



# KING OF SPIN - Abdul Qadir



Natural talent combined with aggression and passion made Qadir one of the most successful spinners of his era. He had a distinct run-up, bounding in to the crease, and a great variety of deliveries: there was the orthodox leg-break, the topspinner, two googlies and the flipper. He was unique for bowling leg spin at a time when it was not only rare but considered obsolete, and he kept the torch alight for a generation of leg spinners. His fervent appeals made him a great favorite with the spectators.

In 1982, he took six wickets in the Lord's Test played a major role in a historic Pakistani victory.

In 1982/83, Qadir picked up 22 wickets in just three Tests as Pakistan made a clean sweep of its home rubber against Australia. Qadir became the first bowler to take 100 wickets in a Pakistani season.

Qadir took nineteen wickets in three Tests the following season as Pakistan cruised to its first-ever series triumph over England. At the Kensington Oval in 1987, his ten-wicket haul ensured another series win, this time in England.

Three months later, Qadir brought his art to an all new level, taking nine for 56 (an innings record for a Pakistani bowler in Test cricket) and four for 45 in a Test against England at Lahore. During this crusade, he moved past the 200-wicket mark, becoming the first man from his country ever to do so.

Qadir played first-class cricket for twenty years, finishing with 960 wickets at the bowling average of 23.24. He was not shy of authority and frequently rebelled against it. His bowling and character are among the most zealous ever known in Test cricket. Qadir represented Pakistan, Habib Bank Limited, Lahore, Punjab teams.



- ➔ Millennium 2000 No.3 Sportsman from All sports (The Sunday Times England-News Survey)
- ➔ Pride of Performance (Pakistan)
- ➔ Life Membership from M.C.C (England)
- ➔ Ryder Medal (Australia)
- ➔ Life Achievement Awards -Gold Medal from Pakistan Cricket Board.
- ➔ Founder of Cricket Academy in Pakistan.

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