

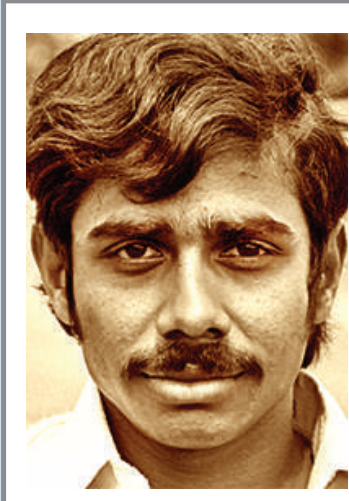
# BANDULA WARNAPURA (1975 - 1982)

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.



## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

### ODIs

**1975:** Played in the inaugural ODI against West Indies at the first World Cup in England.

■ Scored the first ever boundary for Sri Lanka.

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

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

■ Represented Sri Lanka in 1975 and 1979 ODI World Cups.

### First Class

**1973:** 154 vs Pakistan U25 at PSS, Colombo.

**1977:** 100\* against DH Robins' XI at PSS, Colombo.

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

### TESTS

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

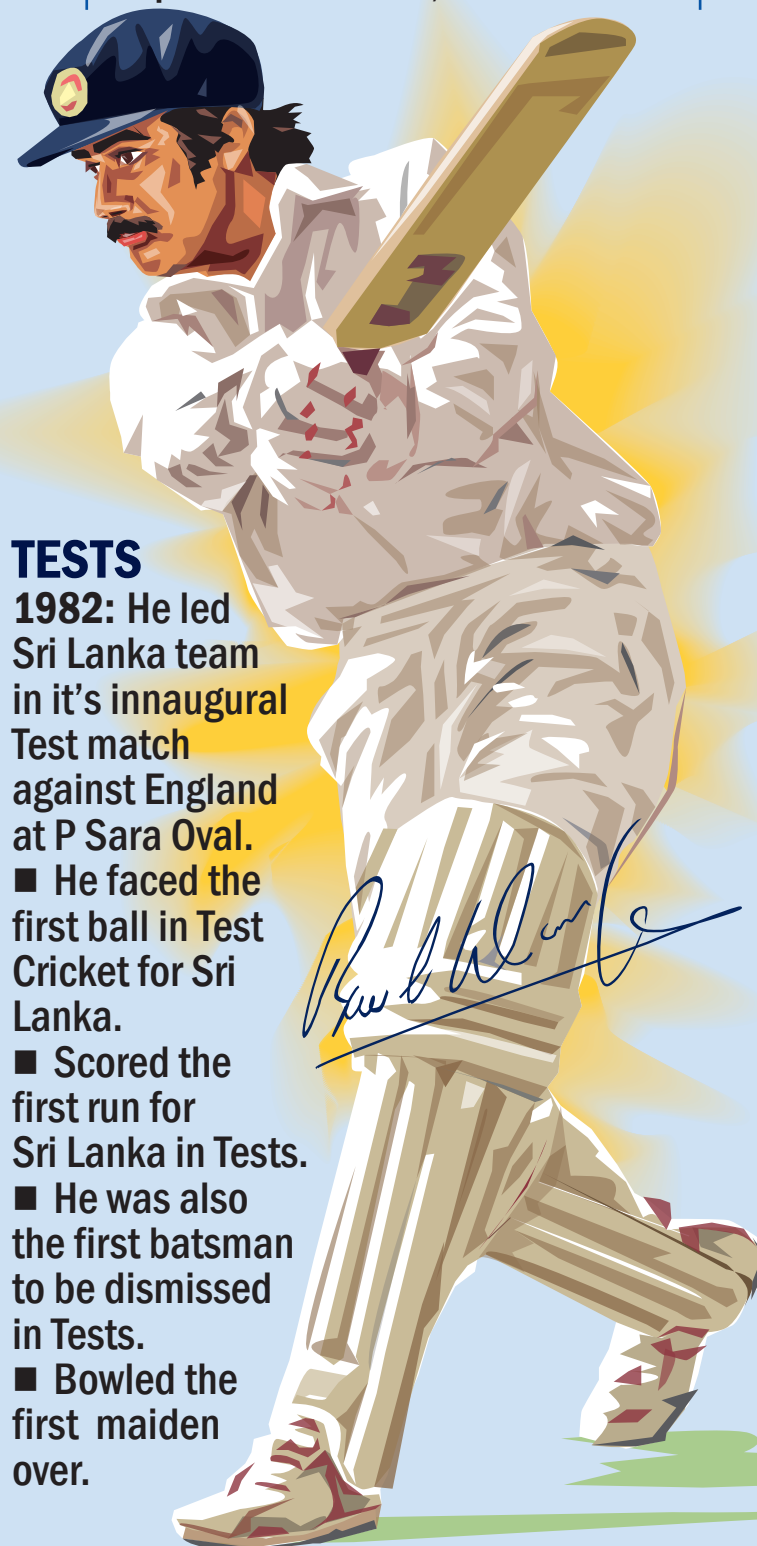
■ He faced the first ball in Test Cricket for Sri Lanka.

■ 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.*



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



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 HIGHLIGHTS:

#### First Class

**1981:** 89 vs Worcestershire at Worcester.

■ 95\* vs Leicestershire at Leicester.

■ 68 & 51\* vs Northamptonshire at Northampton.

■ 64 vs Essex at Chelmsford.

**1983:** 105 vs Auckland at Auckland.

**1984:** 123\* vs Gloucestershire at Cheltenham.

■ 73 vs Sussex at Brighton.

#### ODIs

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

### CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
<b>MATCHES</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>BATTING</b>				
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	-
<b>FIELDING</b>				
CATCHES	10	3	21	4

#### TESTS

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

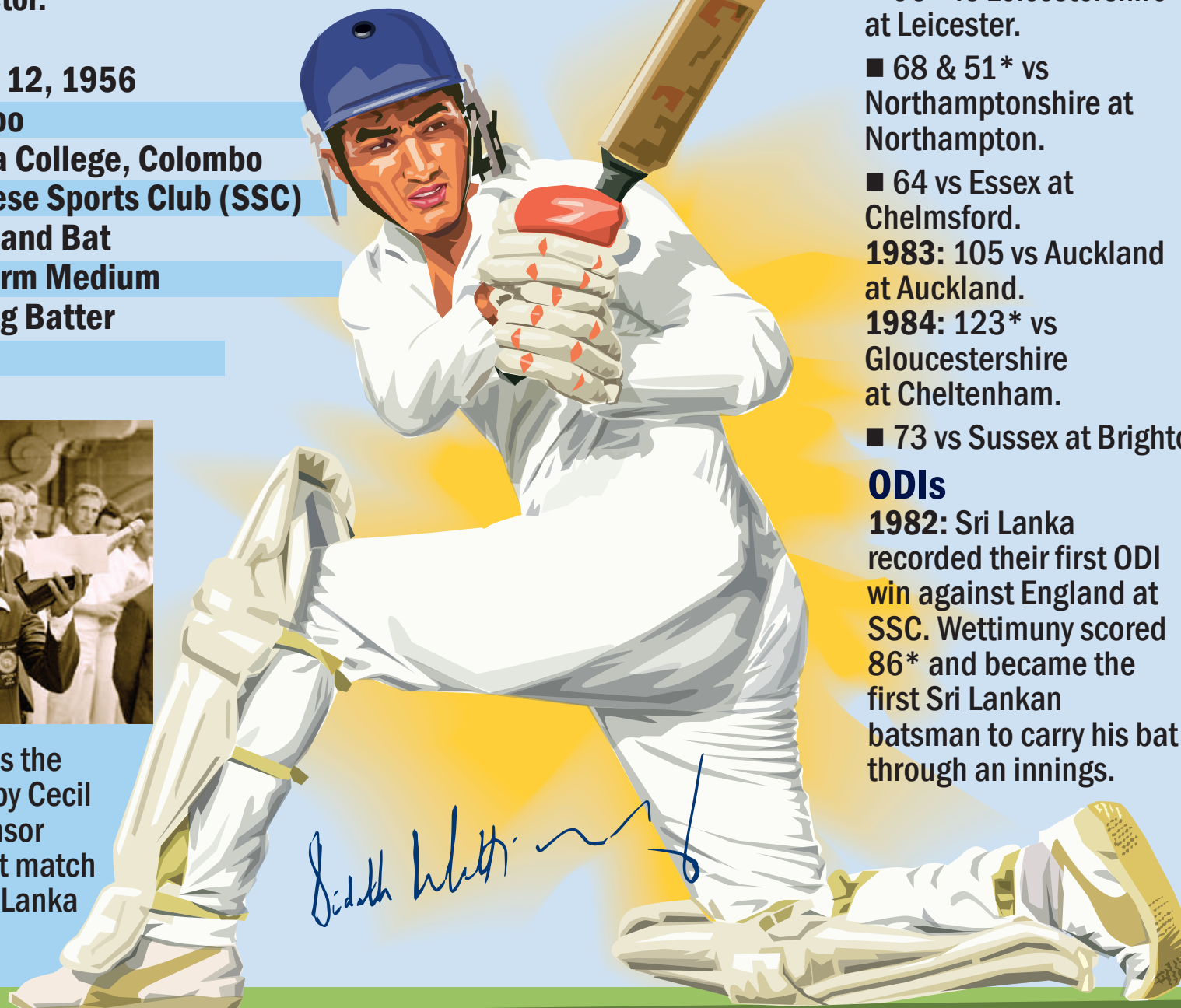
■ Scored the first Test century (157) for Sri Lanka against Pakistan at Faisalabad.

■ Made 63\* against New Zealand at Christchurch and

became the first Sri Lankan batsman to carry his bat through a Test innings.

**1984:** By scoring a marathon 190 (642 minutes) against England, he became the first Sri Lankan to score a hundred at Lord's.

**1985:** Honoured with the 'Wisden Cricketer of the Year'.



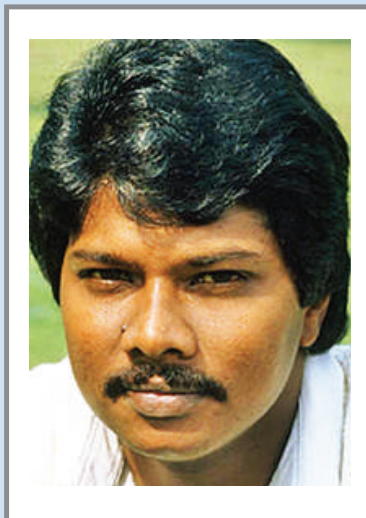


## Roy Luke Dias (1979 - 1987)

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.

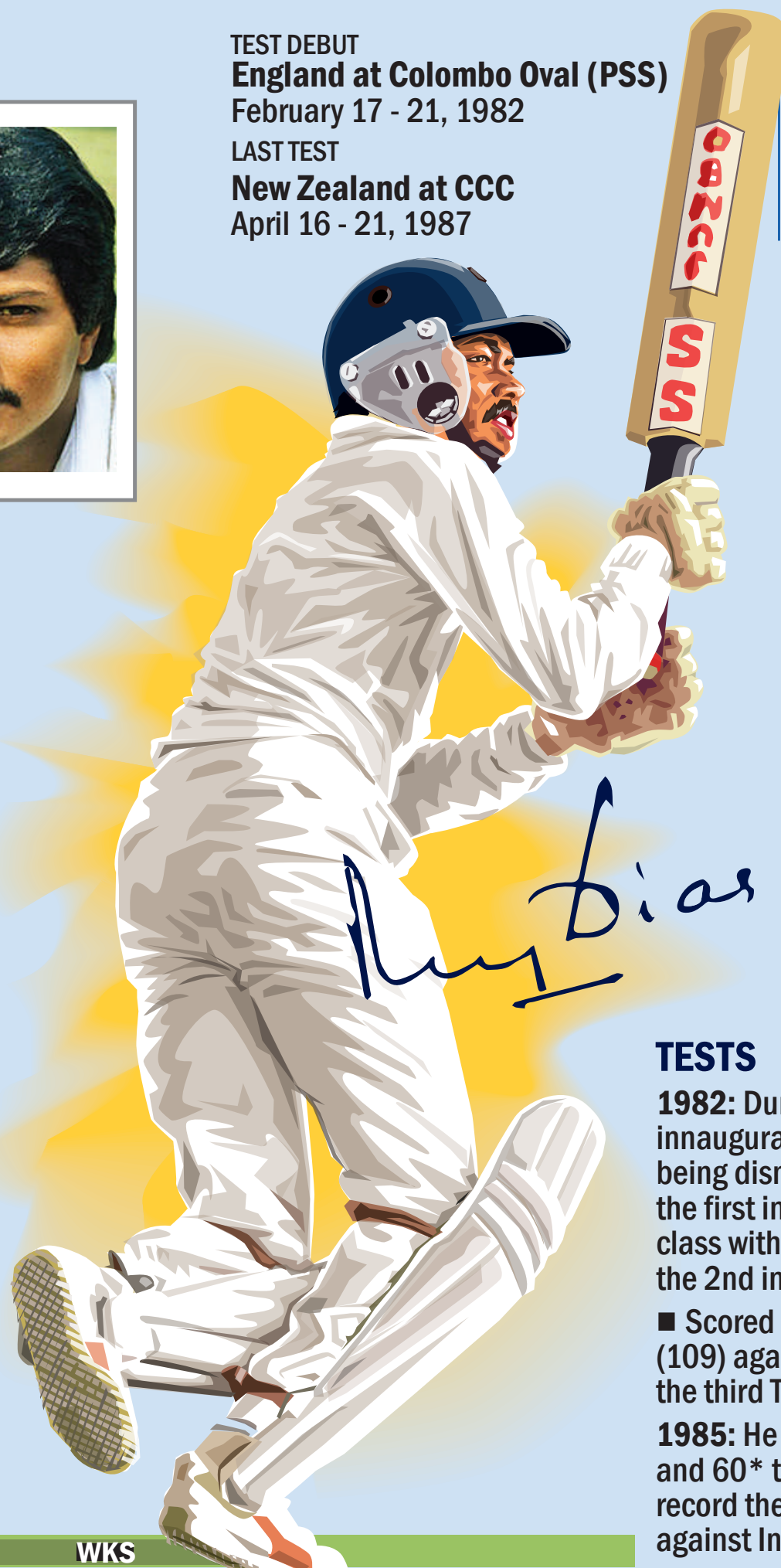
#### LIST OF TEST 100s

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.



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## 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.

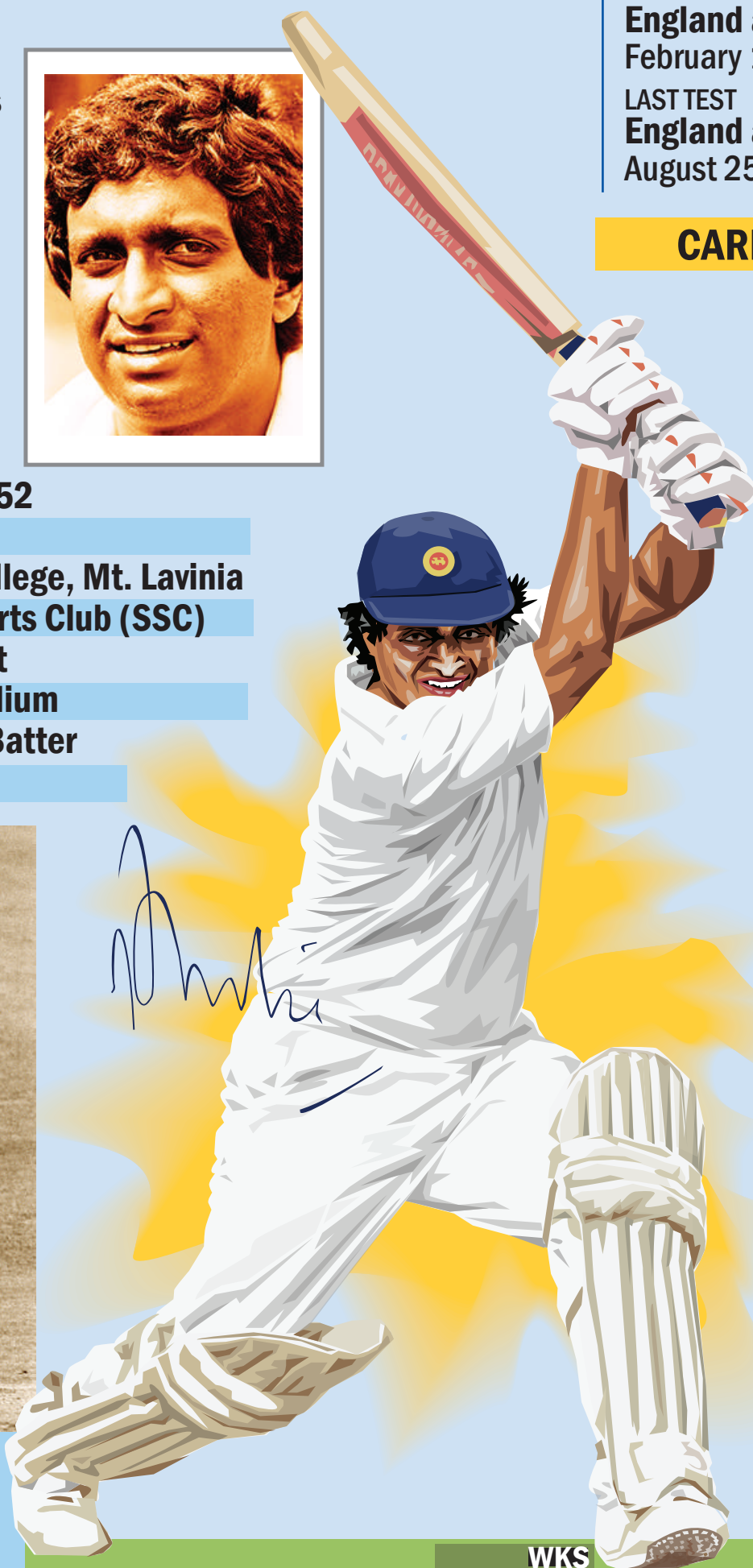
He led Sri Lanka for 19 Tests. After retirement he served SLC as an administrator and manager of the Sri Lanka team.



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



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**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:

#### ODIs

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
<b>MATCHES</b>	24	79	121	110
<b>BATTING</b>				
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
<b>BOWLING</b>				
BALLS	-	-	90	12
RUNS	-	-	52	7
WKTS	-	-	1	0
BBI	-	-	1/4	-
<b>FIELDING</b>				
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.

