

THE HISTORY MAN

Profile of Ismail Dawood by Ashley Ball

The Dewsbury-born Dawood has played first-class cricket for Northamptonshire, Worcestershire, Glamorgan and Yorkshire. He is a wicketkeeper and lower-order batsman who has also represented England at youth level, most notably at under-19s.



Despite being a Yorkshire lad, Dawood made his first-class debut for Northamptonshire. He had previously been playing in second XI fixtures from 1994 and also became a Worcestershire regular in 1997.

Although generally considered a lower-order batsman, Dawood accumulated his fair share of runs when given the opportunity. And when injuries did him a favour at Glamorgan in 1999, he was selected to open the batting against Gloucestershire at Cardiff; he actually claimed his maiden first-class century in this fixture, scoring 102.

Dawood finally played for his native county in 2003; however, he was released prior to the 2006 season. In his brief White Rose career he made 326 runs in 12 championship appearances with 34 catches and one stumping.

He grew up at Mount CC and has starred more recently for the Batley-based Hanging Heaton, where he is considered a local hero. The right-handed Dawood now represents minor counties side Cheshire.

Dawood was the first Yorkshire-born Asian to represent the county. He is now training to be an umpire.