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IQBAL QASIM PROFILE BY CRAIG BAMFORD

Mohammad Iqbal Qasim was born in 1953 in Karachi. He played in 50 Test matches for Pakistan and an additional 15 One Day Internationals. In the early 1980s he played some of his cricket at Hanging Heaton Cricket Club in the Bradford League.



The slow left-armers finished his Test career with 171 wickets to his name, with 3.5 wickets a match and an economy rate of 2.21.

Qasim was a slow bowler but in actual fact he delivered the ball at a much faster pace than most, and didn't necessarily rely on great turn, but often deceived batsmen with variations.

He is remembered by most for his performance during the ever so tense clash between India and Pakistan in the 1987 Test series, where he took 9-121, as well as dismissing Sunil Gavaskar for 96, in addition to helping his country to their first series win on Indian soil.

Among Pakistani slow bowlers only Abdul Qadir had taken more Test wickets. As his bowling figures show, Iqbal Qasim was a regular force in the Pakistan side for over a decade and made a huge impact playing for both club and country.

Qasim was not really to be relied upon with the bat - and the snaps of him taking a blow from Bob Willis against England in the 1st Test at Edgbaston in 1978 underline this fact.

Nevertheless, what he didn't do with the bat he most certainly did with the ball. He was a great bowler and a superb role model for any aspiring cricketer.