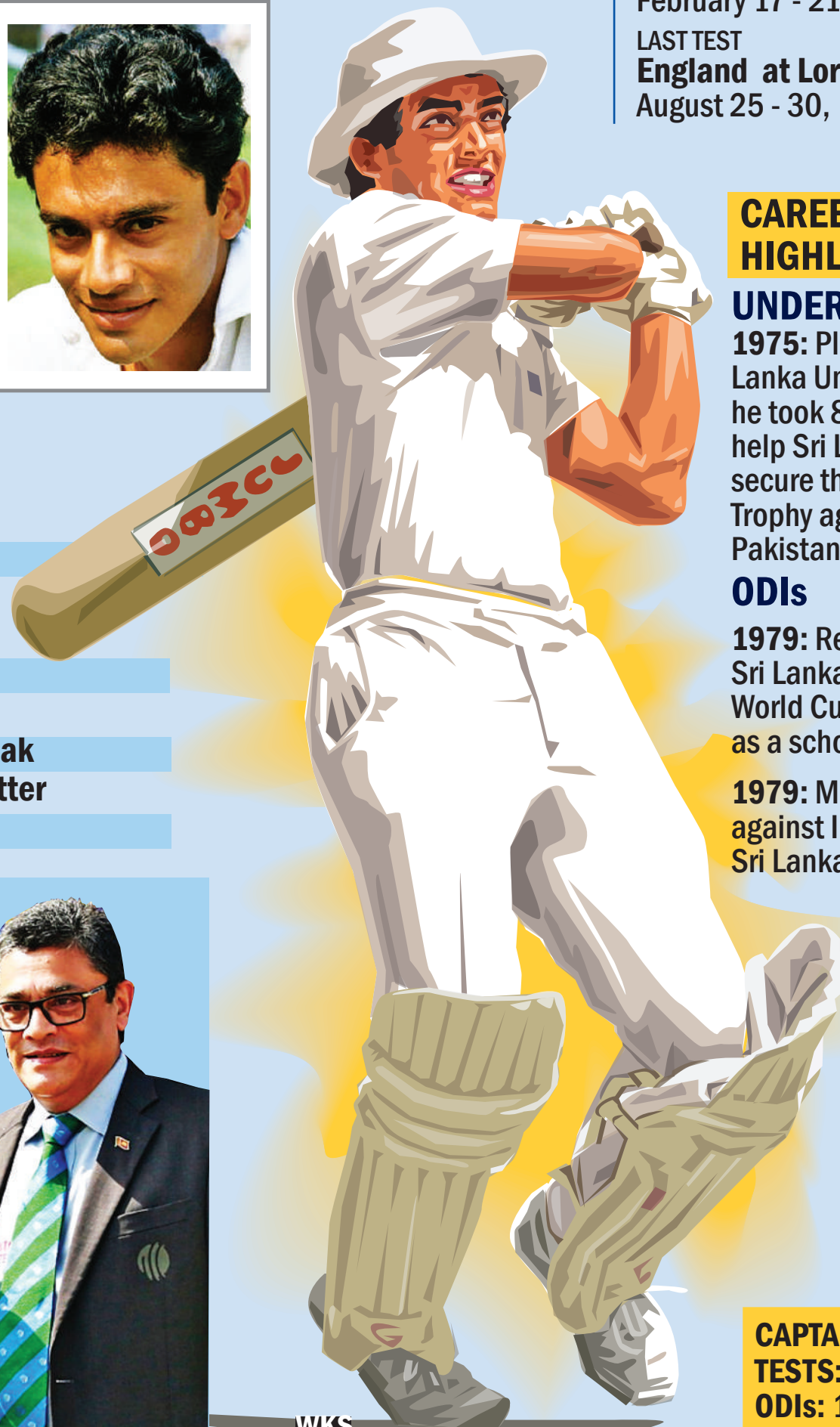


## 5 Ranjan Senerath Madugalle (1979 - 1988)

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**



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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**



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

### 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

**1995:** Led Sri Lanka to win Singer Champions Trophy in Sharjah.

**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

### 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

#### TESTS

**1982:** He scored the first Test half century for Sri Lanka in the first Test.

**1985:** Scored 111 against India at SSC.

**1995:** Led Sri Lanka to it's first ever overseas Test victory at Napier and overseas Test series win against New Zealand.

- Recorded second overseas Test series win against Pakistan.



Scoring the maiden Test half century for Sri Lanka.



# Dandeniya Somachandra de Silva (1975 - 1987)

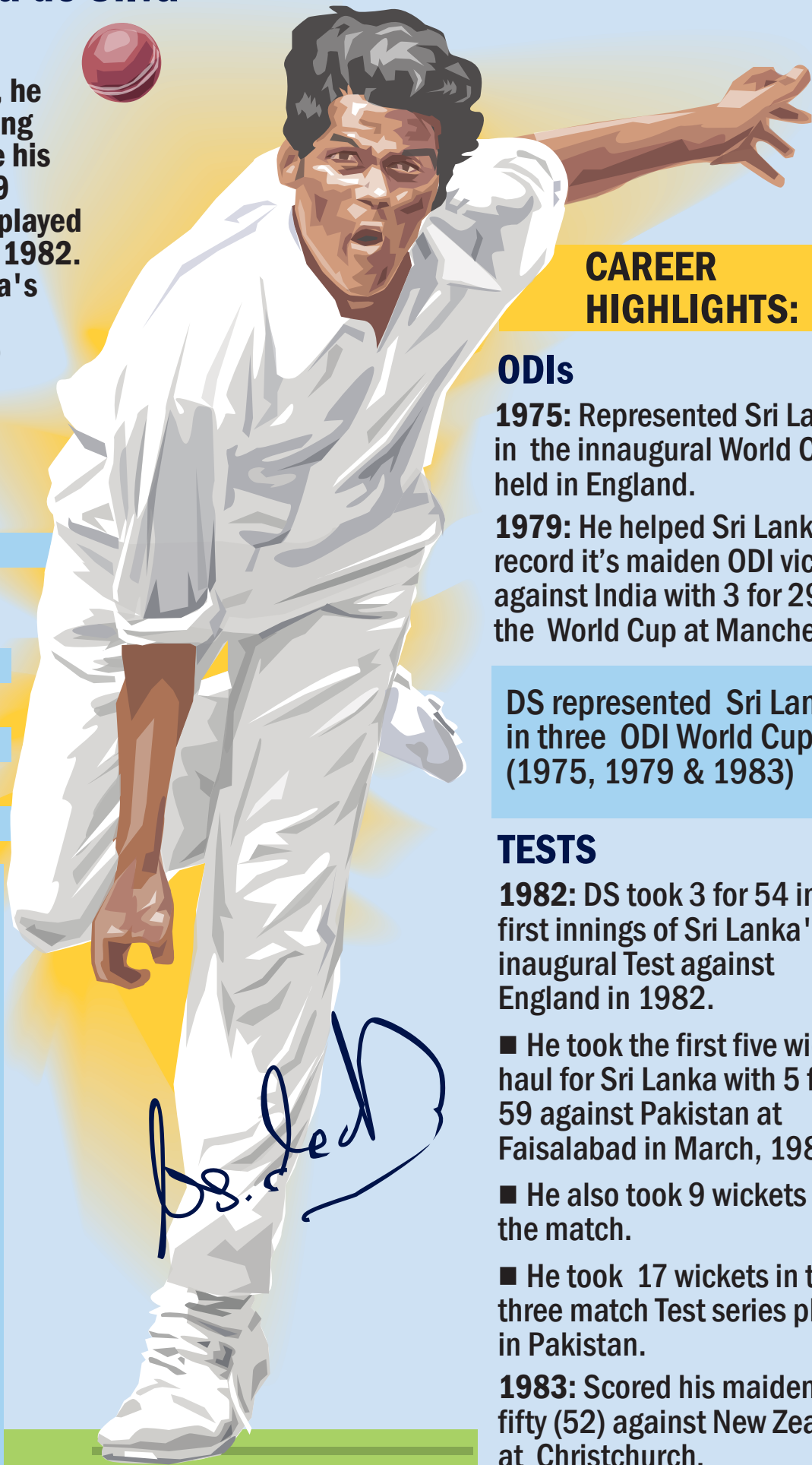


Known as DS De Silva, he played a key part during pre-Test era and made his debut at the age of 39 years when Sri Lanka played it's innaugural Test in 1982. He Played in Sri Lanka's first 12 Tests, before retiring at 42. DS also captained in two Test matches against New Zealand.

DATE OF BIRTH	June 11, 1942
BIRTH PLACE	Galle
SCHOOL	Prince of Wales College, Moratuwa
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.



## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

### ODIs

**1975:** Represented Sri Lanka in the innaugural 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.

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

### 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.
- 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.

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

Last TEST  
**England at Lord's**  
August 23 - 28, 1984

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

## 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
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
FIELDING				
CATCHES	5	5	35	8

### First Class

**1975:** 4/39 and 6 /117 vs West Indies in a three-day match played in Colombo.

■ 6/47 vs India (unofficial Test) at Ahmedabad.

**1979:** 5/57 &5/135 vs Sussex at Horsham.

■ 8/46 vs Oxford University at Guildford.

**1981:** 7/55 against

Lancashire in Manchester.

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

**1982:** 4/145 against Zimbabwe at Harare.

DS also played Minor Counties cricket for Lincolnshire and Shropshire in England (1976 -1983).



## 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	<b>May 09, 1959</b>
BIRTH PLACE	<b>Colombo</b>
SCHOOL	<b>Issipatana and Royal College, Colombo</b>
CLUB	<b>SSC</b>
BATTING STYLE	<b>Right hand Bat</b>
BOWLING STYLE	<b>Right arm medium fast</b>
PLAYING ROLE	<b>Opening bowler</b>

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

#### ODIs

**1983:** , He took two five-wicket-hauls during the World Cup in England. He was the first Sri Lankan bowler to take 5 wicket haul in an innings, when he took 5/39 against Pakistan at Leeds.

■ Took 17 wickets during the series and became the second highest wicket taker at the 1983 World Cup.

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

#### TESTS

**1982:** He took the first Test wicket for Sri Lanka in the inaugural Test. De Mel took 4 for 70 in the first innings.

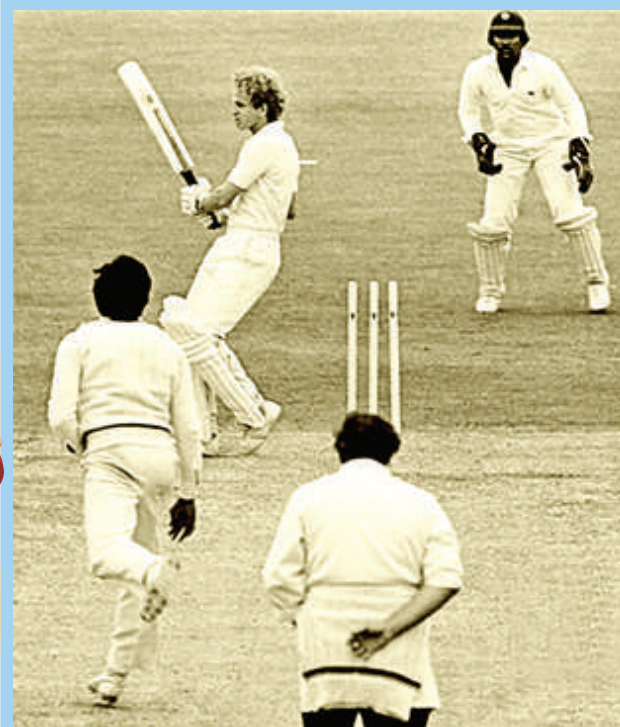
■ 5 for 68 against India at Madras.

**1985:** His best figures of 6/43 during the third Test against Pakistan at Karachi.

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.

De Mel served as an administrator and the Chief Selector at Sri Lanka Cricket several times.

#### First Class

**1981:** 94 runs against Gloucestershire at Bristol.

■ 3/72 against Sussex at Hastings.

■ 3/70 against Leicestershire at Leicester.

■ **3/37** against Glamorgan at Cardiff.

**1983:** Scored an unbeaten 100 against Tamilnadu in a three day match.

### 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

#### 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

#### 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



## Lalith Wasantha Silva Kaluperuma (1973 - 1982)



An off-spin bowler and useful lower-order batsman and a brilliant gully fielder. He was a regular member of the Sri Lankan team during the 1970s. He represented Sri Lanka in both inaugural ODI (in 1975) and Test (in 1982) matches. 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
<b>MATCHES</b>	2	4	57	16
<b>BOWLING</b>				
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
<b>BATTING</b>				
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
<b>FIELDING</b>				
CATCHES	2	0	48	3

#### 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.

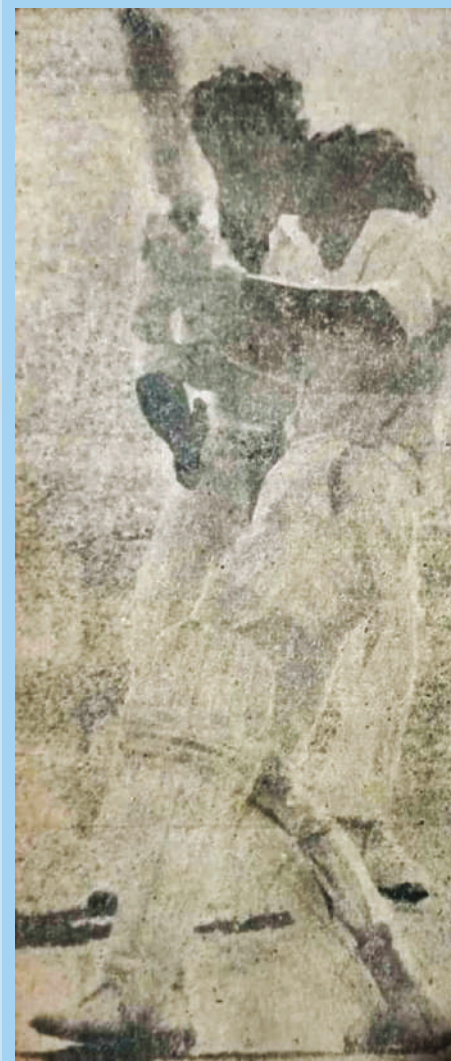
■ 8/43 vs Tamilnadu in a Gopalan Trophy match at NCC, Colombo.

**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.

#### THE WINNING HIT



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

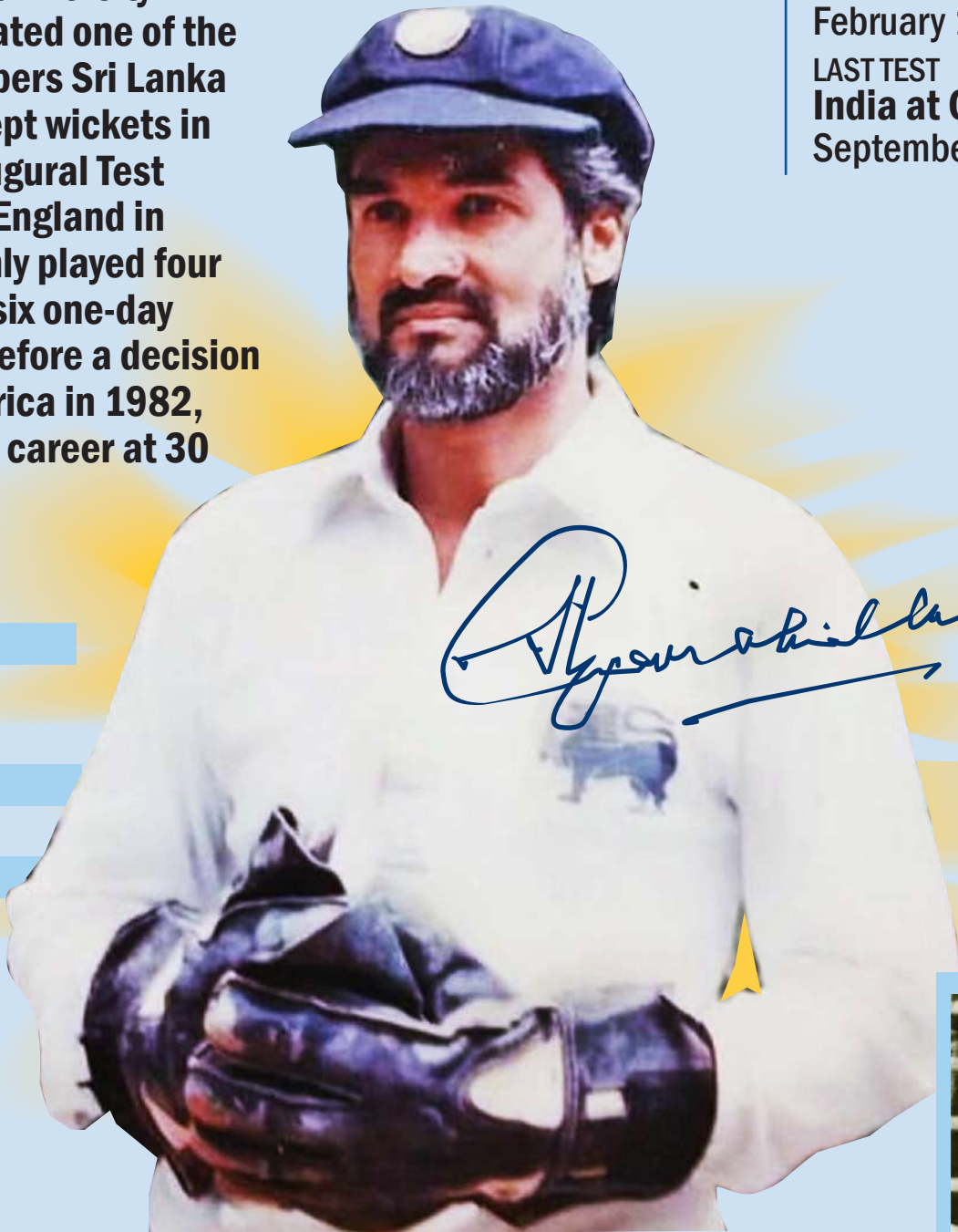


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HETTIARACHIGE MAHES GOONATILLEKE (1975 - 1982)



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

First Class

**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.

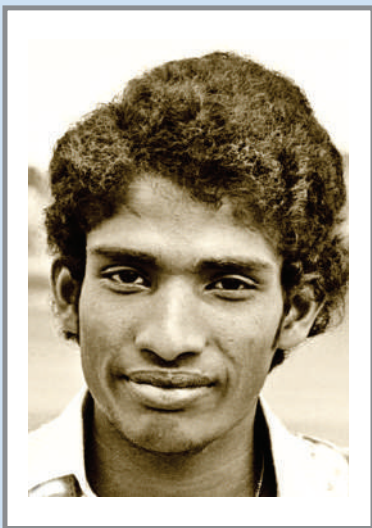
**1981:** Member of the Sri Lanka team that toured England as a wicket keeper.



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.



Ajit de Silva

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:** 4/61 against Pakistan in an unofficial Test played at CCC.

