1	6	3
RUNS	19	25	437	109
HS	8	20*	74	36
AVE	4.75	8.33	13.65	13.62
FIELDING				
CATCHES	0	1	14	1

No: 9 batsman against Tasmania in a three day match at Devonport Oval.

List A

- 1979: 2/30 vs USA in an ICC Trophy match at Northampton.
- 1982: Scored 36 against Zimbabwe at Harare.
- 4/16 against Zimbabwe Select XI at Mutare.

Sridharan batting at SCG against New South Wales.



19 Mithra de Silva Wettimuny (1983)

Mithra was one of three Wettimuny brothers to represent Sri Lanka (all opening batsmen). He is well remembered for opening the batting for Sri Lanka with his brother Sidath in the 1983 Test series in New Zealand. Mithra played in two Test matches and one ODI.



DATE OF BIRTH	June11, 1951
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Ananda College, Colombo
CLUB	SSC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
PLAYING ROLE	Top order batsman
BROTHERS	Sunil Wettimuny (1975-1979) Sidath Wettimuny (1981 - 1986)
DEATH	May 14, 1996

TEST DEBUT
New Zealand at Christchurch
March 04 - 06, 1983

LAST TEST
New Zealand at Wellington
March 11 - 15, 1983

ONLY ODI
New Zealand at Dunedin
March 02, 1983

FC MATCHES SPAN
1982/83

LIST A MATCHES
SPAN
1980/81 - 1982/83

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Under 19

1969/70: He was the captain of the successful Ceylon Schools team which toured India. His team played five unofficial Test matches and won two and drew the rest. Out of the five zonal games the schools team won four and came very close of winning the fifth match.

- 5/30 vs India schools in an unofficial Test at Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai.
- Scored 102 & 3/62 vs India Schools in an



unofficial Test at Eden Gardens, Calcutta.

- 4/13 & 6/51 vs West Zone Schools in a three-day match at Nehru Stadium, Poonai.
- Scored 75 vs North Zone Schools in a three-day match at Amritsar.



Ceylon Schools team 1969/70

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT MATCHES	TEST 2	ODI 1	FC 9	LIST A 3
BATTING				
INNS	4	1	15	3
NO	0	0	0	0
RUNS	28	2	55	46
HS	17	2	74	36
AVE	7.00	2.00	17.86	16.33
BOWLING				
BALLS	-	-	-	30
RUNS	-	-	-	28
WKTS	-	-	2	0
BBi	-	-	2/51	-
BBM	-	-	2/51	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES	2	0	7	0

ODIs

1983: Played his only ODI against New Zealand at Dunedin, scoring only two runs.

First Class

1982: Scored 55 vs Zimbabwe in an unofficial Test at Bulawayo.

■ Scored 38 vs Zimbabwe in an unofficial Test at Harare.

1983: 2/51 vs Victoria at Melbourne.

■ Scored 31 & 24 vs Tasmania at Devonport.

TESTs

1983: Mithra opened batting for Sri Lanka with younger brother Sidath and put on a 49 runs partnership against New Zealand at Christchurch. They were the third pair of brothers to have opened in a Test match after EM & WG Grace (England) in 1880, and Hanif & Sadiq Mohammed (Pakistan) in 1969.

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Ellekutige Rufus Nemesion Susil Fernando (1983 - 84)

Squadron Leader Susil Fernando was the first Test Cricketer to be produced by the SLAF. He was an opening batsman who played in five Test matches and seven One Day Internationals between 1983 - 1984. Following the end of his cricketing career, Fernando migrated to Australia.



TEST DEBUT
New Zealand at Christchurch
March 04 - 06, 1983

LAST TEST
New Zealand at Colombo (SSC)
March 16 - 21, 1984

ODI DEBUT
New Zealand at Dunedin
March 02, 1983

LAST ODI
Australia at Colombo (SSC)
April 30, 1983

FC MATCHES SPAN
1982/83 - 1989/90

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1975/76 - 1982/83

DATE OF BIRTH	December 19, 1955
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa
CLUB	SLAF / Bloomfield C & AC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
PLAYING ROLE	Top order batsman

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

First Class
1982: Scored 72 vs Tasmania in a three-day match at Devonport Oval.
1983: Scored 27 against Auckland at Eden Park, Auckland.
1984: Scored 30 runs against New Zealand in a three-day match at Galle.

TESTs
1983: First ball duck (0) and 46 runs in his debut match against New Zealand at Christchurch.
1984: Scored 29 against New Zealand at Asgiriya.

