



UMPIRE PROFILE

Adam Devlin



Adam initially had a successful introduction into cricket, playing his formative years in the early 1990's at the very strong Preston CC , a 1st XI side that was hard to break into at that time.

Arriving at Cramer Street in 1983/84 from Preston Socials where he had played his junior cricket, he was a tall energetic fast medium swing bowler who bowled good lines and took wickets.

He played 8 years at the Club primarily in the 2XI as Preston had such incredible bowling strength and depth that it was very hard to break into the 1st XI in that period.

Nonetheless, Adam toiled away and improved each year and was rewarded with promotion to the 1sts in 1988/89 where he eventually played 11 games.

At Preston, he took a total of 209 wickets at a fantastic average of 16.21. During his time at Preston, he was known as a very energetic, friendly, and popular player. He was well respected and toiled hard at his craft to develop into an excellent player. He found Premiership success in the 2nds.

In 1991/92, he left for premier cricket at North Melbourne where he played the next two seasons including 5 games in the 1sts, before Yarraville recruited him in 1994/5.

Adam gave 100% to all roles he took on, both on and off field at Yarraville CC. He was an outstanding contributor on field from 1994 to 2013, which included 197 club games, 136 1st XI games, 297 1st XI wickets and a 5 times 1st XI bowling average winner. He was made a life member of Yarraville in 2008.

Off field, Adam was a long serving and reliable committee member, and took on executive roles as Assistant Secretary and Secretary from 2006 to 2012, towards the end of his playing career.

Once Adam finished playing, he still missed the on field action. This passion for the game saw him in the 2013-14 season, take up a role as an umpire in the VSDCA. Adam again gave 100% to this role and quickly established himself as a very competent and efficient umpire.

In the 2021-22 season he took on the role of President of the Victorian Sub District Cricket Umpires Association (VSDCUA), and was committed to keeping the umpires engaged and enjoying the game whilst officiating.

At the time of his passing in October 2022, Adam had officiated in 143 VSDCA games in his all too short umpiring career. This included 29 finals, comprised of 1 x 1st XI, 3 x 2nd XI & 1 x 4th XI grand finals and 22 qualifying and semifinals. The VSDCUA will be forever grateful for the wonderful contribution he made in such a short span of time.

At the 2023-24 Annual General Meeting of the VSDCUA, the membership unanimously agreed to bestow posthumously, an honorary life membership on Adam. At the time of his passing, Adam was only 7 games shy of qualifying for this honour.

Adam was a great competitor on the field in all his roles, and a larger than life character off it. Warm, friendly engaging, boisterous and confident. Adam had a bit of everything and was always likeable company. Adam had a good rapport with all of the clubs he played against and umpired.

He will be sadly missed across the wider VSDCA community, and by all who knew him through his sporting and family life in the Western Suburbs.