

= Alimuddin (cricketer) =

Alimuddin (Urdu : ????? ; 15 December 1930 ? 12 July 2012) was a Pakistani cricketer who played 25 Tests for Pakistan between 1954 and 1962 . A fast @-@ scoring , right @-@ handed opening batsman and occasional right @-@ arm leg break bowler , he was the youngest player ever to appear in first @-@ class cricket , aged 12 years and 73 days . In international cricket , he scored 1 @, @ 091 runs at the average of 25 @. @ 37 , including two centuries and seven fifties . In 1954 , he was a member of the Pakistani squad which toured England and recorded Pakistan 's first Test match win . Former Pakistani captain Mushtaq Mohammad said about him that he was " a thorough gentleman as well as a great cricketer for Pakistan " .

= = First @-@ class career = =

During his career Alimuddin played 140 first @-@ class matches and scored 7 @, @ 275 runs , with the average of 32 @. @ 77 , including 14 centuries and 38 fifties ; he also took 40 wickets . Critics considered him to be an excellent fielder . He made his debut for Rajasthan aged only 12 years 73 days , becoming the youngest player to have played first @-@ class cricket . In 1942 ? 43 , he played his maiden match in the Ranji Trophy , scoring 13 and 27 runs in his two innings . His highest score in first @-@ class cricket was 142 , against Worcestershire in 1954 . Domestically , Alimuddin represented Sindh , Rajasthan , Karachi , Bahawalpur and Gujarat , and became the first Pakistani batsman to face a ball bowled by an international bowler on Pakistani soil , in a match between the Sindh and West Indians in 1948 . During Pakistan 's 1954 tour of England , Alimuddin scored more than 700 runs , including two centuries in the first two matches . He was most successful during 1961 ? 62 , scoring 1 @, @ 020 runs in 12 matches at an average of 51 @. @ 00 . In the same season he captained Karachi , leading the team to victories in the Quaid @-@ e @-@ Azam Trophy and Ayub Zonal Trophy . His final season in first @-@ class cricket was 1967 ? 68 .

= = International career = =

Alimuddin played 25 Test matches for Pakistan during his career and scored 1 @, @ 091 runs in international cricket at the average of 25 @. @ 37 . He made two centuries and seven fifties . Cricket critics believed that he possessed a sound technique . In Test matches , Alimuddin established an effective opening partnership with Hanif Mohammad .

Alimuddin started his international career against England in June 1954 , at the Lord 's Cricket Ground , in a match in which he scored 19 runs . In the fourth Test of the same series Pakistan beat England by 24 runs , recording their first Test win over them to become the first team to defeat England during their maiden tour . Alimuddin managed to score 10 runs in the match . In 1954 ? 55 , he played , against India , in Pakistan 's first home Tests , finishing the series as the leading run scorer with 332 ; he made three fifties and in the fifth match scored 103 not out at the National Stadium , Karachi , his first international century . He was the first batsman ever to make an international century on the Ground .

Alimuddin also toured West Indies as a part of Pakistan cricket team in 1957 ? 58 . He was not successful in the series and his highest score remained 41 runs which he made in the fourth Test at the Bourda , Georgetown , Guyana . In 1962 , under the captaincy of Javed Burki , Pakistan visited England where they played a five Test match series . In the fifth Test at Headingley , a low scoring match for Pakistan , Alimuddin 's scores of 50 and 60 made him the team 's highest scorer of the match . In the fifth Test of the home series against England in 1962 , he scored his career best 109 runs at the National Stadium . He played his last match against England in Trent Bridge , Nottingham in 1962 .

Former West Indian all @-@ rounder Collie Smith was his only wicket in international cricket .

Many reference works , including Wisden , refer to him as " Alim @-@ ud @-@ Din " .

= = Personal life = =

Alimuddin was born in Ajmer , a city in British India , on 15 December 1930 . After the independence of Pakistan in 1947 , he moved to Karachi along with his family . He lived in London and never married , instead providing for his family . Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) had given him an opportunity to work at London Heathrow Airport . Two of his brothers , Salimuddin and Azimuddin , both also played first @-@ class cricket . His nephew , James Uddin , the son of Salimuddin , is also a cricketer and currently plays semi @-@ professional cricket in England .

== Death ==

On 12 July 2012 , Alimuddin died in Northwick Park Hospital , Harrow , London . He suffered from heart and lung diseases . He also had kidney failure and was on dialysis . The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) released a press statement expressing sorrow and conveying condolences to Alimuddin 's family .

== Career statistics ==

=== Records against opponents ===

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=== Test centuries ===