



**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

Alex Taylor (1937-2011)



1970

1990

Roles and Honours

| | |
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| Team Captain | B Shires 1968-69, 1970-71, 5th Grade 1984-86 |
| Premiership Teams | A Shires 1971-72, B Shires 1966-67, 1967-68 |
| Ted Davis Player of the Year | 1968-69 |

Individual Profile – supplied by Lachlan Taylor

Where was Alex born and where did he grow up?

Born in Sydney and grew up in Eastwood

Where did he play junior/local cricket or become interested in cricket?

Not exactly sure but I think Epping / Eastwood would have been his junior club

When and why did he become involved with UNSWCC?

Attended UNSW studying Chemical Engineering

What did Alex like about UNSW Cricket?

The friends he made and the competitiveness, the country tours in the early years

What was his Club nickname (Explain who gave it to you and why – if not obvious)

Not sure, perhaps one of his early team mates may know

The Table above outlines some Alex's Club achievements, roles, and honours. Can you give us an insight into how you saw his contribution to UNSW Cricket, which do you consider the most important?

He also was involved with the Blues awards and enjoyed recognising those with talent and significantly contributed to the UNSW and the cricket club. Enjoyed being part of the early successful UNSWCC teams

What did it mean to Alex to be awarded life membership?

I'm sure he felt very honoured and proud to be recognised for his achievements and contribution to the club

What do you think would be Alex's greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

I'm sure the premiership teams he was involved with and the Club Championship would have been a highlight, also loved the country tours and the South American tour of 1990/91

Is there anything else you would like to add or reflect on about Alex's time at UNSW Cricket, where he was a revered figure?

Enjoyed giving his all both on and off the field for the club, enjoyed the success in the early shires years and particularly the first few seasons in Grade, made life long friendships with many characters unique to the UNSWCC

Playing Record

| Alex Taylor | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Years Played | | | Grade | | | 1973-1989 | | | |
| | | | Shires | | | 1964-1973 | | | |
| BATTING | | | | | | | | | |
| Grade | Games | Inn. | NO | Total | Ave. | Highest | Caught | 50's | 100's |
| 1 | 13 | 20 | | 340 | 17.0 | 56 | 2 | 1 | |
| 2 | 33 | 45 | 1 | 793 | 18.0 | 68 | 7 | 5 | |
| 3 | 10 | 11 | | 167 | 15.2 | 49 | 2 | | |
| 4 | 32 | 43 | 3 | 812 | 20.3 | 123 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 5 | 82 | 88 | 8 | 2118 | 26.5 | 85 | 14 | 9 | |
| 6 | 31 | 29 | 1 | 547 | 19.5 | 63 | 8 | 2 | |
| CS | 6 | 6 | | 50 | 8.3 | 19 | 2 | | |
| Shires | Unav. | 260 | 31 | 4556 | 19.9 | 105 | 56 | | 1 |
| Totals | 207 | 502 | 44 | 9383 | 20.5 | 123 | 97 | 20 | 2 |
| BOWLING | | | | | | | | | |
| Grade | Games | Overs | Maidens | Wickets | Runs | Average | 5WI | Best | |
| 2 | 33 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 21 | | | | |
| 4 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | | | | |
| 5 | 82 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1.5 | | 2 for 1 | |
| 6 | 31 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 24.0 | | 1 for 24 | |
| Totals | | 14 | 1 | 3 | 55 | 18.3 | | | |



Alex in South America on the UNSW tour

Tribute to Alex Taylor contained in the UNSW Cricket Club Annual Report 2011/12

VALE – ALEX TAYLOR – 1937-2011

A life member of the UNSW Cricket Club, Alex Taylor, passed away on 29 August 2011.

Alex was a key figure in the club through the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Predominantly a 2nd grade player during the club's formative years in Shires, Alex also played 1st grade in the 1973/74 season - the club's first season in the Grade competition. In later years he would become a mainstay of the 4th and 5th grade teams. During his career he scored over 9,000 runs for UNSWCC, placing him at No.3 on the all-time list for the club.

Fellow life member and the club's inaugural "Grade" 1st grade captain, Geoff Garland, remembers Alex:

"He was outstanding off the back foot and could cut and hook superbly. He was also fearless and one day at Waitara on a damp wicket he was hit a dozen times by Steve Bernard and Mark Clews (the then NSW Shield openers). He top scored in both innings. His efforts that day have gone down in folklore!!! The faster and shorter the bowling, the more he prospered. What many don't remember was that he kept getting out bowled and lbw by innocuous medium pacers when he batted down the list. He had a real gap when playing forward. Phil Watkins, another UNSW luminary, would bowl him a dozen times at every practice session.

He was fairly immobile in the field but had great hands and I can't remember him dropping a catch if the ball went to him, even at frightening speed. Alex was a remarkably placid person. Nothing seemed to upset him. He was frequently sledged but never ruffled. In fact, he was quite droll and perceptive in his comments. He never put himself forward but when questioned he always had something worthwhile to say."

Alex's son Lachlan would also become a long term playing member of the Club and the Taylor family were regular attendees of club functions long after Alex's playing days were over. These included UNSWCC's South American Tour in 1990-91, for which other son Keith also joined Alex and Lachlan. Alex was also instrumental in setting up, and contributing to, the UNSWCC Foundation, which continues to provide a long-term financial reserve for the club.

Alex was made a life member of UNSW Cricket Club in 1978.