- 6/58 against Tamilnadu in a Gopalan Trophy match 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:** Played for 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

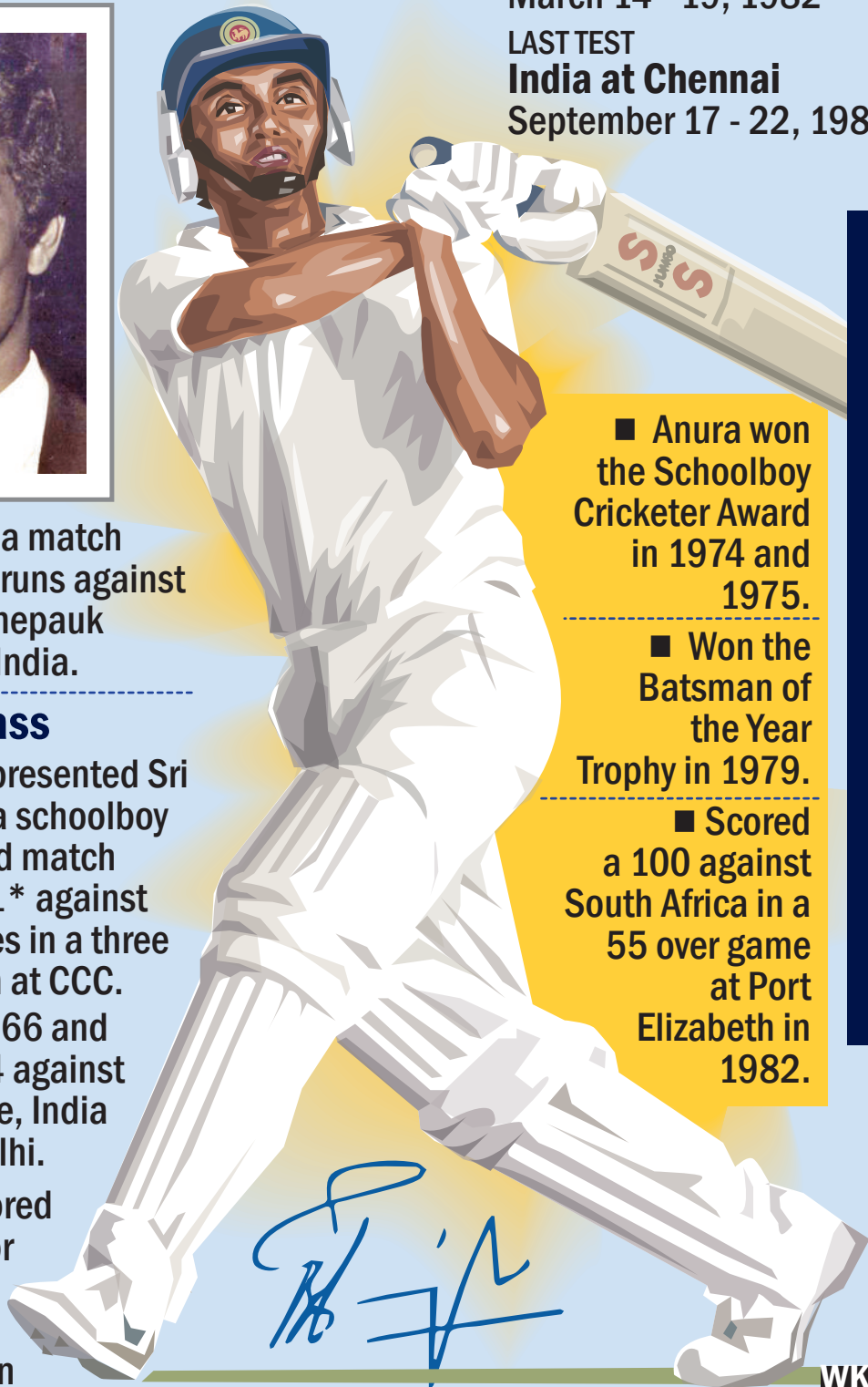
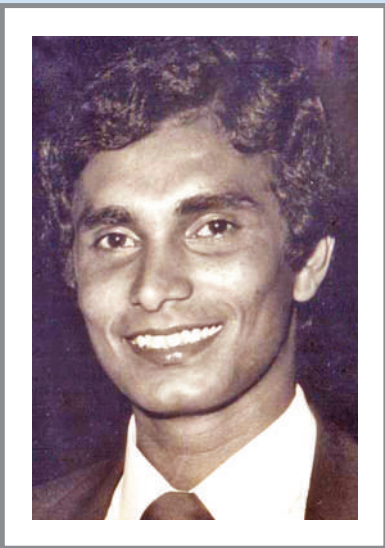
- 1987: 5/85 against India at Cuttack.
- 1988: 4/98 against Australia at Perth.
- Top scored with 59\* in the first innings against England at Lord's.
- 1989: Scored 56 against Austrlia at Brisbane.

- 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:

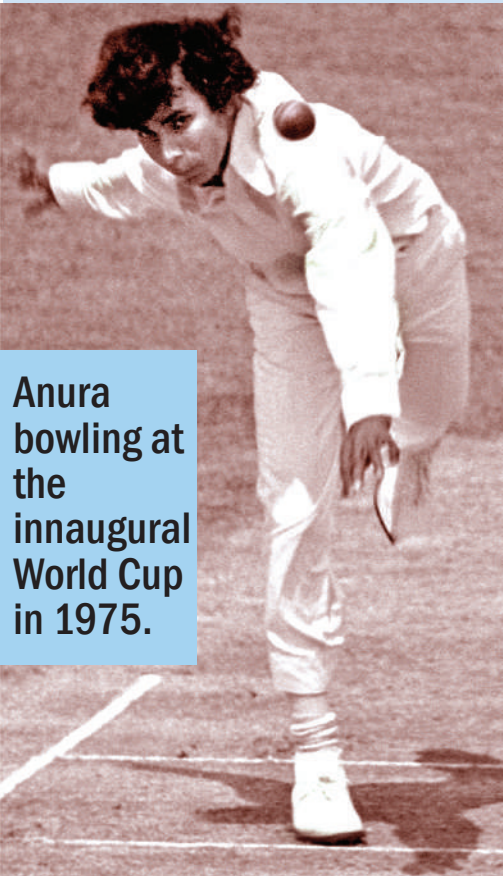
### ODIs

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

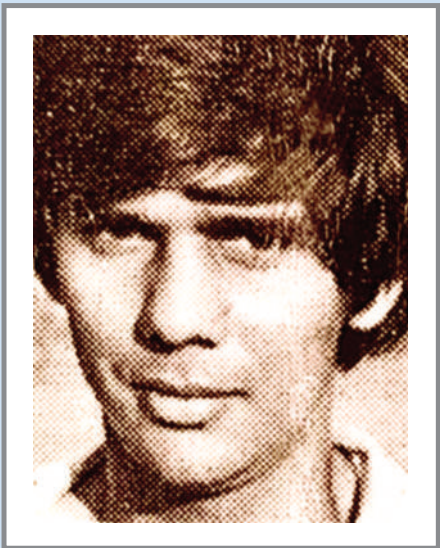
1975: Sri Lanka U19 won the Ali Bhutto Trophy under Anura's captaincy over Pakistan U19 led by Javed Miandad. This was the first ever trophy won by Sri Lanka at international level in cricket.



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Rohan Stanley Amarasiriwardene Jayasekera (1979 - 1982)

Rohan 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. He played in only Test match against Pakistan. 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.

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



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



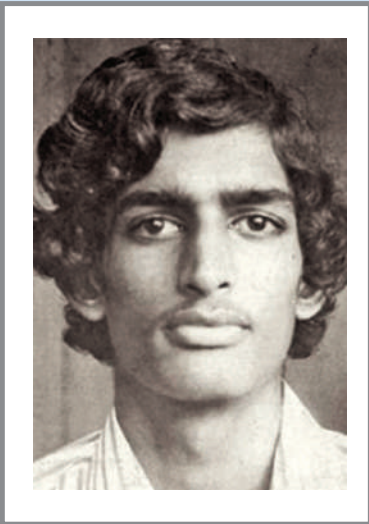
Rohan Jayasekera toured England as a reserve wicket keeper (standing far right) with the 1979 World Cup squad and played few first class matches and one ICC trophy match.



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Roger Gerard Christopher Ediriweera Wijesuriya (1979 - 1985)

Roger 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

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	4	8	42	22
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

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.

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.

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.





# 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.
- 1985: 5/124 vs Pakistan U23 at Asgiriya.

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



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

### 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.

■ 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,

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



18

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.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

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

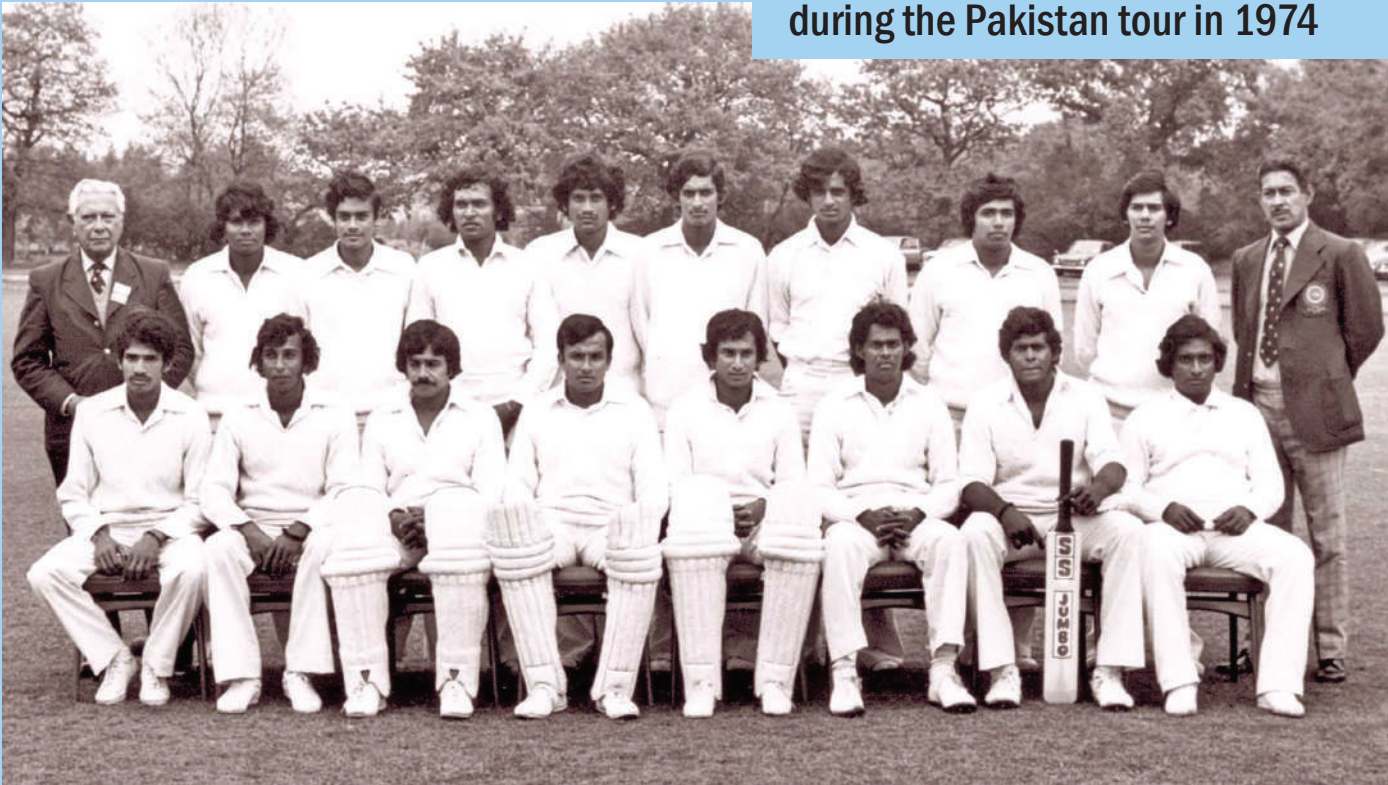
FC MATCHES SPAN  
1973/74 - 1987/88

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1973/74 - 1989/90

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



Sridharan, Ajith de Silva, Jayantha Senewiratne 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.

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



Three Wettimuny brothers played for Sri Lanka. Elder brother Sunil (right) represented Sri Lanka in in two ODI World Cups (1975 & 1979). Mithra (middle) and his younger brother Sidath played both Test and ODIs for Sri Lanka. All three brothers captained Ananda College cricket team and played for SSC in domestic level.

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

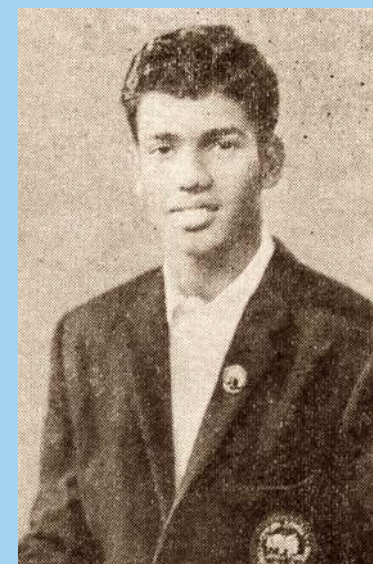
FC MATCHES SPAN  
1982/83  
LIST A MATCHES  
SPAN  
1980/81 - 1982/83

## 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, soring 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, Susil migrated to Australia.



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

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

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).



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



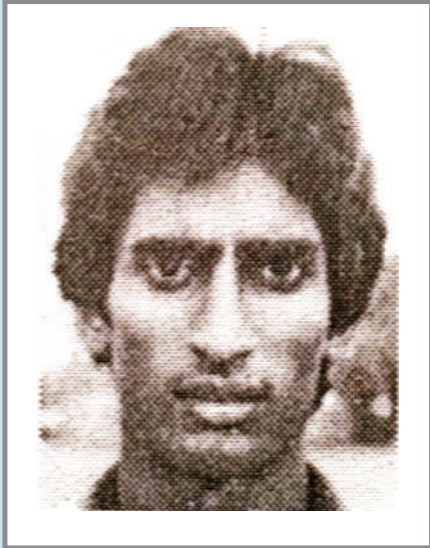
Susil Fernando (standing far right) was a member of 1983 World Cup squad which toured in England.



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Yohan Goonasekera (1981 - 83)

Yohan Goonasekera was a left handed batsman who 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 U19 team under 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.

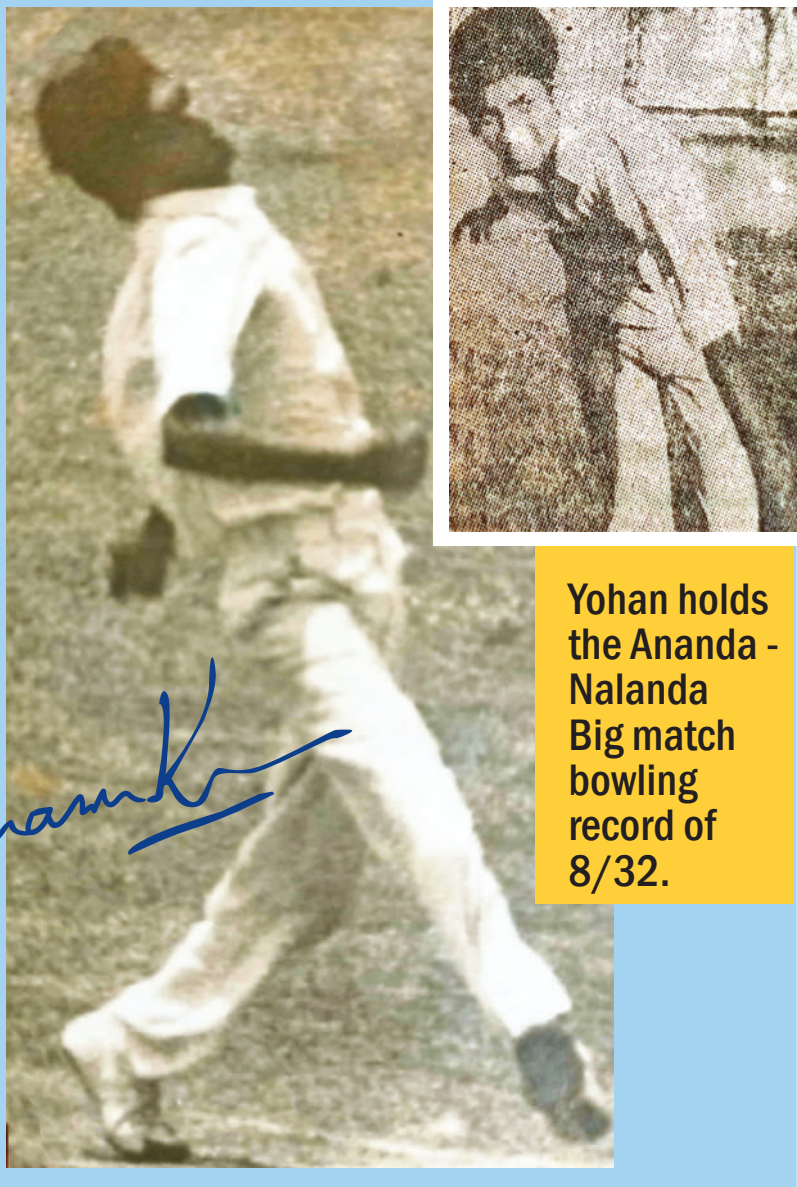
■ Scored 23 against Warwickshire at Worcester, England.

■ 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.



Yohan holds the Ananda - Nalanda Big match bowling record of 8/32.

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

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

1987: Captained SLBP XI vs New Zealand at Galle. Took 2/26 & scored 16.

List A

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

TESTs

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

ODIs

1983: Scored 23 runs against New Zealand at Dunedin.

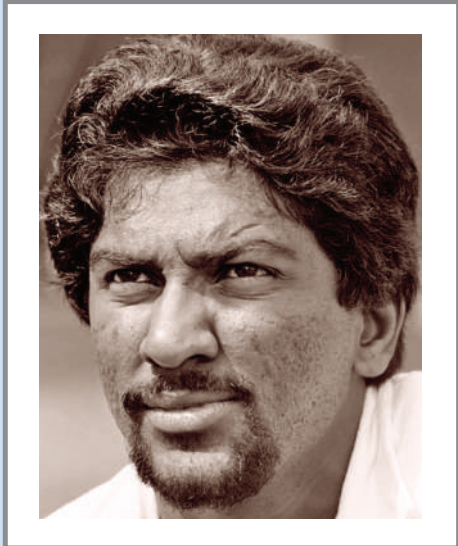
■ Scored 35 & 1/24 against New Zealand at Auckland.



22

Ronald Guy De Alwis (1981 - 90)

Standing six foot tall, Guy was a wicket keeper and a lower-order batsman who 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

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

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.

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.

List A

1983: Scored 49 against Victoria at Melbourne.

Under 19

1979: Captained Sri Lanka U19 against visiting Pakistan U19.

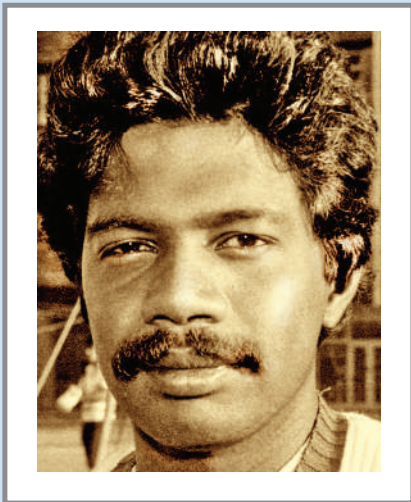




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Sampathwaduge Amal Rohitha Silva (1981 - 90)

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	Wicket Keeper
PLAYING ROLE	Wicket Keeper / Batsman

Amal Silva during the 1985 World Seies played in Australia.



