

= Haseeb Ahsan =

Haseeb Ahsan (Urdu : ????? ; 15 July 1939 ? 8 March 2013) was a Pakistani cricketer who played 12 Tests for Pakistan between 1958 and 1962 . He was born in Peshawar , Khyber Pakhtunkhwa . A right @-@ arm off spinner , he took 27 wickets in Test cricket at an average of 49 @.@ 25 , including two five @-@ wicket hauls . During his first @-@ class career , he played 49 matches and took 142 wickets at an average of 27 @.@ 71 . Former Pakistan cricketer Waqar Hasan said about him that he " was a fighter to the core and served Pakistan cricket with honour and dignity . "

Ahsan had conflicts with former Pakistan captain Javed Burki . A controversy regarding his bowling action resulted in the premature end of his international career when he was only 23 . He worked as chief selector , team manager of Pakistan , and member of the 1987 Cricket World Cup organising committee . He died in Karachi on 8 March 2013 , aged 73 .

= = Cricketing career = =

Ahsan played 49 first @-@ class matches for Pakistan , Karachi , Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) , Rawalpindi Peshawar and other teams between 1955 and 1963 . During his first @-@ class career , he achieved five or more wickets in an innings on thirteen occasions , and ten or more wickets in a match two times .

Ahsan made his first @-@ class debut for North West Frontier Province and Bahawalpur , playing his only match of the season against the Marylebone Cricket Club in 1955 ? 56 . He played three matches for Peshawar during 1956 ? 57 with his best bowling figures came against Punjab B , taking eight for 76 . In the next season , he was more effective with the ball , taking 43 wickets in nine matches . In the same season , he achieved his best bowling figures in first @-@ class cricket , taking eight for 23 against Punjab B. During the season , Ahsan made his Test debut against the West Indies at the Kensington Oval , in the same match in which Hanif Mohammad scored 337 runs ; during the first match of the 1958 series between the teams , Ahsan conceded 84 runs in 21 overs without taking a wicket . He played three matches of the series and took five wickets .

Ahsan took only 14 wickets in the next two first class seasons ; his best bowling figures were five for 51 . He was a part of the Pakistan cricket team that toured India in 1960 ? 61 , where he played nine matches , including five Tests , and took 24 wickets at an average of 28 @.@ 75 . During the 1960 ? 61 season , Ahsan took 26 wickets , including six for 80 against the West Zone . In Test cricket , he was most successful against India , taking fifteen wickets at an average of 32 @.@ 66 . His best bowling figures were six wickets for 202 , against the same team at the Nehru Stadium . During the 1961 ? 62 and 1962 seasons , Ahsan took 28 wickets in ten matches , including a five @-@ wicket haul against Worcestershire . In the next two domestic seasons , he played eight matches and took 12 wickets , including five for 43 runs , against Sargodha cricket team while playing for PIA during the Ayub Trophy . He played his last Test at the National Stadium , Karachi , where he took two wickets conceding 64 runs .

By the end of his career , Ahsan had taken 27 wickets in 12 Test matches at an average of nearly 50 , including two five @-@ wicket hauls . He made 61 runs , his highest score was 14 .

= = Administrative career = =

During the 1980s , Ahsan was the chief selector and manager of the Pakistan cricket team . It was he who first selected Wasim Akram for the series against New Zealand in 1984 ? 85 . Akram described him as " a powerful selector , [who] spotted young talent and threw them into the bigger battles " . He was Technical Committee 's chairman for the 1987 Cricket World Cup and one of the members of the tournament organising committee . During the same tournament , he served as a team manager for Pakistan . In 2003 , former Pakistan Cricket Board 's (PCB) Tuqir Zia appointed him as President of the Sindh Cricket Association . He was also the Ireland 's honorary Counsel General and director of the Karachi 's American Express . PCB chairman Zaka Ashraf said of Ahsan

that he was " not only a superb Test cricketer but also was a good administrator who intimately knew the game " . He was the member of the panel that heard the appeals opposed to doping bans that were imposed on Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Asif . His colleagues described him that he was a " perfect administrator " .

= = Personal life and controversies = =

Ahsan was born in Peshawar , North @-@ West Frontier Province (now Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) on 15 July 1939 , and was an Urdu @-@ speaker . He was educated at Islamia College , Peshawar . Ahsan was never married . Former Pakistan cricketer , Aftab Baloch , said Ahsan that he was a " fine gentleman " . He had conflicts with former Pakistan captain Javed Burki . A controversy regarding his bowling action arose during a Test match against India . This was sixth match in which he was " called for throwing . " He continued his bowling until the issue reappeared during Pakistan tour to England in 1962 ; the controversy ended his international career at the age of 23 .

= = Death = =

Ahsan suffered from renal failure for two years . He was on dialysis and was admitted at the Aga Khan Hospital , Karachi . President of Karachi City Cricket Association (KCCA) Sirajul Islam Bukhari stated about him that he " fought illness with courage . " He died in Karachi on 8 March 2013 at the age of 73 . Ahsan was buried at the PECHS graveyard . PCB chairman , chief operating officer Subhan Ahmad and Director General Javed Miandad condoled his death . Chief Minister of the Punjab Shahbaz Sharif " expressed deep sense of grief and sorrow " on his death .