

FROM MAHARASHTRA TO MIRFIELD

Profile of Ghulam Parkar by Aaron Gales

On October 25th 1955 in Maharashtra, India, Ghulam Parkar was born. He was an extremely talented cricketer who after some outstanding performances went on to represent his country of birth in both forms of international game with some success.



While he only went on to play one Test for his country, he was unfortunate to come along at a time when Indian selectors demanded instant success and after failing in his first game he was never picked for the Test side again.

However despite this minor blip on his CV there is no doubt that this man enjoyed a truly phenomenal first-class career in cricket which saw a brief interlude at Mirfield Cricket Club.

In terms of his attributes as a player, he was described by many as a dashing opening batsman with a wonderful array of attacking shots. He was also an extremely athletic fielder making him a natural for the one-day form of the game at which he played ten games for his country.

In one-day cricket he was also an integral part of the Bombay side. It was in this competition where he had some of his greatest successes - in the Ranji trophy he scored over 3,000 runs at an average of just under fifty. He also formed an

explosive partnership with the great Sunil Gavaskar, once scoring 421 runs in one match.

His first-class statistics also compare extremely favourably with the greats of the game. He scored more than 4,000 runs at an average of over 42, playing a total of 68 matches.

He may not go down in history as one of the game's all-time greats, but the statistics certainly prove that he was very, very good.