ODIs
1983: After scoring two ducks in his first two ODIs he top scored for Sri Lanka with 36 runs against New Zealand at Auckland.

CAREER STATISTICS				
FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	5	7	21	9
BATTING				
INNS	10	5	32	7
NO	0	0	0	0
RUNS	112	101	963	111
HS	46	36	110	36
AVE	11.20	20.20	30.09	15.85
BOWLING				
BALLS	-	-	-	-
RUNS	-	-	-	-
WKTS	-	-	-	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES	0	0	8	1

- Scored 34 runs and put on a 101 runs partnership for the first wicket with Sidath Wettimuny against Australia at Colombo (PSS).
- Scored 31 runs and put on a 71 runs partnership for the first wicket with Sidath Wettimuny vs Australia at Colombo (PSS).



Susil Fernando (standing far right) was a member of 1983 World Cup squad which toured in England.

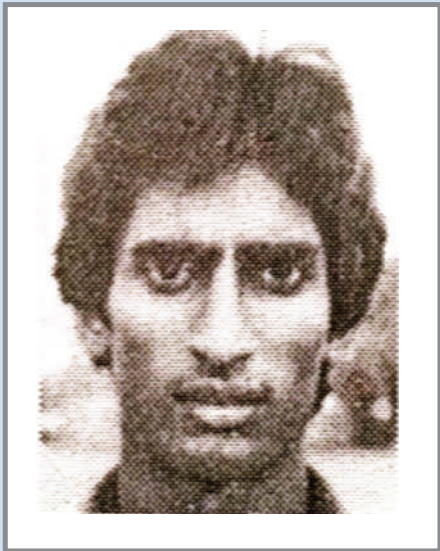


Jeremy Coney (NZ) caught by Susil Fernando at 1983 WC.

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Yohan Goonasekera (1981 - 83)

Yohan Goonasekera was a left hand batsman played in two Test matches and three ODIs in New Zealand in 1983. Yohan's notable achievement was taking four catches in the first innings of the second Test at Wellington, a record effort by a Sri Lankan. He also toured England in 1981.



TEST DEBUT
New Zealand at Christchurch
March 04 - 06, 1983

LAST TEST
New Zealand at Wellington
March 11 - 15, 1983

ODI DEBUT
New Zealand at Dunedin
March 02, 1983

LAST ODI
Australia at at Auckland
March 20, 1983

FC MATCHES SPAN
1980/81 - 1986/87

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1978/79 - 1982/83

DATE OF BIRTH	November 08, 1957
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Nalanda College, Colombo
CLUB	NCC
BATTING STYLE	Left hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Left arm Medium / Slow Left arm Orthodox
PLAYING ROLE	Batsman / Allrounder

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Under 19

1976: He achieved the best bowling figures in the Battle of the Maroons Series, when he took 8/32 against Ananda College.

■ Toured Pakistan with Sri Lanka Under 19 team led by Anura Ranasinghe.

■ Scored 74* against Sindh U19 at Mirpur.

■ Scored 26 against Pakistan U19 in unofficial Test at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore.

First Class

1981: Scored 45 & 79* for Sri Lanka U25 against Tamil Nadu at Mahatma Gandhi Stadium, Salem in a Gopalan Trophy match.

■ Toured England with Sri Lanka team led by Bandula Warnapura. Sri Lanka gained 'Test Status' during this tour.

■ Scored 56 against



Worcestershire at Edgbaston.

TESTs

1983: Scored 23 and held four catches in the first innings against New Zealand at Christchurch.



ODIs

1983: Scored 23 runs against New Zealand at Dunedin.

■ Scored 35 & 1/24 against New Zealand at Auckland.

■ Scored 23 against

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	2	3	12	6
BATTING				
INNS	4	3	17	5
NO	0	0	2	0
RUNS	48	69	445	98
HS	23	35	79*	35
50s	0	0	3	0
AVE	12.00	23.00	29.66	19.60
BOWLING				
BALLS	-	36	210	36
RUNS	-	35	98	35
WKTS	-	1	3	1
BBI		1/24	2/36	1/24
FIELDING				
CATCHES	6	0	12	1

Warwickshire at Worcester.

■ Scored 44 against Hampshire at Bournemouth.

■ Scored 23 against Glamorgan at Cardiff.

■ Scored 63 against Minor Counties at Reading.

1983: Scored 23 & 1/20 against Victoria at

Melbourne.

■ Scored 27 & 1/17 against Tasmania at Devonport Oval.

