

ENGINEERING A BETTER FUTURE

PLAYER PROFILE: Sean O'Malley by Duncan Robinson

Veteran Augustinians all-rounder Sean O'Malley's goal ahead of the new season is simple: "Win more matches!" O'Malley is a fierce competitor and as he confesses himself, "I hate to lose." It is this attitude which has seen O'Malley stay at the top of his game for so long and playing top-class cricket.

Last season was a particularly disappointing one for O'Malley as Augustinians lost far too many games. For such a staunch winner, he found it hard to take. However, he is looking to make up for it with a much more productive season this time around. He stated, "I love to win no matter what it is I'm doing and it's no different at Augustinians. Last season was very frustrating. But I've got high hopes for this season, a few changes have been made, and I feel as though we have a side able to compete."

Proud Yorkshireman O'Malley compares his style of play to that of his all-time favourite player, Geoffrey Boycott. One of the finest cricketers ever to represent the White Rose county, Boycott was often viewed as being obsessed with winning, not unlike O'Malley. Although he doesn't open the batting like his hero ("I usually bat at either 4 or 5"), O'Malley is famed for his ability to occupy the crease for a sustained period of time like Boycott.



Unlike Boycott, however, he has been wicketkeeper for the past four seasons and before that he bowled regularly. He explained, "As I got older it was becoming increasingly difficult to both bat and bowl so I decided to focus more on the batting side of my game and retire to stumping for a few seasons instead of bowling."

Having lived in Huddersfield all his life, O'Malley is an avid supporter of Yorkshire CCC. He is also a keen football and rugby league fan, unsurprisingly following Huddersfield Town and the Huddersfield Giants. He is an engineer by day and fits in his other interests around his work and his cricket.

O'Malley describes his career highlight as winning the league's batting prize in 2004. He proudly states, "That was a particularly good season for me as I hit about five or six 70s and 80s so I did pretty well in batting terms. To be voted as the best batsman in the whole league was a really excellent achievement." When asked about his career lowlight, O'Malley replied, "Any game lost!"

He will certainly be hoping Augustinians can engineer themselves to a few more victories this season than last campaign.