Amal Silva was the Man of the Match when Sri Lanka recorded it's first ever Test victory against India in 1985 (111 & 9 victims)



Amal Silva during his innings of 102\* against England at Lord's in1984.

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.

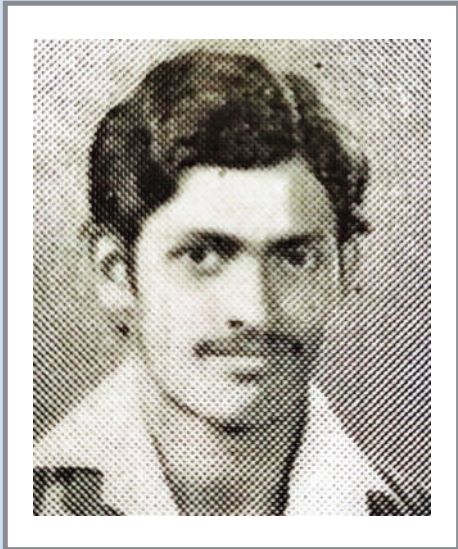
■ 36 against India at SSC.



24

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



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

*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.



25

Amerasinghe Mudalige Jayantha Gamini Amerasinghe (1983 - 1984)

Jayantha Amarasinghe was left-arm orthodox spin bowler who played only two Test matches for Sri Lanka.

Amerasinghe is the only Sri Lankan to top-score for his team in a Test as a number 11 batsman scoring 34 runs.

After retirement he served as a match referee



TEST DEBUT  
New Zealand at Kandy  
March 09 - 14, 1984

LAST TEST  
New Zealand at Colombo (CCC)  
March 24 - 29, 1984

DATE OF BIRTH	February 02, 1954
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Royal College, Colombo
CLUB	Nomads SC
BOWLING STYLE	Slow Left arm Orthodox
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1983/84 - 1992/93

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1983/84 - 1992/93

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

First Class

1984: He took 7/82 & 3/48 against Zimbabwe in Moratuwa.

■ 2/40 & 4/59 against Zimbabwe in Colombo.

List A

■ He took 2/28 vs Zimbabwe

TESTs

1984: Made his debut against New Zealand at Asgiriya. Batting at no:11 he top scored with 34 runs for Sri Lanka and put on a 60 runs partnership with Vinothen John for the last wicket. He also took 1/45 in the first innings.

■ He took 2/73 and scored 15 runs against New Zealand at CCC.



Jayanta Amarasinghe (standing second from left) was a member of the Sri Lanka squad which toured Sharjah for the innaugural Asia Cup Tournament in 1984.



CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	2	-	16	4
BOWLING				
BALLS	300	-	3208	150
RUNS	150	-	1196	74
WKTS	3	-	61	4
BBI	2/73	-	7/82	2/28
BBM	2/73	-	10/130	2/28
5w	0	-	3	0
10w	0	-	2	0
AV	50.00	-	19.60	18.50
BATTING				
INNS	3	-	20	2
NO	1	-	5	1
RUNS	54	-	120	0
HS	34	-	34	0*
AVE	18.00	-	8.00	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES	3	-	7	2

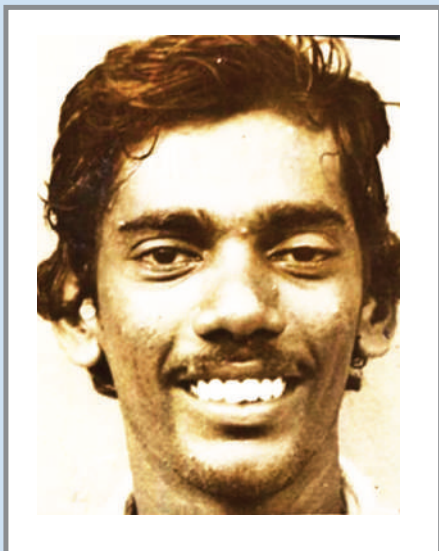
NUMBER ELEVEN TOP SCORING IN AN INNINGS

PLAYER	RUNS	TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	YEAR
F Spofforth	50	Australia	England	Melbourne	1885
T McKibbin	16	Australia	England	The Oval	1896
A E Vogler	62*	South Africa	England	Cape Town	1906
Asif Masood	30*	Pakistan	West Indies	Lahore	1975
J Amerasinghe	34	Sri Lanka	New Zealand	Kandy	1984
Talha Jubair	31	Bangladesh	India	Chattogram	2004
S Harmison	42	England	South Africa	Cape Town	2005
NM Lyon	14	Australia	South Africa	Cape Town	2011
AC Agar	98	Australia	England	Nottingham	2013
S Shillingford	53*	West Indies	New Zealand	Kingston	2014
TJ Murtagh	54*	Ireland	Afghanistan	Dehradun	2019
S Mahmood	49	England	West Indies	St George's	2022



26

Sanath Mohan Silva Kaluperuma (1983 - 88)



A top-order batsman who played four Tests and two ODIs could open and a handy off-spin bowler, he was also a skilled fielder at gully. He migrated to Australia in 1989 where he played district cricket and later captain-coached the Mount Waverley, Cheltenham and Keysborough clubs.

DATE OF BIRTH	October 22, 1961
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Nalanda College, Colombo
CLUB	Bloomfield C & AC
BATTING STYLE	Right Hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right Arm Offbreak
PLAYING ROLE	Batsman / Allrounder
RELATIONS	Lalith Kaluperuma (Brother)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Under 19

1979: Represented Sri Lanka U19 against visiting Pakistan U19.

■ Top scored with 36 for SL U19 against Pakistan U19 at P. Sara Oval, Colombo.

First Class

1983: Scored 22 for SLBP XI against Zimbabwe at Moratuwa.

1984: Scored 30 & 2/16 for SL U23 against South Zone, Pakistan at Hyderabad.

■ Top scored with 62\* for SL U23 against Pakistan U23 at Karachi.

■ 2/35 & 4/61 for SL U23 against Central Zone, Pakistan at Faisalabad.

■ 6/52 & 38 runs for SL U23 against West Zone, Pakistan U23 at Sahiwal.

■ 7/21 & 1/24 and



scored 24 &22 for SL U23 against East Zone, Pakistan U23 at Sialkot.

■ 3/35 for SL U23 against North Zone, Pakistan U23 at Preshawar.

■ Scored with 132\* for SL U23 against Pakistan U23 at Rawalpindi.

■ Scored 30 for SLBP XI against New Zealand at Galle.

1985: Scored 37 runs & 2/49 for SLBP XI

Sanath Kaluperuma played for Nalanda College (1978 -81) and represented Sri Lanka Under 19 team in 1979



TEST DEBUT  
New Zealand at Kandy  
March 09 - 14, 1984  
  
LAST TEST  
Australia at Perth  
February 12 - 15, 1988

ODI DEBUT  
Australia at Sydney  
January 19, 1988  
  
LAST ODI  
New Zealand at Sharjah  
March 29, 1988

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1983/84 - 1988/89

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1985/86 - 1988/89

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	4	2	19	5
BATTING				
INNS	8	2	30	5
NO	0	0	5	0
RUNS	88	11	797	67
HS	23	7	132*	40
50s	0	0	3	0
AVE	11.00	5.50	31.88	13.40
BOWLING				
BALLS	240	6	1238	6
RUNS	124	3	629	3
WKTS	2	0	10	0
BBI	2/17	-	3/28	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES	6	2	14	2

against India at Moratuwa.

1986: Scored 70 runs against England B in Colombo.

1987: Scored 58 and 3/28 for SLBP XI against Gloucestershire in Colombo.

1988: Scored 26 against Tasmania at Hobart.

TESTs

1984: Played as the No:3 bat in the debut match against New Zealand at Asgiriya. Scored 18 runs and captured 2/17.

■ Scored 23 & held 3 catches against New Zealand at SSC.

■ Scored 16 & 18 and held 2 catches against New Zealand at CCC.



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Pinnaduwege Aravinda de Silva (1984 - 2003)

Regarded as one of the best Sri Lankan cricketers, he played in the team as an all-rounder. De Silva was a key member of the Sri Lankan team that won 1996 Cricket World Cup, where he scored a match winning century. He has held various posts in Sri Lankan Cricket after his retirement.

DATE OF BIRTH	October 17, 1965, Colombo
EDUCATION	D S Senanayake College
CLUB	NCC / Kent
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm offbreak
PLAYING ROLE	Batsman / Allrounder
HEIGHT	5ft 3.5 inches
NICK NAME	Ara/Mad Max



Aravinda celebrates his 100 at the World Cup Final in 1996 at Lahore.



TEST DEBUT  
England at Lord's  
August 23 - 28, 1984

LAST TEST  
Bangladesh at PSS (Col)  
July 21 - 23, 2002

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1983/84 - 2002

ODI DEBUT  
New Zealand at Moratuwa  
March 31, 1984

LAST ODI  
Australia at Gqeberha  
March 18, 2003

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1983/84 - 2002/03

Aravinda was inducted into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in 2023.



**TESTs**

1985: Scored his maiden fifty in Tests (75 runs) against India at PSS, Colombo.

■ Scored his first 100 (122) in Tests against Pakistan at Faisalabad.

1991: 267 runs vs New Zealand at Wellington.

1997: He scored two unbeaten hundreds (138 & 103) in a Test match against Pakistan at SSC.

■ He scored 1220 runs in 19 innings (Ave: 76.25) within one calendar year (1997).

LIST OF ODI CENTURIES		
SCORE	OPPONENT AND VENUE	DATE
104	India at Nagpur	1 Dec 1990
105	Australia at Colombo (PSS)	15 Aug 1992
107*	Zimbabwe at Harare	6 Nov 1994
145	Kenya at Asgiriya	6 Mar 1996
107*	Australia at Lahore	17 Mar 1996
127*	Zimbabwe at Colombo (SSC)	3 Sep 1996
122	Pakistan at Nairobi	4 Oct 1996
134	Pakistan at Sharjah	7 Apr 1997
104	India at Colombo (SSC)	24 Aug 1997
102*	Pakistan at Lahore	5 Nov 1997
105	India at Colombo (RPS)	7 Jul 1998

Aravinda scored total of 10 centuries in the 1997.  
(7 Test 100s & 3 ODI 100s)

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	93	308	220	392
BATTING				
INNS	159	296	343	377
NO	11	30	33	44
RUNS	6361	9284	15000	12095
HS	267	145	267	158*
100s	20	11	43	17
50s	22	64	71	77
AVE	42.97	34.90	48.38	36.32
BOWLING				
BALLS	2595	5148	9005	7377
RUNS	1208	4177	3763	5663
WKTS	29	106	129	156
BBI	3/30	4/30	7/24	4/28
AVE	41.65	39.40	29.17	36.30
FIELDING				
CATCHES	43	95	108	116

LIST OF TEST CENTURIES

SCORE	OPPONENT AND VENUE	DATE
122	Pakistan at Faisalabad	18 Oct 1985
105	Pakistan at Karachi	9 Nov 1985
167	Australia at Brisbane	11 Dec 1989
267	New Zealand at Wellington	01 Feb 1991
123	New Zealand at Auckland	4 Mar 1991
148	India at Colombo (PSS)	4 Aug 1993
127	Pakistan Colombo (PSS)	11 Aug 1994
105	Pakistan at Faisalabad	18 Sep 1995
168	Pakistanat Colombo (RPS)	23 Apr 1997
138*	Pakistan at Colombo (SSC)	26 Apr 1997
103*	Pakistan at Colombo (SSC)	29 Apr 1997
126	India at Colombo (RPS)	6 Aug 1997
146	India at Colombo (SSC)	9 Aug 1997
120	India at Colombo (SSC)	12 Aug 1997
110*	India at Mohali	23 Nov 1997
143*	Zimbabwe at Colombo (SSC)	18 Jan 1998
152	England at The Oval	29 Aug 1998
112	Pakistanat Rawalpindi	27 Feb 2000
106	England at Galle	23 Feb 2001
206	Bangladesh at Colombo (PSS)	22 Jul 2002

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

**Under 19**

1983: Captained Sri Lanka U19 tour of Australia.

**ODIs**

■ He represented Sri Lanka in five 50 over World Cups (1987,1992, 1996, 1999 & 2003)

■ He captained Sri Lanka in the 1992 World Cup.

1996: 106\* & 3/48 won him the Man of the Final award in the World Cup.





# Franklyn Saliya Ahangama (1980 - 1985)

Saliya marked his entry into the Test side by taking 18 wickets in the three Test series in Colombo. Lack of Test cricket and injuries prevented him from appearing in more matches. After retirement he became a TV commentator and later migrated to Australia and served as a coach at the Melbourne Stadium.



DATE OF BIRTH	September 14, 1959
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia
CLUB	SSC
BATTING STYLE	Left hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Fast medium
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler



Saliya Ahangama (standing extreme right) was a member of the Sri Lanka squad which toured England in 1988.



## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

**First Class**  
**1985:** Took 3/88 for Sri Lanka Colts XI against India in Colombo.  
■ 2/51 for SLBP XI against India at Moratuwa.  
**1985:** 2/36 against Surrey at Kennington Oval, London.  
■ 2/70 against Derbyshire at Derby.



TEST DEBUT  
**India at Colombo (SSC)**  
Aug. 30 - Sept. 04, 1985  
LAST TEST  
**India at Asgiriya**  
September 14 - 19, 1985

Only ODI  
**Pakistan at Lahore**  
October 25, 1985

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1985/86 - 1995/96

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1985/86 - 1990/91

## CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	3	1	37	7
BOWLING				
WKTS	18	0	120	9
BALLS	801	18	5287	246
RUNS	348	23	2288	200
WKTS	18	0	120	9
5W	1	0	7	0
BBi	5/52	-	7/30	4/36
BBM	8/124	-	-	4/36
Ave	19.33	-	19.06	22.22
BATTING				
INNS	3	-	28	1
NO	1	-	10	1
RUNS	11	-	228	13
HS	11	-	51	13*
Ave	5.50	-	12.66	-
50s	0	-	1	0
FIELDING				
CATCHES	1	0	10	0

**TESTS**  
**1985:** 2/60 & 3/49 against India in his debut match against India at SSC.  
■ 3/59 & 2/56 against India at PSS, Colombo.

■ 5/52 & 3/72 against India at Asgiriya.  
■ He took 18 wickets at Ave:19.33 in the three-Test series against India.

**ODIs**  
**1985:** Played his only ODI against Pakistan at Lahore, bowled only three overs for 23 runs.



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Ellawalakankanamge Asoka Ranjit de Silva (1985 - 1992)

Right-arm leg-spinner, Asoka represented Sri Lanka in 10 Tests and 28 ODIs from 1985 to 1992. After retirement De Silva became a fully qualified coach and a commentator. He made his debut as an international umpire in 1999 at Galle.



DATE OF BIRTH	March 28, 1956
BIRTH PLACE	Kalutara
EDUCATION	Isipathana College, Colombo
CLUB	NCC
BATTING STYLE	Left hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Legbreak Googly
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler

### UMPIRE ASOKA DE SILVA

Asoka De Silva was the first Sri Lankan umpire to be on the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires. He served on the panel from 2002 to 2004 . He umpired in the Cricket World Cup tournaments in 2003, 2007 and 2011.

- Tests umpired 49 (2000–present)
- ODIs umpired 122 (1999–present)
- T20Is umpired 11 (2009–2012)



Umpire Asoka De Silva during the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 at West Indies.



### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

#### First Class

- 1984:** Took 3/60 for SLBP XI against England at CCC.
- 1989:** 3/121 against South Australia at Adelaide.
- 1991:** 2/46 & 20 against NZ Emerging XI at Palmerston.
- 2/67 against Canterbury at Christchurch.
  - 66\* & 34 against Tasmania at Devonport.
  - 5/52 against Queensland at Rockhampton.

#### List A

- 1991:** 3/45 against Western Australia at Perth.

#### ODIs

- 1988:** 3/38 against New Zealand at Sharjah.
- 1989:** 2/47 & 19\* against Pakistan at Sharjah.
- 2/30 against West Indies at Rajkot.
- 1990:** 2/57 against Pakistan at Adelaide.

TEST DEBUT  
**India at Colombo (SSC)**  
Aug. 30 - Sept. 04, 1985

LAST TEST  
**New Zealand at Auckland**  
March 01 - 05, 1991

ODI DEBUT  
**India at Kanpur**  
December 24, 1986

LAST ODI  
**Australia at Colombo (RPS)**  
September 05, 1992

**FC MATCHES SPAN**  
1983/84 - 1996/97

**LIST A MATCHES SPAN**  
1985/86 - 1993/94

### CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT MATCHES	TEST 10	ODI 28	FC 84	LIST A 36
<b>BOWLING</b>				
WKTS	8	7	186	26
BALLS	2328	1374	11729	1812
RUNS	1032	967	4551	1245
5W	0	0	7	0
BBI	2/67	3/38	6/48	3/38
BBM	2/124	3/38	-	3/38
AVE	129.00	56.88	24.46	47.88
<b>BATTING</b>				
INNS	16	20	103	24
NO	4	6	13	7
RUNS	185	138	1900	174
HS	50	19*	82*	19*
AVE	15.41	9.85	21.11	10.23
50s	1	0	8	0
<b>FIELDING</b>				
CATCHES	4	6	48	6

**1991:** 2/36 against New Zealand at Napier.

#### TEST

**1986:** Scored 21 against India at Kanpur.

**1989:** Scored 22 against Australia at Brisbane.

- Scored 50 against Australia at Hobart.
- 1991:** Scored 26 against New Zealand at Wellington.
- 2/89 against New Zealand at Hamilton.
  - 2/67 against New Zealand at Auckland.



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Colombage Don Udesh Sanjeewa Weerasinghe (1985 - 1990)

**Right-arm leg-spinner,** Sanjeewa was chosen to represent Sri Lanka as a schoolboy against India in 1985 at the age of 17 years 189 days - the youngest person to play a Test for Sri Lanka. In that match Sri Lanka recorded it's first ever Test victory. He bowled tidily without taking a wicket.



DATE OF BIRTH	March 01, 1968
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Isipathana College, Colombo
CLUB	Colts CC / NCC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Legbreak Googly
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

**Under 19**  
**1985:** Took 4/16 & 3/78 vs Australia U19 in the youth Test match at CCC.  
**1988:** Represented Sri Lanka at Under 19 World Cup in Australia.

**First Class**  
**1985:** Took 5/114 for SL Colt's XI against India at NCC, Colombo.  
**1986:** 5/49 against England B at Asgiriya.

- Scored 44 and Took 3/90 & 2/81 for Sri Lanka YC vs England YC at Nottingham.
- 2/38 against Sri Lanka Young Cricketers (YC) against England YC at Bristol.
- 2/31 against Sri Lanka YC against England YC at Lord's.
- 2/24 against Sri Lanka YC against England YC at Chelmsford.
- 1987: Took 3/162 for Sri Lanka YC against England YC at Galle.

**Tests**  
**1985:** Played his only Test match against India at PSS, Colombo. He bowled 16 overs for 28 runs & 3 overs for 8 runs.