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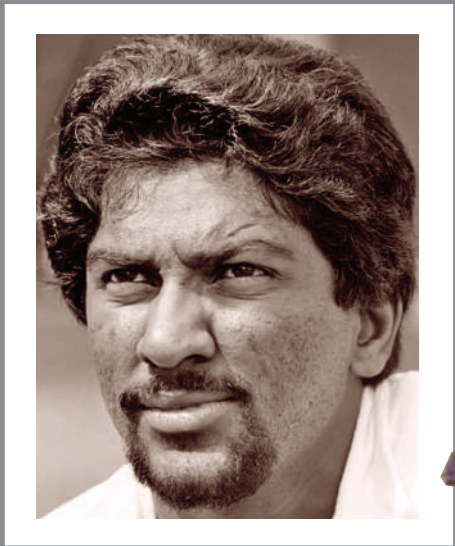
1979: Scored 28 runs against West Indies in a 45 over match at Galle.

1981: Played in a 45 over match vs Australia at Moratuwa, didn't bat.

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Ronald Guy De Alwis (1981 - 90)

Standing six foot tall, de Alwis was a wicketkeeper and a lower-order batsman played for Sri Lanka during the infancy years when the country was fighting to find its feet as a Test nation. After retirement he served as a selector and coach of the Sri Lanka women's team.



DATE OF BIRTH	February 15, 1959
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia
CLUB	SSC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
FIELDING POSITION	Wicketkeeper
PLAYING ROLE	Wicketkeeper batsman
DEATH	January 12, 2013



Guy de Alwis sweeps during his innings of 58* in the Prudential World Cup match against England at Taunton in 1983.

TEST DEBUT
New Zealand at Christchurch
March 04 - 06, 1983

LAST TEST
Australia at Perth
February 12 - 15, 1988

ODI DEBUT
New Zealand at Dunedin
March 02, 1983

LAST ODI
New Zealand at Sharjah
March 31, 1988

FC MATCHES SPAN
1982/83 - 1989/90

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1982/83 - 1988/89

Handwritten signature of Guy de Alwis

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

TESTs

1984: Scored 28 against New Zealand at CCC Colombo.

ODIs

1983: He became the Player of the match after taking five catches behind the wickets against Australia at Colombo (PSS).

■ De Alwis topped Sri Lanka's batting averages in the 1983 World Cup with 167 runs at 55.66 average.

■ Scored 59* vs Pakistan at Swansea during the World Cup.

■ Scored 58* vs England at Taunton.

■ Took five catches behind the wickets vs Australia at PSS Colombo.

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	11	31	37	39
BATTING				
INNS	19	27	50	34
NO	0	8	4	10
RUNS	152	401	673	498
HS	28	59*	74	59*
AVE	8.00	21.10	14.63	20.75
50s	0	2	1	2
FIELDING				
CATCHES	21	27	69	37
STUMPINGS	2	3	6	5

1988: Scored 44 against Australia at Perth.

■ Scored 32 vs New Zealand at Sydney.

First Class

1983: Toured Zimbabwe with Sri Lanka team under Duleep Mendis.

■ Scored 40 runs vs Zimbabwe in an unofficial Test match at Bulawayo.

■ Toured Australia under Duleep Mendis. Scored 42 against New South Wales at Sydney.

■ Took three catches behind the stumps during

the first innings vs Canterbury at Christchurch during the New Zealand tour.

1984: Scored 74 against Nottinghamshire at Cleethorpes.

■ Scored 42 for SLBP XI vs England at CCC.

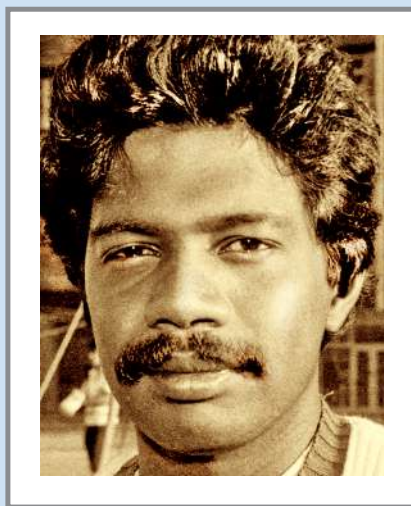
1985: Scored 38 for SLBP XI vs India at Moratuwa.
1988: Scored 30* vs Victoria at Melbourne.

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1983: Scored 49 against Victoria at Melbourne.

