

Adam Dollive: Hero in the Making

By Matt Elston

Once upon a time, if you looked closely you could see the silhouette of a young Adam Dollive on the boundary edge at Lidget Lane.

Adam started playing at the tender age of nine and quickly developed his steely competitive edge which sets him apart from others. A keen eleventh man, young Adam would score for his father's team and, if needed, would always be the first to field. It wasn't unknown for this young lad to pick up a bat from time to time and, despite bribes of a Mars bar or ten bob from the opposition, he was never one to surrender his wicket cheaply.



Now an opener and the first team captain, 'Lou', as he is known, claims his proudest moment to date came in junior cricket. He was an integral part of the side that won the Walker Cup in 1996. This was Adam's final game in junior cricket and he finished by scoring 59 and picking up the man of the match award in this fixture, capping what was a successful junior cricket career for him.

Everyone at the Skelmanthorpe club is aware of Adam's background. The Dollive family eat, sleep and breathe cricket. It is this passion that has put him where he is now. Adam has captained both first and second teams at senior level, which he describes as a 'real honour', and he has had the pleasure of leading his side out in two Sykes Cup finals. 'Lou' has also skippered Huddersfield's Joe Lumb side and was part of a winning White Rose team.

The captain's strong, competitive and honest character reflects on the entire team. Playing alongside Higgins, Gummerson, Mahboob and Hinchcliffe, Adam has enjoyed every minute in the middle while also recognising the brilliance of his heroes. It seems inevitable that the Dollive name will eventually accompany these greats in Shat folklore.