Brilliant bowling performance by the schoolboy from Isipathana College took 5/ 114 for SL Colt's XI against India in a 3-day match played at the NCC, Colombo.

ONLY TEST India at Colombo (PSS) September 06 - 11, 1985	
FC MATCHES SPAN 1984/85 - 1996/97	LIST A MATCHES SPAN 1990/91

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	1	0	44	1
BOWLING				
WKTS	0	-	103	0
BALLS	114	-	4593	0
RUNS	1032	-	2476	3
5W/10W	0	-	6 / 2	0
BBI	-	-	8/77	-
AVE	-	-	24.03	-
BATTING				
INNS	1	-	58	1
NO	0	-	11	1
RUNS	3	-	845	3
HS	3	-	112*	3*
AVE	3.00	-	17.97	-
50s/100s	0	-	2/1	0
FIELDING				
CATCHES	0	-	39	0

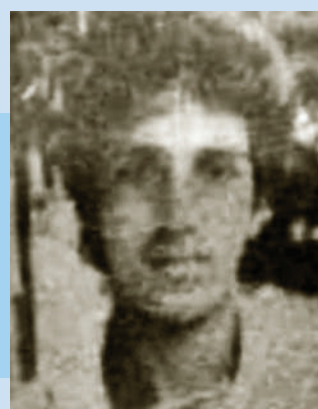
YOUNGEST TEST DEBUT FOR THE COUNTRY		
PLAYER	AGE	DATE
Hasan Raza (Pakistan)	14y 227d	24 Oct 1996
Mohammad Sharif (Bangladesh)	15y 128d	19 Apr 2001
SR Tendulkar (India)	16y 205d	15 Nov 1989
Mujeeb Ur Rahman (Afghanistan)	17y 78d	14 Jun 2018
JED Sealy (West Indies)	17y 122d	11 Jan 1930
CDUS Weerasinghe (Sri Lanka)	17y 189d	06 Sep 1985
ID Craig (Australia)	17y 239d	06 Feb 1953
H Masakadza (Zimbabwe)	17y 352d	27 Jul 2001
DL Vettori (New Zealand)	18y 10d	06 Feb 1997
PR Adams (South Africa)	18y 340d	26 Dec 1995



## 31 Baba Roshan Jurangpathy (1985 - 86)

Allrounder Roshan Jurangpathy shot into prominence when he scored a hundred against visiting Pakistan U23 team in 1985. In four Test innings he scored three ducks and a single, and he was under-bowled on his debut, delivering only four overs. In his second and final appearance he captured 1 for 69 from 21 overs with his offspin.

DATE OF BIRTH	June 25, 1967
BIRTH PLACE	Colombo
EDUCATION	Royal College, Colombo
CLUB	Colombo Cricket Club (CCC)
BATTING STYLE	Right Hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right Arm Offbreak
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler / Allrounder



As an 18 year old school boy Roshan Jurangpathy made his Test debut against India at Asgiriya Stadium in 1985.



Roshan Jurangpathy (Standing far right) was a member of the Sri Lankasquad which toured India in 1986

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Under 19

**1985:** 3/26,1/33 & scored 25 runs against Australian U19 in the youth Teat at CCC.

■ Scored 26\* vs Australian U19 in the youth ODI at Moratuwa.

■ Scored 34 vs Australian U19 in the youth ODI at SSC.

#### First Class

**1985:** Scored 102 & 2/78 for Sri Lanka U23 against Pakistan U23 at Asgiriya.

■ 4/46 & 4/60 and scored 28 runs for SL U23 against Pakistan U23 in Colombo.

■ Scored 60 & 2/20 for Sri Laka Colts XI against India in Colombo.

**1986:** 3/40 against England in the youth Test at Leeds.

■ Scored 54 runs against England in a youth ODI (55 overs) match at Chelmsford.

■ Scored 34 runs against England in the youth Test at Bristol.

■ Scored 46 runs against England in the youth Test at Nottingham.

■ Scored 27 runs against India U25 at Kolhapur.

TEST DEBUT  
India at Asgiriya  
September 14 - 19, 1985

LAST TEST  
India at Nagpur  
December 27 - 31, 1986

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1984/85 - 1992/93

LIST A MATCHES  
SPAN  
1984/85 - 1992/93

### CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	2	-	49	14
BATTING				
INNS	4	-	65	13
NO	0	-	6	1
RUNS	1	-	1483	155
HS	1	-	104	36
100s	0	-	2	0
50s	0	-	6	0
AVE	0.25	-	25.13	12.91
BOWLING				
WKTS	1	-	104	18
BALLS	150	-	5566	440
RUNS	93	-	2145	278
WKTS	1	-	104	18
AVE	93.00	-	20.62	15.44
BBI	1/69	-	6/44	5/20
FIELDING				
CATCHES	2	-	27	7

#### TESTs

**1985:** Made his debut against India at Asgiriya. Scored 1 & 0. Bowled only 4 overs for 24 runs.

**1986:** Took his only Test wicket of Mohinder Amarnath (1/69) against India at Nagpur.

#### LIST A

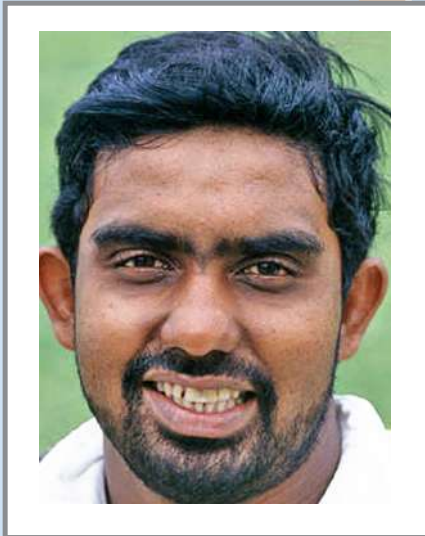
**1985:** Scored 20 & 1/15 for SL U23 vs Pakistan U23 at SSC.

■ Scored 15 & 1/26 for SL U23 against Pakistan U23 at SSC.



## 32 Asanka Pradeep Gurusinha (1985 - 96)

Asanka played the sheet anchor role as a solid No: 3 batsman for Sri Lanka in many Tests and ODIs over ten years. He also played a key role in 1996 World Cup series in the Sri Lankan batting line up. After reirement he migrated to Melbourne, Australia and became a regional coach.



DATE OF BIRTH	September 16, 1966, Colombo
EDUCATION	Nalanda College, Colombo
CLUB	SSC
BATTING STYLE	Left hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm medium
PLAYING ROLE	Top order (No:3) Batsman
NICK NAME	Gura

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Under 19

**1984:** Toured Australia with Sri Lanka U19 team.

■ Scored 64\* in the 3rd youth ODI at Melbourne.

**1984:** Scored 108 in the 1st youth ODI at Moratuwa.

#### First Class

**1985:** Scored 106 for Sri Lanka U23 vs Pakistan U23 in Colombo.

■ Scored 100\* vs India for SLBP XI at Moratuwa.

**1986:**111 for Sri Lanka B vs England B in Colombo.

■ 67 against England B in Kandy.

■ Captained Sri Lanka Youth tour to England.



Asanka Gurusinha during his innings of 143 runs in the boxing day Test against Australia at MCG in 1995.

■ Scored 161 in the youth Test against England at Bristol.

#### List A

**1986:** Scored 82 vs England in the youth ODI at Chelmsford.

TEST DEBUT  
**Pakistan at Karachi**  
November 07 - 11, 1985

LAST TEST  
**Zimbabwe at SSC**  
September 18 - 21, 1996

FC MATCHES SPAN  
**1984/85 - 1996/97**

ODI DEBUT  
**Pakistan at Hyderabad**  
November 03, 1985

LAST ODI  
**Pakistan at Sharjah**  
November 08, 1996

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
**1984/85 - 1996/97**

### TESTs

**1985:** Scored his maiden century (116\*) vs Pakistan at the age of 19. He had a match saving unbroken partnership of 240 runs with Arjuna Ranatunga.

**1991:** He scored twin 100s (119 & 102) against New Zealand at Hamilton.

**1995:** He became the first Sri Lankan to score a century at Melbourne with his 143 against Australia.



Asanka Gurusinha during his innings of 65 in the 1996 WC Final against Australia at Lahore.

### CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	41	147	124	173
BATTING				
INNS	70	143	183	169
NO	7	5	19	6
RUNS	2452	3902	7169	4365
HS	143	117*	162	117*
100s	7	2	20	2
50s	8	22	32	23
AVE	38.92	28.27	43.71	26.77
BOWLING				
BALLS	1408	1585	5142	2035
WKTS	20	26	107	39
RUNS	681	1354	2298	1676
BBI	2/7	2/25	5/54	3/36
AVE	34.05	52.07	21.47	42.97
FIELDING				
CATCHES	33	49	89	56

### ODIs

■ He represented in three ODI World Cups (1987, 1991, & 1996).

**1996:** He scored 65 and also associated a 125 runs partnership with man of

the match Aravinda de Silva (106\*) in the WC Final at Lahore.

■ He scored 307 runs including three 50s (87, 84, 65) during the 1996 World Cup.

■ Highest number of sixes (11) in the 1996 World Cup.

### LIST OF TEST CENTURIES

SCORE	OPPONENT AND VENUE	DATE
116*	Pakistan at Colombo (PSS) ...	27 Mar 1986
119	New Zealand at Hamilton .....	24 Feb 1991
102	New Zealand at Hamilton .....	26 Feb 1991
137	Australia at Colombo (SSC) ...	19 Aug 1992
128	Zimbabwe at Harare .....	12 Oct 1994
127	New Zealand at Dunedin .....	19 Mar 1995
143	Australia at Melbourne .....	29 Dec 1995

### LIST OF ODI CENTURIES

SCORE	OPPONENT AND VENUE	DATE
117*	New Zealand at Sharjah .....	18 Apr 1994
108	New Zealand at Auckland .....	1 Apr 1995



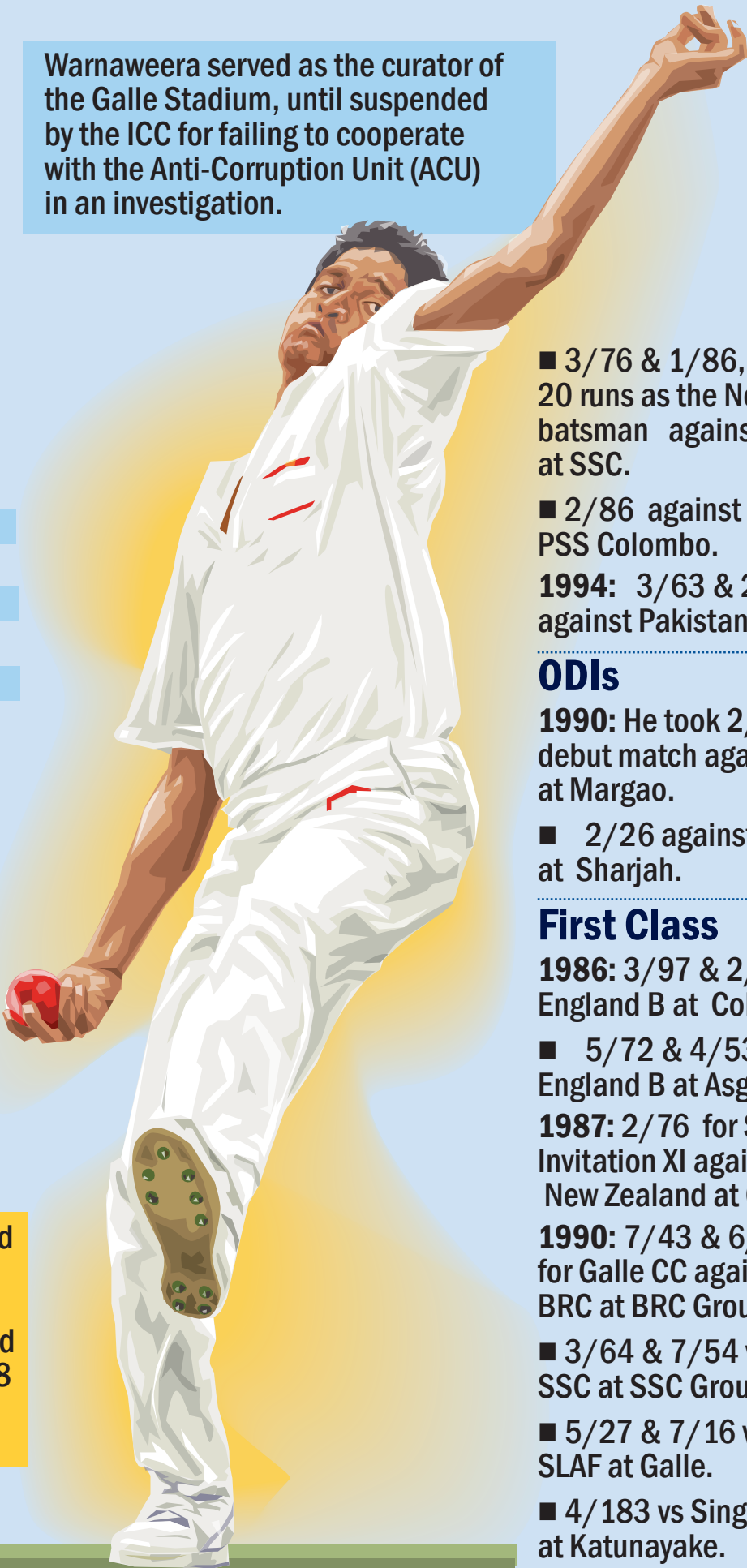
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Kahakatchchi Patabandige Jayananda Warnaweera (1986 - 1994)



Off spinner Jayananda Warnaweera represented Sri Lanka briefly, with the matches scattered over an eight-year career. Due to his unorthodox bowling style, his action was always doubted. After retirement he was appointed as the curator at the Galle Stadium.

Warnaweera served as the curator of the Galle Stadium, until suspended by the ICC for failing to cooperate with the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) in an investigation.



- 3/76 & 1/86, scored 20 runs as the No:11 batsman against India at SSC.
- 2/86 against India at PSS Colombo.
- 1994: 3/63 & 2/108 against Pakistan at SSC.

**ODIs**  
1990: He took 2/ 24 in his debut match against India at Margao.

- 2/26 against Pakistan at Sharjah.

**First Class**  
1986: 3/97 & 2/49 vs England B at Colombo.

- 5/72 & 4/53 vs England B at Asgiriya.
- 1987: 2/76 for SL Invitation XI against New Zealand at Galle.
- 1990: 7/43 & 6/104 for Galle CC against BRC at BRC Grounds.

- 3/64 & 7/54 vs SSC at SSC Grounds.
- 5/27 & 7/16 vs SLAF at Galle.
- 4/183 vs Singha SC at Katunayake.

TEST DEBUT  
**Pakistan at Kandy**  
February 23 - 27, 1986  
  
LAST TEST  
**Pakistan at PSS Colombo**  
August 09 - 13, 1994

ODI DEBUT  
**India at Margao**  
December 08, 1990  
  
LAST ODI  
**Pakistan at Sharjah**  
February 04, 1993

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1985/86 - 1996/97

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1988/89 - 1992/93

CAREER STATISTICS

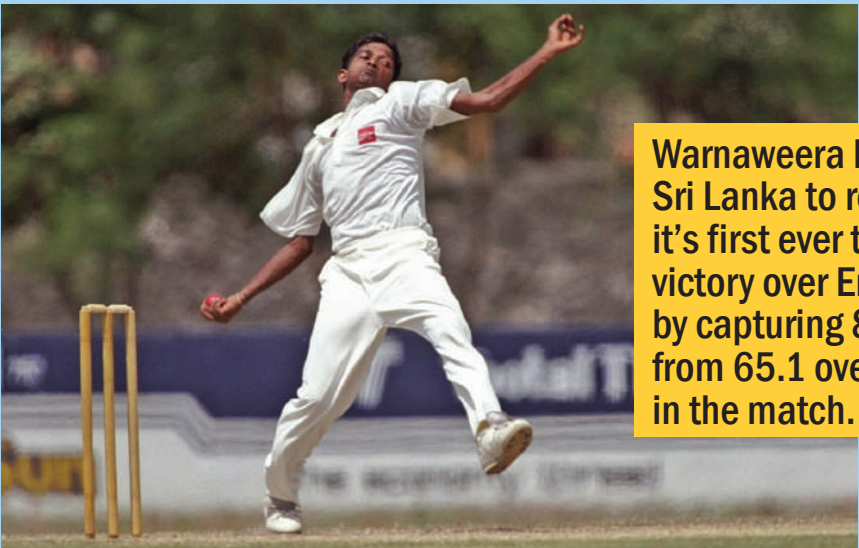
FORMAT MATCHES	TEST 10	ODI 6	FC 68	LIST A 7
BOWLING				
BALLS	2333	294	12953	294
WKTS	32	6	287	10
RUNS	1021	200	5729	267
BBI	4/25	2/24	7/16	4/67
BBM	8/188	2/24	13/147	4/67
AVE	41.65	39.40	29.17	36.30
BATTING				
INNS	12	3	76	3
NO	3	3	33	3
RUNS	39	1	265	1
HS	20	1*	24*	1*
AVE	4.33	-	6.16	-
FIELDING				
CATCHES	0	2	10	2

DATE OF BIRTH **November 23, 1960**, Matara  
EDUCATION Mahinda College, Galle  
CLUB Galle CC  
BATTING STYLE Left hand Bat  
BOWLING STYLE Right arm medium / offbreak  
PLAYING ROLE Bowler

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

**TESTs**  
1985: 1/ 26 in his debut vs Pakistan at Asgiriya.  
1990: Took 3/90 in 46 overs against India at Chandigarh.

- 1992: 2/46 & 1/31 against New Zealand at Moratuwa.
- 4/25 & 2/107 against New Zealand at SSC.
- 1993: Match haul of eight scalps (4/90 & 4/98) in Sri Lanka's maiden Test win over England at SSC.



Warnaweera helped Sri Lanka to record it's first ever test victory over England by capturing 8/188 from 65.1 overs in the match.



Curator Jayananda Warnaweera sits on debris strewn across the cricket pitch at The Galle International Cricket Stadium, after the Asian Tsunami struck in December 2004.



# 34 Roshan Siriwardene Mahanama (1985 - 1999)



Served Sri Lanka for over 13 years as an opening batter and a brilliant fielder in both Test and ODI formats. Following his team's disastrous showing in the 1999 World Cup, Mahanama was dropped, which prompted him to retire.



Roshan (225) is best remembered for his second-wicket partnership of 576 with Sanath Jayasuriya (340) against India at RPS Colombo in 1997 that set the then all-time record for any partnership in the history in a Test match.