23 Sampathwaduge Amal Rohitha Silva (1981 - 90)

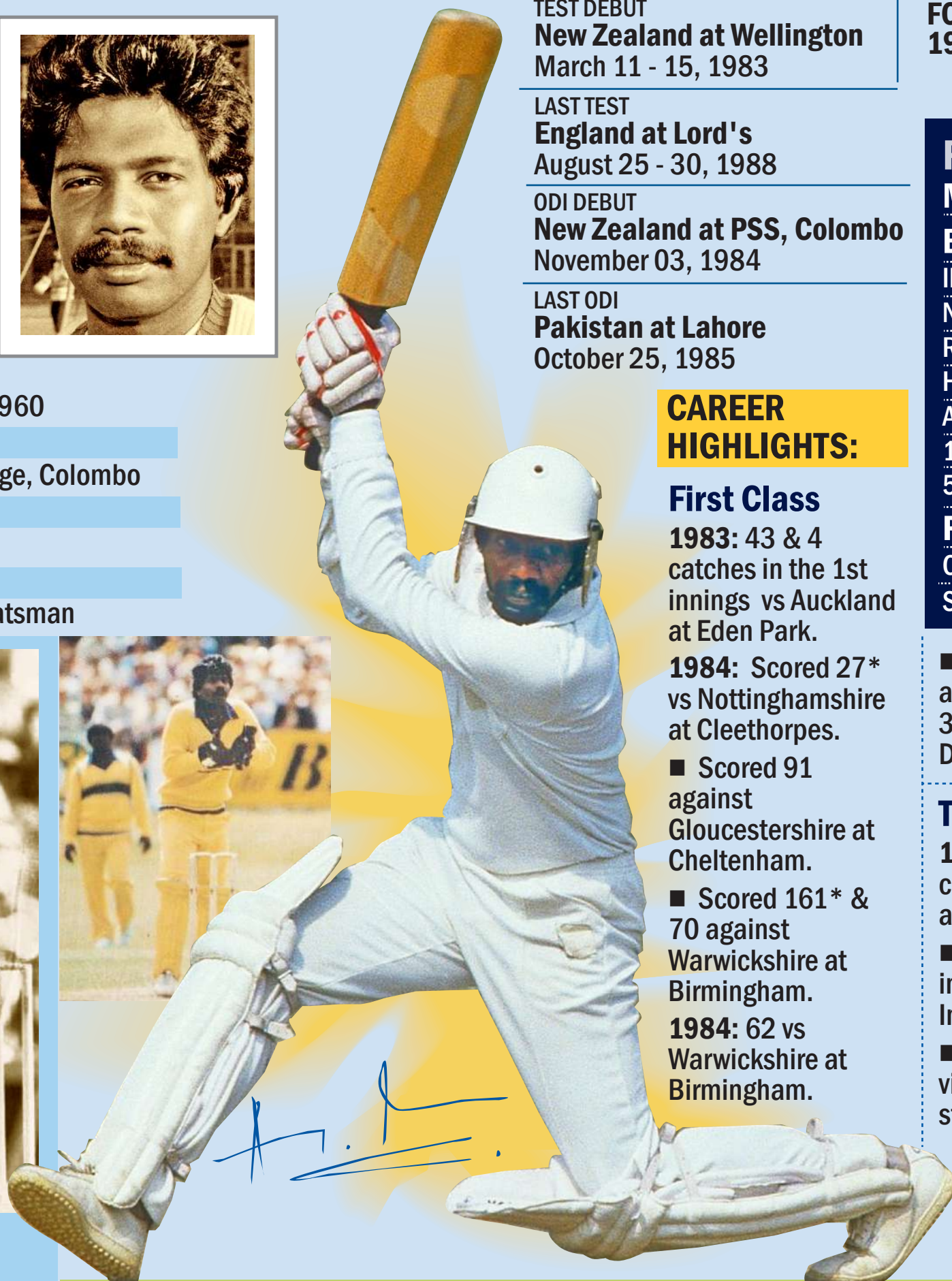
Amal Silva played in nine Test matches and 20 ODIs from 1983 to 1988. He was a left-handed wicketkeeper batsman and opened the batting for Sri Lanka. Silva was a major player in Sri Lanka's inaugural Test match victory, scoring 111 and taking 9 victims behind the stumps.



DATE OF BIRTH	December 12, 1960
BIRTH PLACE	Moratuwa
EDUCATION	ST. Peter's College, Colombo
CLUB	NCC
BATTING STYLE	Left hand Bat
FIELDING POSITION	Wicketkeeper
PLAYING ROLE	Wicketkeeper batsman



Amal Silva, Sri Lanka's top scorer, during his innings of 68 against Australia at SCG in 1985.



Amal Silva during his innings of 102* against England at Lord's in 1984.

