

PAKISTAN'S SUPER LEGGY

ABDUL QADIR PROFILE BY CRAIG BAMFORD

Born in 1955 in Lahore, Abdul Qadir Khan made his first-class debut during the 1975/76 season, playing in domestic competitions in Pakistan. Over the years Hanging Heaton Cricket Club have had some memorable players – and Qadir is certainly one of these.



His main role was as a leg-spin bowler and his personalised run up and appealing style made him a favourite with both players and spectators.

He had a variety of deliveries and was one of the most successful spin bowlers of his time. In his era spin bowling was relatively rare but Qadir gave other spin bowlers confidence and the belief to achieve.

Qadir made his Test debut on home soil against England in 1977. During his second Test series in England in 1978 he was injury-prone - and didn't really make an impact until his return in 1982, mainly with a six wicket-haul that helped set up a memorable victory for Pakistan against the English.

To add to this great achievement, in the same year Qadir became the first Pakistani to take 100 wickets in a season.

Another memorable moment for him came in 1987 - a ten wicket-haul which helped his country to a series win in England.

The same season saw him achieve new heights as he became the first Pakistani bowler to reach the 200-wicket milestone, including a record best of 9-56.

This great Pakistani cricketer spent 20 years playing first-class cricket, with 960 career wickets.