TEST DEBUT  
Pakistan at Colombo (CCC)  
March 14 - 18, 1986  
LAST TEST  
South Africa at Centurion  
March 27 - 30, 1998

ODI DEBUT  
Pakistan at Kandy  
March 02, 1986  
LAST ODI  
Kenya at Southampton  
May 30, 1999

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1984/85 - 1998/99

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1984/85 - 2000/01

## CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	52	213	137	250
BATTING				
INNS	89	198	211	235
NO	1	23	18	29
RUNS	2576	5162	6698	6374
HS	225	117*	225	111*
100s	4	4	12	6
50s	11	35	31	41
AVE	29.27	29.49	34.70	30.94
BOWLING				
BALLS	36	2	36	2
WKTS	0	0	0	0
RUNS	30	7	30	7
FIELDING				
CATCHES	56	109	136	120

DATE OF BIRTH	May 31, 1966, Colombo
EDUCATION	Nalanda College, Colombo
CLUB	Bloomfield C & AC, CCC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm medium
PLAYING ROLE	Opening Batsman
NICK NAME	Roshan
OTHER	ICC Match Referee (2004-2015)

## UNDER 19

He won the Schoolboy Cricketer Trophy twice in 1983 & 1984.

1984: Toured Australia with Sri Lanka U19 team led by Aravinda de Silva.

1985: Captained Sri Lanka U19 and won the youth Test against Australia at CCC.

## TESTs

1989: Scored his maiden fifty (85) vs Australia at Hobarts.

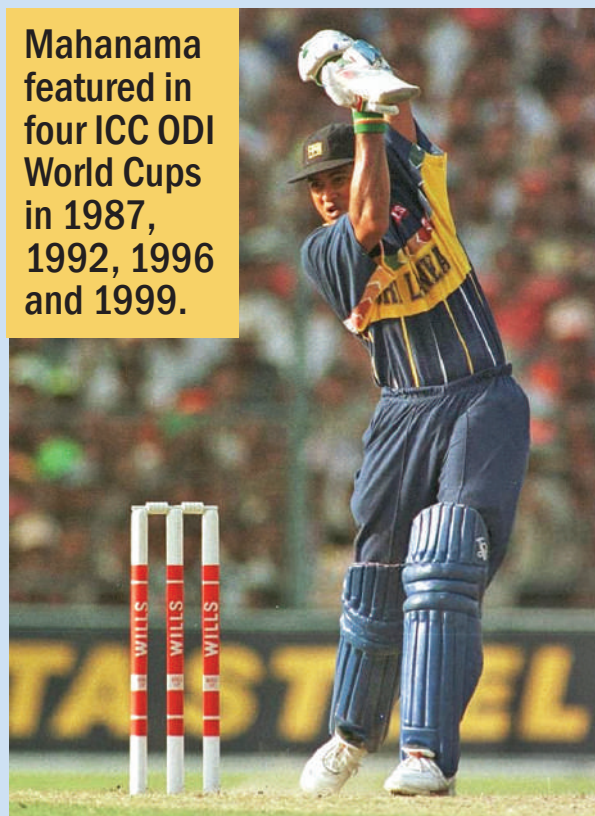
1992: Scored his maiden 100 (153) vs New Zealand at Moratuwa.

■ He scored 109 vs New Zealand at SSC.

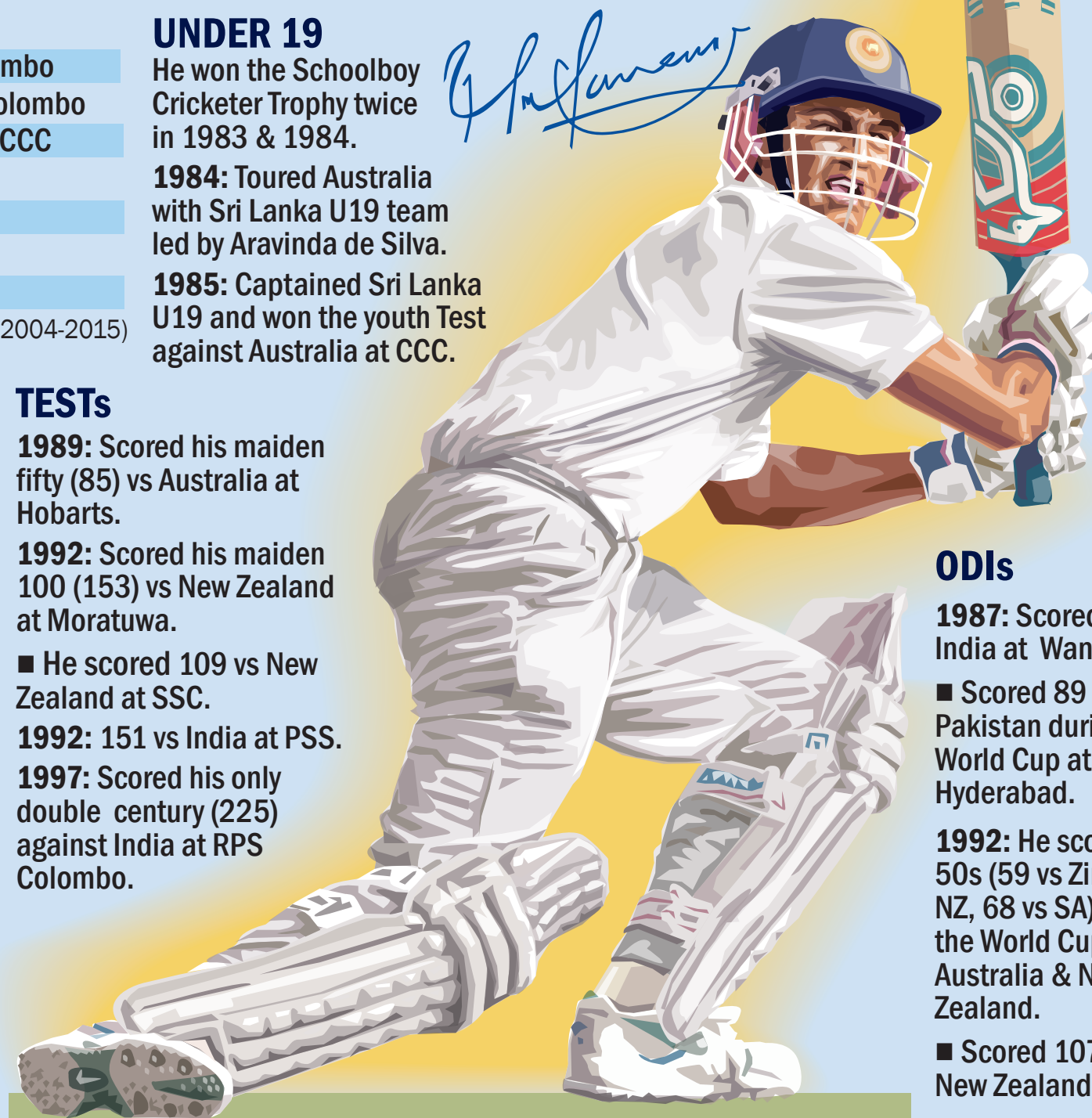
1992: 151 vs India at PSS.

1997: Scored his only double century (225) against India at RPS Colombo.

Mahanama featured in four ICC ODI World Cups in 1987, 1992, 1996 and 1999.



He made a key 58 runs in the Eden Gardens Semi-final against India in Sri Lanka's run to the title in 1996 WC.



## ODIs

1987: Scored 98 vs India at Wankhede.

■ Scored 89 vs Pakistan during the World Cup at Hyderabad.

1992: He scored three 50s (59 vs Zim, 80 vs NZ, 68 vs SA) during the World Cup in Australia & New Zealand.

■ Scored 107 against New Zealand at RPS. .

1994: Two back to back 100s (119\* & 108) against Zimbabwe in Harare.

1994: He captained Sri Lanka against Australia and New Zealand in Sharjah.

1995: scored 101 vs West Indies at Sharjah.

■ 288 runs in four innings won him man of the series award in the Champions Trophy in Sharjah.

1996: Member of the ODI world champions team. He made a usefull 58\* in the Semi-final against India at Kolkata.

## First Class

1981: Made his debut at the age of 14 years, for Bloomfield vs Colts CC at Colts grounds.

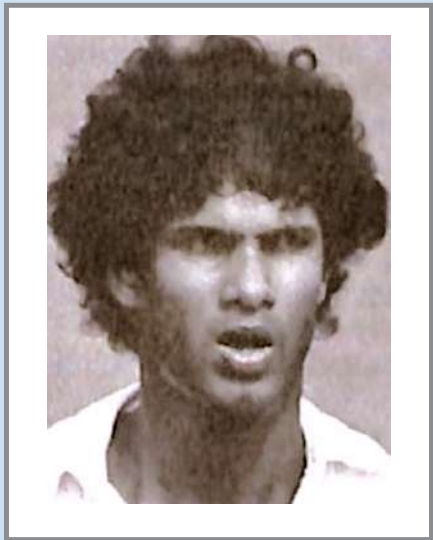
## List A

1986: Scored 111\* vs England B at PSS Colombo.

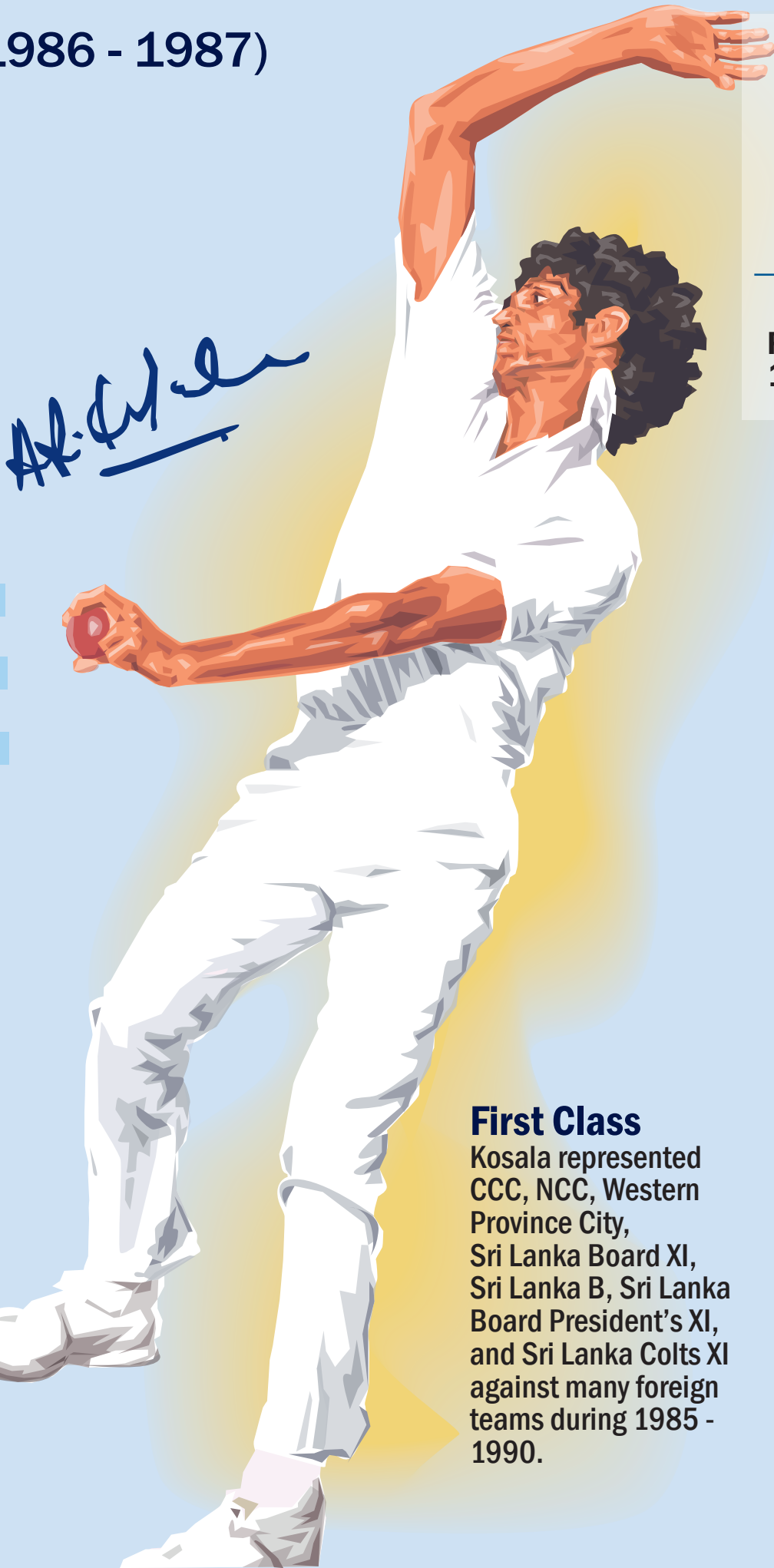


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Ajith Kosala Kuruppuarachchi (1986 - 1987)



Kosala Kuruppuarachchi, a left-arm medium-fast bowler on his debut against Pakistan, dismissed opener Mudassar Nazar with his third ball in Test cricket. He took 5 wickets and helped Sri Lanka to register it's maiden win against Pakistan in Tests.



TEST DEBUT  
Pakistan at Colombo (CCC)  
March 14 - 18, 1986

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

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1985/86 - 1993/94

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1987/88 - 1989/90

DATE OF BIRTH	November 01, 1964
EDUCATION	D. S. Senanayake College, Colombo
CLUB	CCC, NCC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Left arm Fast medium
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:



Kosala bowling in his debut match against Pakistan at CCC.

TESTs

**1986:** In his debut against Pakistan took 5/44 at CCC Grounds, Colombo. Also took 2/41 in the second innings.

■ An injury forced him to miss the second Test in the series.

**1987:** Played his last Test against New Zealand at CCC. He took 1/64. When batting at No: 11, he helped Brendon Kuruppu to score his double century on his debut. He faced 20 balls and remained unbeaten on 0.

First Class

Kosala represented CCC, NCC, Western Province City, Sri Lanka Board XI, Sri Lanka B, Sri Lanka Board President's XI, and Sri Lanka Colts XI against many foreign teams during 1985 - 1990.

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	2	-	29	6
BOWLING				
BALLS	272	-	3310	282
WKTS	8	-	60	3
RUNS	149	-	1602	186
BBI	5/44	-	5/44	2/34
BBM	7/85	-	-	2/34
AVE	18.62	-	26.70	62.00
BATTING				
INNS	3	-	21	3
NO	2	-	9	1
RUNS	0	-	70	2
HS	0*	-	20*	2
AVE	-	-	5.83	1.00
FIELDING				
CATCHES	0	-	5	2



After retirement he migrated to Australia and took up part-time coaching in Melbourne.



## 36 Sangarange Don Anurasiri (1986 - 98)

Don Anurasiri was a left arm spinner, made his debut at younger age at 20 years. His most successful series was against Australia in 1992, taking 10 wickets.

Post-retirement, he served as a member of Sri Lanka Cricket Selection Committee and a Match Referee.



DATE OF BIRTH	February 25, 1966
PLACE OF BIRTH	Panadura
EDUCATION	Sri Sumangala College, Panadura
CLUB	Panadura Sports Club
BOWLING STYLE	Slow Left arm Orthodox
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler



Don Anurasiri bowling during the World Cup match against England at Eastern Oval, Ballarat, Australia in 1992

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

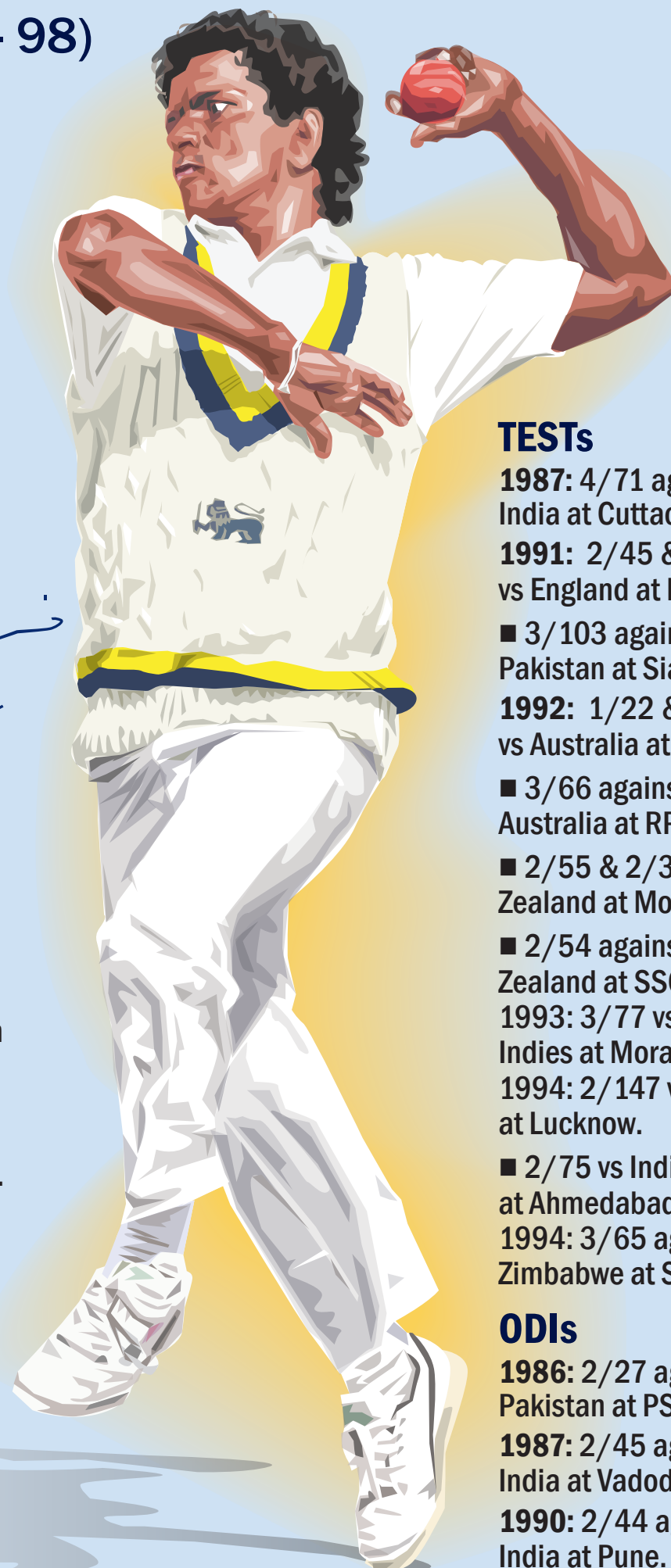
#### Under 19

**1984:** Toured Australia with Sri Lanka U19 team under Aravinda de Silva.

■ He took 2/117 vs Australia U19 in the youth Test at Melbourne.

**1985:** He represented Sri Lanka U19 under Roshan Mahanama against Australia U19.

■ He took 3/41 & 4/91 against Australia U19 in the youth Test at CCC.



#### TESTs

**1987:** 4/71 against India at Cuttack.

**1991:** 2/45 & 3/135 vs England at Lord's.

■ 3/103 against Pakistan at Sialkot.

**1992:** 1/22 & 4/127 vs Australia at SSC.

■ 3/66 against Australia at RPS.

■ 2/55 & 2/32 vs New Zealand at Moratuwa.

■ 2/54 against New Zealand at SSC.