TEST DEBUT
New Zealand at Wellington
March 11 - 15, 1983

LAST TEST
England at Lord's
August 25 - 30, 1988

ODI DEBUT
New Zealand at PSS, Colombo
November 03, 1984

LAST ODI
Pakistan at Lahore
October 25, 1985

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

First Class

1983: 43 & 4 catches in the 1st innings vs Auckland at Eden Park.

1984: Scored 27* vs Nottinghamshire at Cleethorpes.

■ Scored 91 against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham.

■ Scored 161* & 70 against Warwickshire at Birmingham.

1984: 62 vs Warwickshire at Birmingham.

FC MATCHES SPAN
1982/83 - 1995/96

LIST A MATCHES SPAN
1984/85 - 1993/94

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	9	20	60	28
BATTING				
INNS	16	20	93	27
NO	2	0	13	0
RUNS	353	441	2451	562
HS	111	85	161*	85
AVE	25.21	22.05	30.63	20.81
100s	2	0	5	0
50s	0	3	7	4
FIELDING				
CATCHES	33	17	106	21
STUMPINGS	1	3	10	4

■ 112 against Yorkshire at Headingley.
36 vs Derbyshire at Derby.

TESTs

1984: Scored 111 & 3 catches against England at Lord's.

■ Took 9 catches (6+3) in the first Test against India at SSC.

■ Scored 111 & 9 victims behind the stumps against India at PSS, Colombo. He captured 22 dismissals (21 cts + 1 st.), during the three match Test series in Sri Lanka.

■ Scored 35 & 3 catches vs Pakistan at Sialkot.

ODIs

1984: Scored 21 and 2 catches in his debut match against New Zealand at PSS, Colombo.

1985: Top scored with 68 against Australia at Sydney.

■ 21 & 3 catches vs West Indies at Brisbane.

■ 23 against Australia at Melbourne.

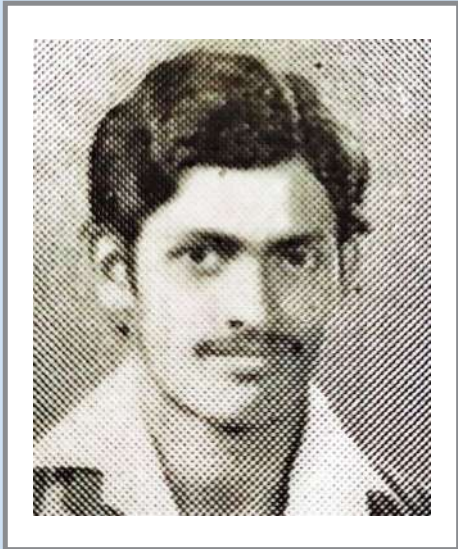
■ Top scored with 85 vs West Indies at Perth.

■ 36 against India at SSC.

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Roshan Punyajith Wijesinghe Guneratne (1983 - 89)

Roshan Gunaratne was a top class right-arm legspinner produced by Nalanda College, made his only appearance against Australians in the one-off Test at Kandy in 1983. He played division one domestic cricket for few years before leaving for the USA to join his mother and sister.



DATE OF BIRTH	January 26, 1962
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Nalanda College, Colombo.
CLUB	NCC / Nomads SC
BATTING STYLE	Right Hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right Arm Legbreak
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler
DEATH	July 21, 2005

R.P. Guneratne



ONLY TEST	FC MATCHES SPAN
Australia at Kandy	1982/83 - 1988/89
April 22 - 26, 1983	

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	1	0	13	0
BOWLING				
BALLS	102	-	1056	-
RUNS	84	-	599	-
WKTS	0	-	17	-
BBI	-	-	4/34	-
4W	0	-	1	-
AVE	-	-	35.23	-
BATTING				
INNS	2	-	17	-
NO	2	-	6	-
RUNS	0	-	95	-
HS	0*	-	29	-
AVE	-	-	8.63	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES	0	-	10	-

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Under 19

1981: Member of the Sri Lanka Schools Under 19 team which toured England under the captaincy of Navin de Silva.

1982: Captain of the Nalanda College, Colombo.

■ Nalanda won the knockout championship under his captaincy.

First Class

1983: He took 2/66 including the wickets of Kepler Wessels and Greg Chappel during the first innings of the three day match against Australia at Moratuwa.

TESTs

1983: Played his only Test against Australia at Asgiriya. His 17 overs cost him 84 runs without any success. He batted at No:11, unbeaten in both innings scoring zero.



Roshan Guneratne (standing third from left) toured England with the Sri Lanka Schools team in 1981.