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Terry Alderman

Terry Alderman was born into a sports-loving family. His father Bill played league football and first-grade cricket, his brother John was a reliable first-grade cricketer, and his sister Denise Emerson was an Australian Test cricketer.

Both boys followed their father at Aquinas College where Terry starred as a bowler, taking 14 Wesley wickets and making his first-grade debut while still at school. In this match at Sydney in 1974/75 he claimed five NSW wickets to begin his illustrious career. Alderman played first-class cricket for two decades representing WA, English country sides Kent and Gloucestershire, and Australia. He also toured South Africa twice as a member of rebel sides of Australians in 1985/86 and 1986/87, which earned him a three-year international ban.

In whatever competition, he could be relied on to attack if conditions suited or to defend when others were struggling. Alderman was not highly respected as a batsman and was usually an automatic number eleven. When the situation required, however, he gave determined resistance. Alderman and Allan Border held out for 95 minutes to save the Second Test against the West Indies in 1984. Alderman earned a reputation as a reliable slips or close-to-the-wicket fieldsman in the game, with quick reflexes, and he snared 190 catches in first-class matches.

As a king of swing and cut, he was the best Australian bowler of his type in his era, especially in his glory seasons during the 1981 and 1989 Ashes series in England, when he captured an unprecedented 42 and 41 Test wickets respectively. Alderman has also taken more wickets for WA than any other bowler, his total of 433 being 82 higher than the next best bowler, Dennis Lillee. Alderman was also a versatile bowler who adapted well to the Limited Overs game, bowling many economical spells in his 65 internationals.

CLIENT FEEDBACK

“Excellent. Right from the start of his talk Terry responded well to the audience and obviously enjoyed the interaction. This resulted in a very entertaining and interesting session.”

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