**1993:** 3/77 vs West Indies at Moratuwa.

**1994:** 2/147 vs India at Lucknow.

■ 2/75 vs India at Ahmedabad.

**1994:** 3/65 against Zimbabwe at SSC.

#### ODIs

**1986:** 2/27 against Pakistan at PSS.

**1987:** 2/45 against India at Vadodara.

**1990:** 2/44 against India at Pune.

TEST DEBUT  
**Pakistan at CCC**  
March 14 - 18, 1986

LAST TEST  
**Zimbabwe at SSC**  
January 14 - 18, 1998

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1984/85 - 1997/98

ODI DEBUT  
**Pakistan at Asgiriya**  
March 02, 1986

LAST ODI  
**India at Rajkot**  
February 15, 1994

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1985/86 - 1996/97

### CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	18	45	116	56
BOWLING				
BALLS	3973	2100	24314	2724
WKTS	41	32	418	39
RUNS	1548	1464	8313	1855
BBI	4/71	3/40	8/53	4/35
BBM	5/149	-	-	-
AVE	37.75	45.75	19.88	47.56
BATTING				
INNS	22	18	139	21
NO	5	12	32	13
RUNS	91	62	1396	105
HS	24	11	74	28*
50s	0	0	1	0
AVE	5.35	10.33	13.04	13.12
FIELDING				
CATCHES	4	10	49	12

■ 2/39 against India at Margao.

**1992:** 3/41 against South Africa at Wellington.

■ 2/45 against New Zealand at PSS.

#### First Class

**1986:** 3/72 against Pakistan at Galle.

■ 5/38 for SL Colts XI vs England B in Colombo.

Don Anurasiri represented Sri Lanka in two ODI World Cup tournaments, in 1987 (India/Pakistan) and in 1992 (Australia/ New Zealand).



# Kaushik Naginda Amalean (1986 - 1988)

20 year old right arm fast bowler Kaushik Amalean made his debut with 3 wickets for 59 against Pakistan in 1986 at P Sara Stadium, Colombo. A member of the 1986 Asia Cup Champions team took 4 wicket in the Final.



DATE OF BIRTH	April 07, 1965
PLACE OF BIRTH	Colombo
EDUCATION	S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm Fast medium
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler

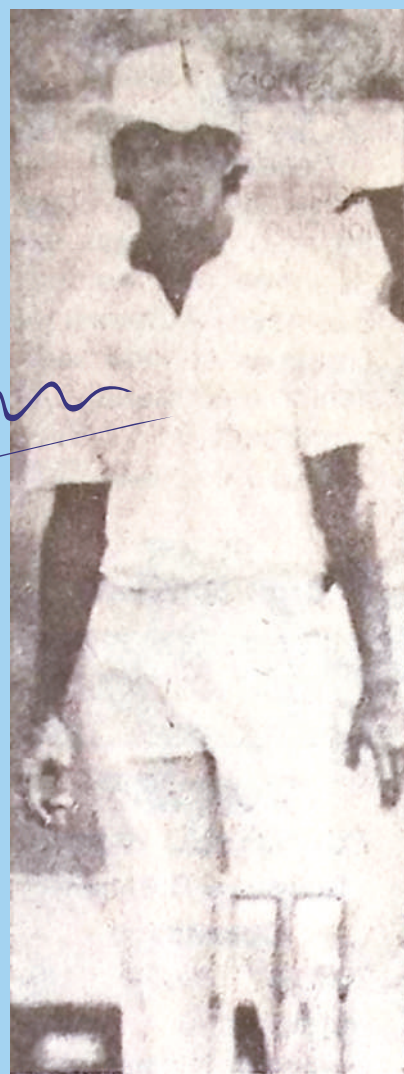


Ken Rutherford is dropped by Amalean off his own bowling during an ODI against New Zealand in 1986.



Asia Cup Champions 1986 (Amalean 4th from left)

Amalean was a memeber of the Asia Cup Champion Sri Lanka team in 1986. He took 4/46 in the Final against Pakistan at SSC.



Amalean celebrates the wicket of Javed Miandad in the Asia Cup Final at SSC in 1986.

TEST DEBUT  
Pakistan at PSO, Colombo  
March 22 - 27, 1986

LAST TEST  
Australia at Perth  
February 12 - 15, 1988

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1985/86 - 1987/88

ODI DEBUT  
Pakistan at Moratuwa  
March 08, 1986

LAST ODI  
New Zealand at Sharjah  
March 29, 1988

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1984/85 - 1987/88

## CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	2	8	5	14
BOWLING				
BALLS	244	318	640	594
WKTS	7	9	13	12
RUNS	156	207	362	385
BBI	4/97	4/46	4/97	4/46
BBM	4/97	-	-	-
AVE	22.28	23.00	27.84	32.08
BATTING				
INNS	3	3	5	5
NO	2	1	3	1
RUNS	9	15	13	22
HS	7*	9	7*	9
AVE	9.00	7.50	6.50	5.50
FIELDING				
CATCHES	1	0	2	0

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

### TESTs

1986: 3/59 vs Pakistan at PSS, Colombo.

1988: 4/97 vs Australia at Perth.

### ODIs

1986: 1/15 against Pakistan at Moratuwa.

1/31 vs Pakistan at SSC, Colombo.

1/30 vs Pakistan at PSS, Colombo.

2/15 vs Bangladesh at Kandy.

4/46 vs Pakistan at SSC.

### First Class

1986: 3/51 vs England B in Colombo.

2/52 against Pakistan for SLBP XI at Galle.

### List A

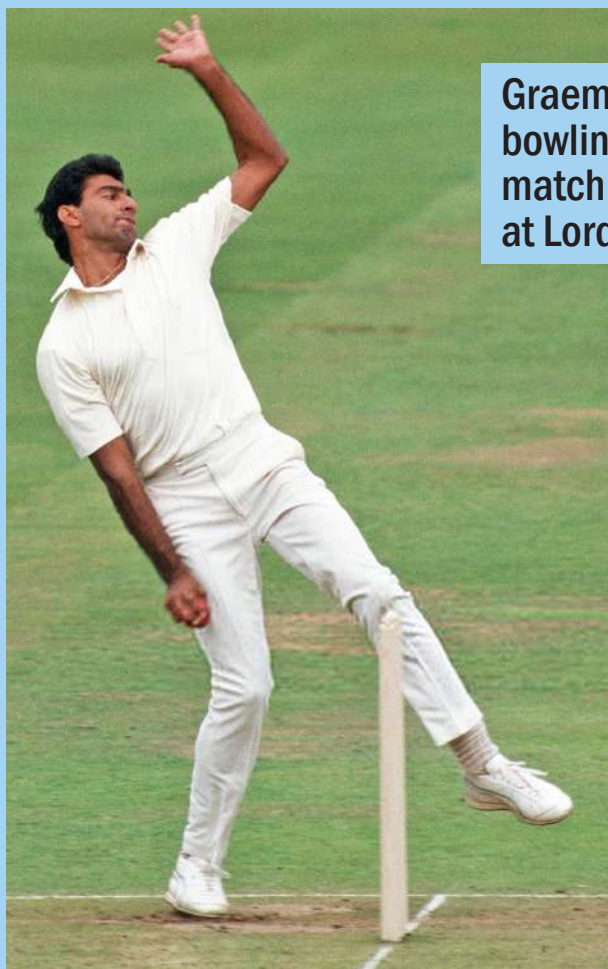
1986: 2/38 vs England B at PSO, Colombo.





Right-arm fast medium bowler Labrooy played all his nine Test matches overseas due to tensed political situation prevailed in Sri Lanka during that period. He also contributed with the bat with few useful knocks during his short career.

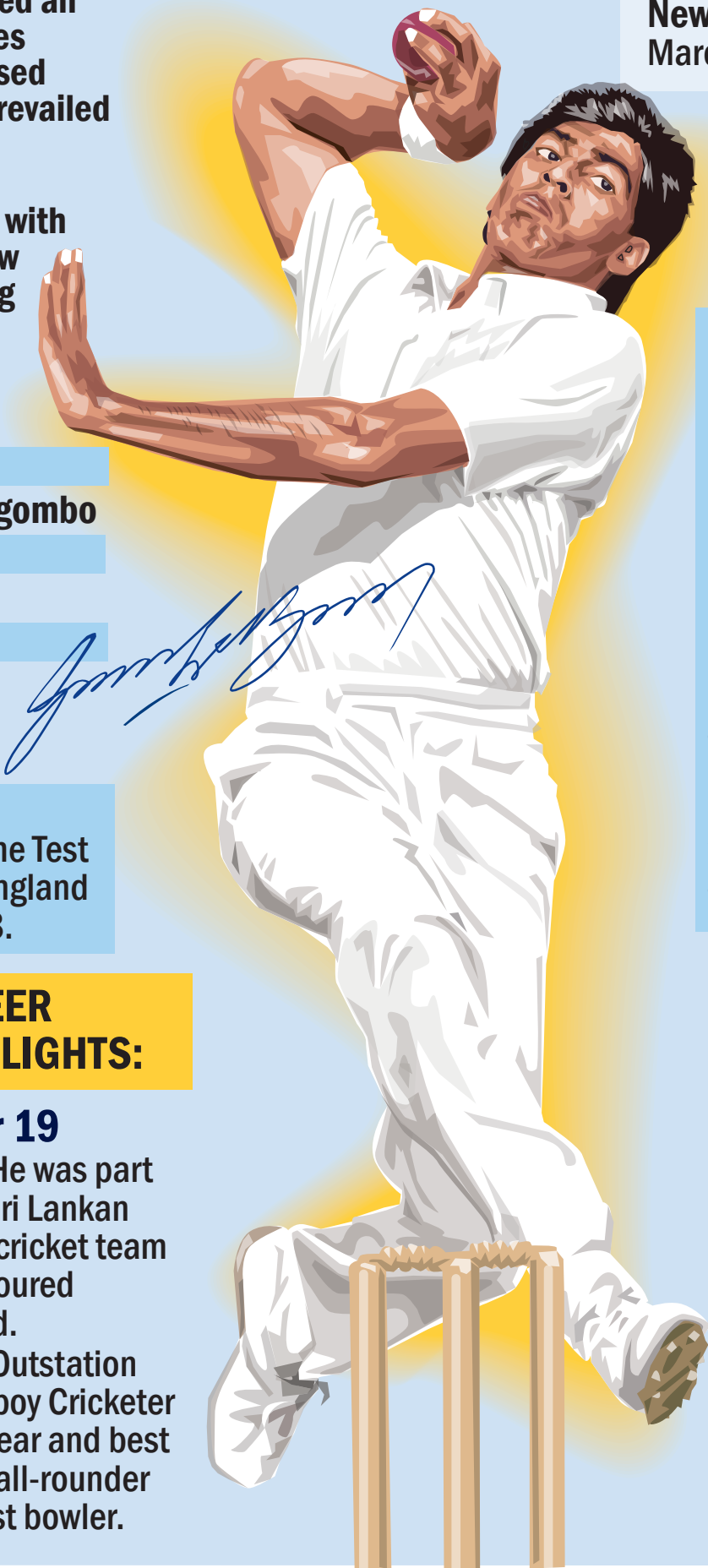
DATE OF BIRTH **June 07, 1964**  
BIRTH PLACE **Colombo**  
SCHOOL **Maris Stella College, Negombo**  
CLUB **CCC / Negombo CC**  
BATTING STYLE **Right hand Bat**  
BOWLING STYLE **Right arm medium fast**  
PLAYING ROLE **Opening bowler**



Graeme Labrooy bowling during the Test match against England at Lord's in 1988.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

**Under 19**  
**1981:** He was part of the Sri Lankan school cricket team which toured England.  
**1983:** Outstation Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year and best school all-rounder and best bowler.



TEST DEBUT  
**India at Kanpur**  
December 17 - 22, 1986  
LAST TEST  
**New Zealand at Auckland**  
March 01 - 05, 1991



In 2010, Labrooy was appointed as an ICC Match Referee. He also served as the Chairman of Selectors at the SLC in 2017.

**Tests**  
**1986:** Took his maiden wicket of Sunil Gavaskar of India in his debut match.  
**1988:** 2/108 vs Australia at Perth.  
■ Scored 42 & 4/119 against England at Lord's.  
**1989:** 5/133 vs Australia at Brisbane.  
**1991:** 4/68 vs New Zealand at Wellington.

ODI DEBUT  
**India at Sharjah**  
November 27, 1986  
Last ODI  
**England at Ballarat**  
March 09, 1992

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1986/87 - 1993/94  
LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1986/87 - 1991/92

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	9	44	49	49
BOWLING				
BALLS	2158	2308	7683	2524
RUNS	1194	1876	4162	2007
WKTS	27	45	124	50
BBI	5/133	5/57	7/71	5/57
BBM	7/90	5/57	7/71	5/57
AVE	44.22	41.68	33.56	40.14
5W	1	0	4	0
FIELDING				
CATCHES	3	8	17	9
BATTING				
INNS	14	36	53	39
NO	3	7	8	7
RUNS	158	249	924	289
HS	70*	33	70*	33
AVE	14.36	8.58	20.53	9.03
50s	1	0	0	0

■ He took 3/48 & 4/42 and batting at No: 9 position, scored unbeaten 70 off 80 balls with against New Zealand at Auckland.

**ODIs**  
**1987:** 5/57 against India at Vadodara.  
**1988:** Scored 33 runs vs Australia at Perth.  
■ 4/39 vs Australia at Melbourne.

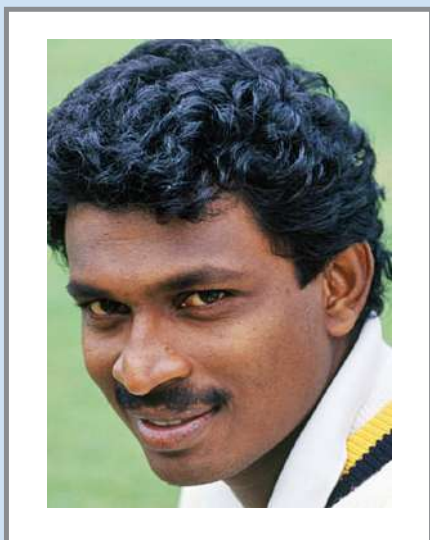
■ 3/36 vs Pakistan at Dhaka.  
■ 3/40 vs England at the London Oval.  
**1989:** Scored 25 vs India at Ahmedabad.  
■ 3/38 vs Australia at Margao, India.

**FC**  
**1986:** 4/137 vs Indian U-25 XI at Kolhapur.



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Champaka Priyadarshana Hewage Ramanayake (1986 - 1995)



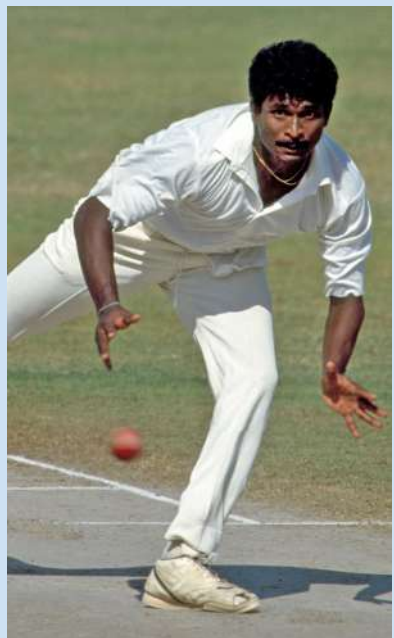
Ramanayake played for Sri Lanka at a time when they struggled to produce genuine fast bowlers. He played over hundred international matches between 1988 and 1995. He was more effective in ODIs where he picked up wickets on a regular basis.

DATE OF BIRTH	January 08, 1965, Galle
EDUCATION	Richmond College, Galle
CLUB	Tamil Union CC/ Galle CC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Righ arm Fast medium
PLAYING ROLE	Bowler

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

TESTS

1988: Took his maiden wicket of Phil Newport vs England at Lord's.



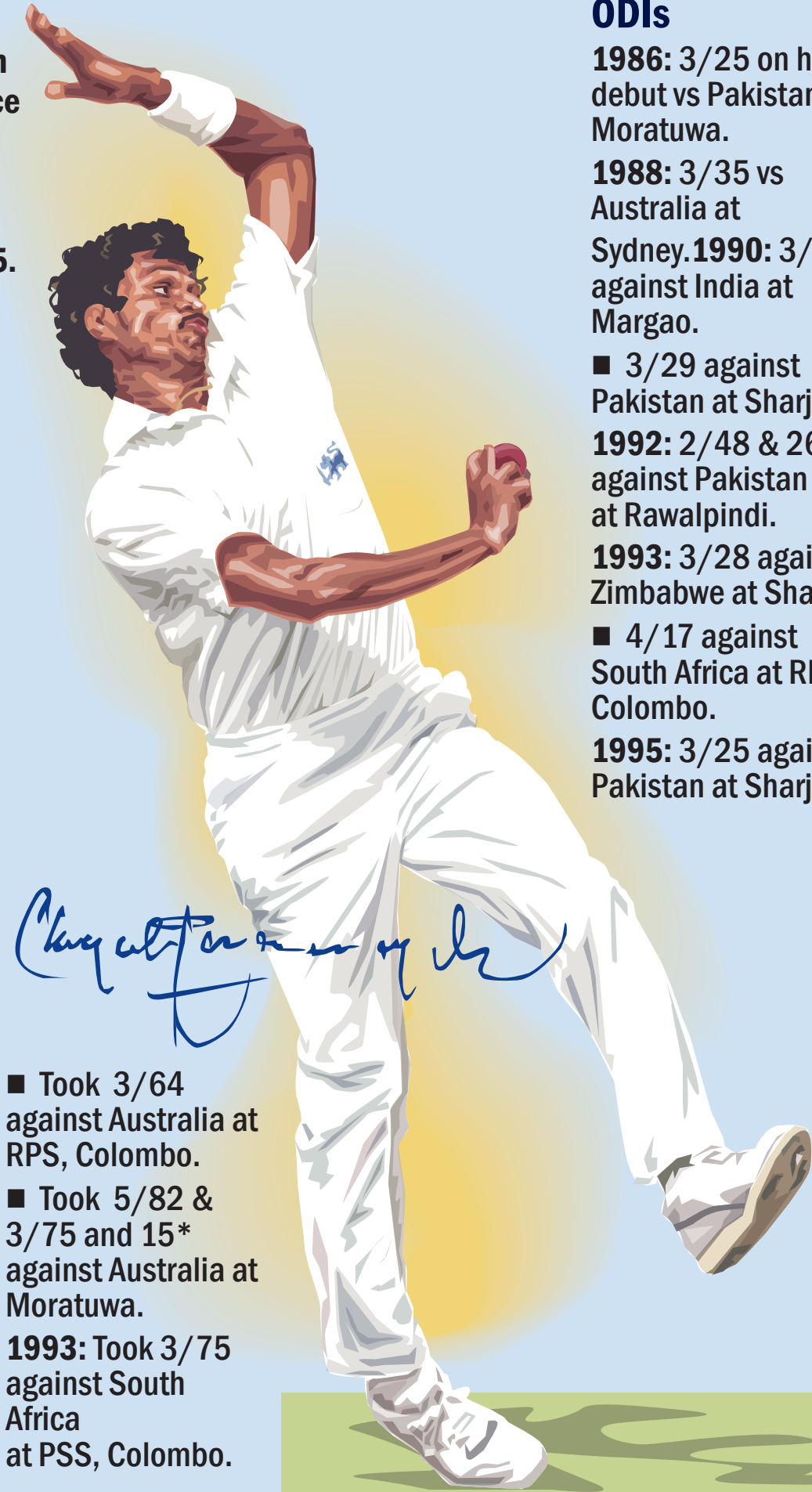
1989: Took 4 wickets (2/101 & 2/81) in the match against Australia at Brisbane.

1991: Took 4 wickets (2/39 & 2/122) in the match against New Zealand at Wellington.

■ Took 4 wickets (2/52 & 2/97) in the match against New Zealand at Hamilton.

■ Took 11 wickets in the Test Series against New Zealand in New Zealand. ■ 2/ 75 & 34\* vs England at Lord's.

1992: Took 3/51 & 3/113) against Australia at SSC.



■ Took 3/64 against Australia at RPS, Colombo.

■ Took 5/82 & 3/75 and 15\* against Australia at Moratuwa.

1993: Took 3/75 against South Africa at PSS, Colombo.

ODIs

1986: 3/25 on his debut vs Pakistan at Moratuwa.

1988: 3/35 vs Australia at Sydney.1990: 3/15 against India at Margao.

■ 3/29 against Pakistan at Sharjah.

1992: 2/48 & 26 against Pakistan at Rawalpindi.

1993: 3/28 against Zimbabwe at Sharjah.

■ 4/17 against South Africa at RPS, Colombo.

1995: 3/25 against Pakistan at Sharjah.

TEST DEBUT  
Australia at Perth  
February 12 - 15, 1988  
LAST TEST  
South Africa at PSS  
September 14 - 19, 1993

FC MATCHES SPAN  
1985/86 - 2001/02

ODI DEBUT  
Pakistan at Moratuwa  
March 08, 1986  
Last ODI  
India at Sharjah  
April 14, 1995

LIST A MATCHES SPAN  
1985/86 - 2003

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	18	62	160	111
BOWLING				
BALLS	3654	2864	23090	4709
WKTS	44	68	480	132
RUNS	1880	2049	11373	3168
BBI	5/82	4/17	7/21	4/17
BBM	8/157	4/17	7/21	4/17
AVE	42.72	30.13	23.69	24.00
BATTING				
INNS	24	35	197	70
NO	9	14	31	20
RUNS	143	210	3134	524
HS	34*	26	100	51
50s	0	0	13	1
100s	0	0	1	0
AVE	9.53	10.00	18.87	10.48
FIELDING				
CATCHES	6	11	5	2

Champaka is a highly respected international cricket coach. He worked for the SLC as a national fast bowling coach. His proudest achivement was discovering Lasith Malinga at the age of 16 and guiding him to be one of the best in the world.

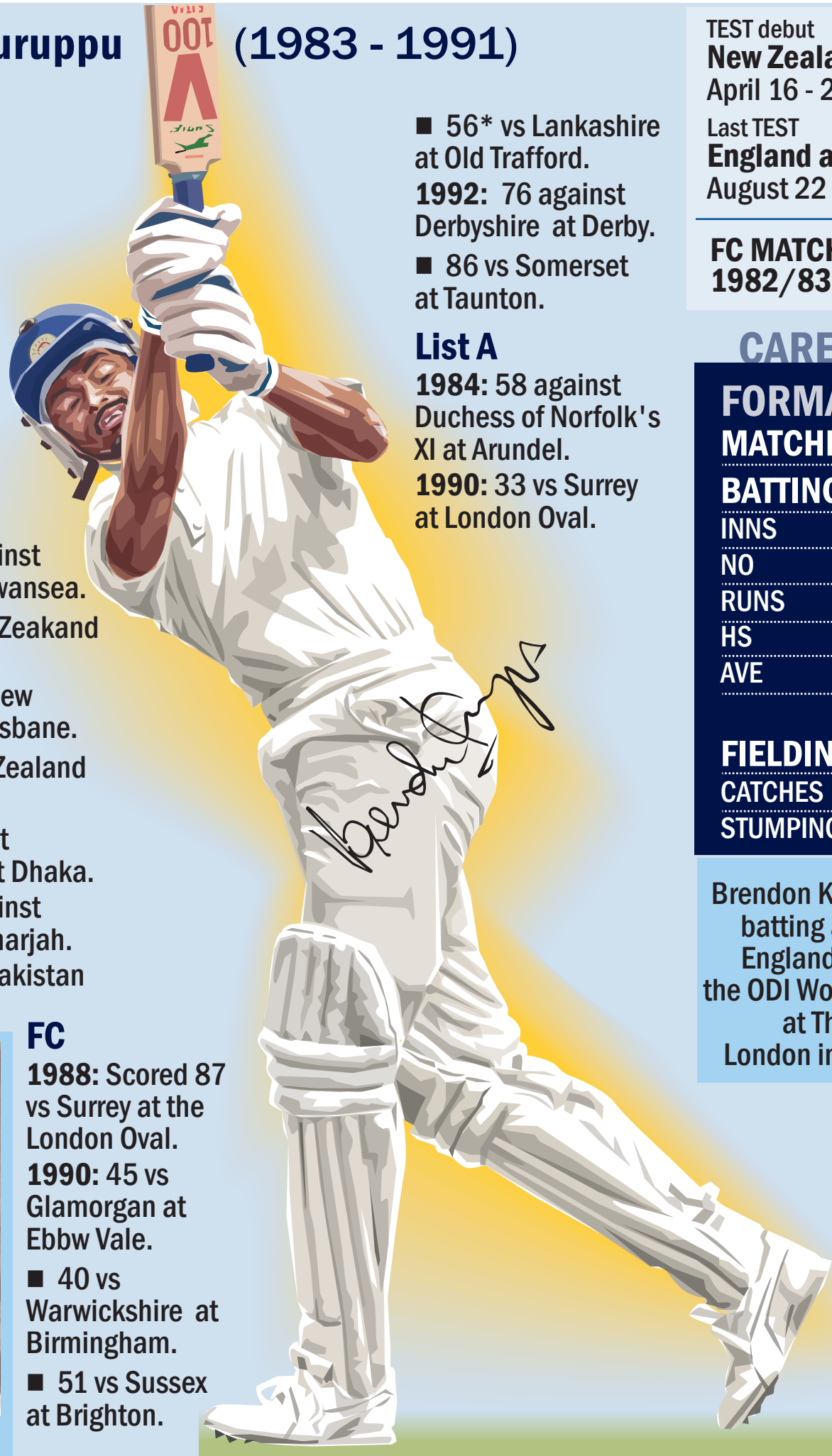




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Don Sardha Brendon Priyantha Kuruppu (1983 - 1991)

Tall right handed top order wicket keeper batsman  
Brendon is only the third batsman to score a double-century (201\*) on his Test debut, against Kiwis. He played in two ODI World Cups (1983 & 1987). After retirement, He served as an admistrator at SLC.



DATE OF BIRTH	January 05, 1962
DATE OF BIRTH	Colombo
EDUCATION	Ananda College, Colombo
CLUB	Bloomfield C&AC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
PLAYING ROLE	Wicket Keeper Batsman
NICK NAME	Brenda

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

**TESTs**  
**1987:** 201\* on debut vs New Zealand at CCC. He spent at the wicket 777 minutes & facing 548 balls.  
**1988:** Scored 46 & 25 vs England at Lord's.

**ODIs**  
**1983:** 72 against Pakistan at Swansea.  
■ 62 vs New Zeakand at Derby.  
**1988:** 47 vs New Zealand at Brisbane.  
■ 46 vs New Zealand at Sharjah.  
■ 58\* against Bangladesh at Dhaka.  
**1989:** 63 against Pakistan at Sharjah.  
**1990:** 41 vs Pakistan at Sharjah.

**FC**  
**1988:** Scored 87 vs Surrey at the London Oval.  
**1990:** 45 vs Glamorgan at Ebbw Vale.  
■ 40 vs Warwickshire at Birmingham.  
■ 51 vs Sussex at Brighton.

■ 56\* vs Lankashire at Old Trafford.  
**1992:** 76 against Derbyshire at Derby.  
■ 86 vs Somerset at Taunton.

**List A**  
**1984:** 58 against Duchess of Norfolk's XI at Arundel.  
**1990:** 33 vs Surrey at London Oval.

TEST debut  
**New Zealand at CCC**  
April 16 - 21, 1987  
Last TEST  
**England at Lord's**  
August 22 - 27, 1991

ODI debut  
**Australia at SSC**  
April 30, 1983  
Last ODI  
**Australia at Sharjah**  
May 02, 1990

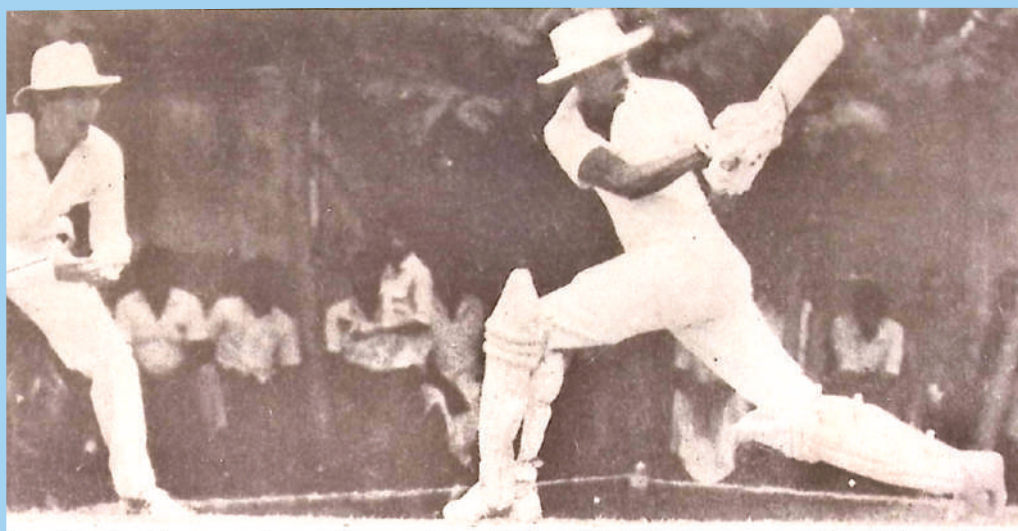
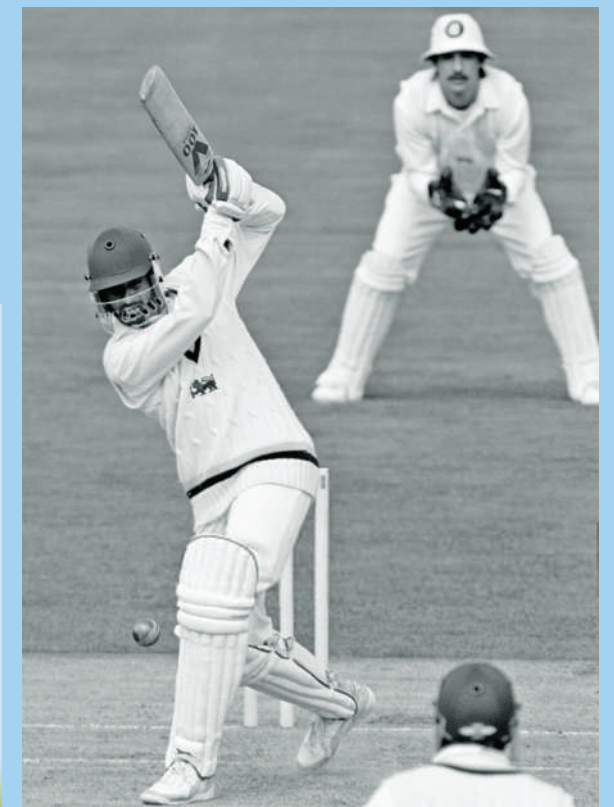
**FC MATCHES SPAN**  
**1982/83 - 1991**

**LIST A MATCHES SPAN**  
**1982/83 - 1991/92**

CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	4	54	48	73
BATTING				
INNS	7	52	79	69
NO	1	1	7	1
RUNS	320	1022	2671	1362
HS	201*	72	201*	80
AVE	53.33	20.03	37.09	20.02
FIELDING				
CATCHES	1	30	47	35
STUMPINGS	0	8	10	2

Brendon Kuruppu batting against England during the ODI World Cup at The Oval, London in 1988.



Brendon Kuruppu scored 201\* runs on his debut in 1987.



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Maitipage Athula Rohitha Samarasekera (1983 - 1994)

Tall right hand batsman Athula loved to dominate the bowlers with power hitting. He played for two World Cups (1983 & 1992) After retirement, Athula settled down in Australia and has taken up various coaching assignments.



DATE OF BIRTH	August 05, 1961
EDUCATION	Mahinda College, Galle
CLUB	CCC
BATTING STYLE	Right hand Bat
BOWLING STYLE	Right arm medium
PLAYING ROLE	Batting Allrounder
NICK NAME	Big Sam



Athula Samarasekera (75) batting against Zimbabwe in New Plymouth, New Zealand during the 1992 WC.

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

#### TESTS

1988: Scored 0 & 57 and took 3 wickets in his debut match against England at Lord's.

#### ODIs

1983: Played in the World Cup in England.

1988: Scored 66 against India at Dhaka.

■ Scored 38\* against Bangladesh at Dhaka.

1989: Scored 60 vs Pakistan at Perth.

1992: Scored 43 vs Pakistan at Hyderabad.

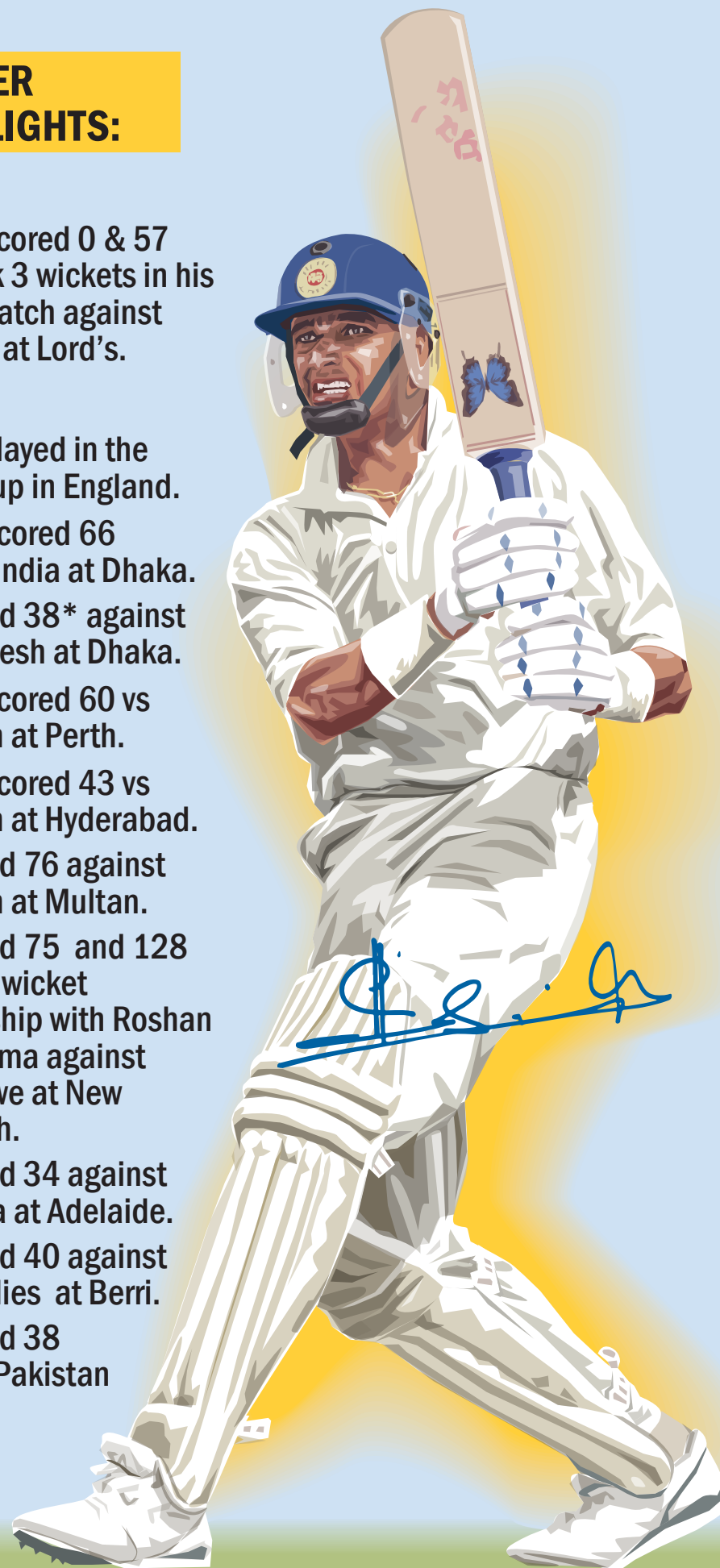
■ Scored 76 against Pakistan at Multan.

■ Scored 75 and 128 runs 1st wicket partnership with Roshan Mahanama against Zimbabwe at New Plymouth.

■ Scored 34 against Australia at Adelaide.

■ Scored 40 against West Indies at Berri.

■ Scored 38 against Pakistan at Perth.



TEST debut  
**England at Lord's**  
August 25 - 30, 1988  
Last TEST  
**Pakistan at Sialkot**  
December 12 - 17, 1991

ODI debut  
**Pakistan at Swansea**  
June 09, 1983  
Last ODI  
**New Zealand at Sharjah**  
April 18, 1994

**FC MATCHES SPAN**  
1982/83 - 1994/95

**LIST A MATCHES SPAN**  
1983 - 1994/95

### CAREER STATISTICS

FORMAT	TEST	ODI	FC	LIST A
MATCHES	4	39	57	57
BATTING				
INNS	7	39	86	57
NO	0	2	5	3
RUNS	118	844	2737	1470
HS	57	76	191	111*
AVE	16.85	22.81	33.79	27.22
BOWLING				
BALLS	192	338	3774	826
WKTS	3	0	46	20
RUNS	104	291	1821	656
BBI	2/38	-	3/31	4/44
BBM	3/104	-	-	4/44
FIELDING				
CATCHES	3	5	36	9

#### FC

1987: 3/32 & 42 for SL Invitation XI against New Zealand at Galle.

1988: 77 for Sri Lanka B vs Zimbabwe at Harare.

1988: 3/77 against Middlesex at Lord's.

■ 104 & 3/31 vs Surrey at Kennington Oval.

■ 53 vs Gloucestershire at Bristol.

#### List A

1988: 95 & 2/32 vs Zimbabwe at Bulawayo.

■ 3/54 & 61 for Sri Lanka B against Zimbabwe at Bulawayo.

■ 2/31 & 111\* for Sri Lanka B against Zimbabwe at Harare.

■ 94 & 4/44 for Sri Lanka B against Zimbabwe at Harare.