

= Eddie Illingworth =

Edward " Eddie " Philip Illingworth (born 27 November 1938) is a former Australian cricketer who played five first @-@ class matches for Victoria between 1962 and 1964 . A right @-@ arm medium pace bowler , Illingworth was best remembered for being no @-@ balled for throwing in a Sheffield Shield match against South Australia in November 1964 by umpires Col Egar and Jack Ryan . His selection for Victoria was made more controversial by the fact that he had been called at district level for throwing prior to his first @-@ class debut . Away from first @-@ class cricket , Illingworth had a successful career for Fitzroy in Victorian Premier Cricket , where he remains the eighth highest wicket @-@ taker of all time , with 599 . He was named the club champion three times , and later served for seven years as a board member of the Victorian Cricket Association .

= = Early career = =

During his career in local cricket , Illingworth played for Fitzroy in Victorian Premier Cricket . He made his debut in the first @-@ grade team in the 1957 ? 58 season . He was to represent them for 20 years , playing a total of 233 matches . In December 1959 , Illingworth was selected for the Victoria Colts , a youth team , to play against the New South Wales Colts . Illingworth scored a pair and opened the bowling , taking 1 / 51 as New South Wales made 278 in their only innings of a drawn match .

Two years later , in November 1961 , Illingworth was selected for Jack Potter 's XI in an invitational one @-@ day single innings match against Bill Lawry 's XI at Junction Oval . Both sides featured current Test players , including Lawry , Ian Meckiff and Lindsay Kline . Illingworth made 17 as Potter 's men were bowled out for 125 , before bowling nine wicketless overs for 34 runs as Lawry 's side made 9 / 279 , having reached the target with eight wickets intact .

= = First @-@ class debut = =

Illingworth was selected to make his first @-@ class début for Victoria against Tasmania at Kardinia Park in Geelong in February 1962 . His selection had generated controversy since he had twice been no @-@ balled for throwing by two different umpires in Melbourne district cricket in the two seasons prior to his selection . One of the occasions in district cricket , he had been no @-@ balled three times in one over . At the time , Tasmania were not in the Sheffield Shield competition , so it was a one @-@ off match .

Victoria won the toss and elected to bat . Illingworth came to the crease at 7 / 109 and scored 22 before being dismissed at 8 / 154 his team were bowled out for 214 . He then took 3 / 43 , all of his victims being top seven batsmen , as the hosts bowled Tasmania out for 119 to take a 95 @-@ run lead . He then made four as Victoria made 8 / 286 declared , leaving Tasmania with a target of 392 . Illingworth took his career best figures of 4 / 28 , removing Tasmania 's first four batsmen , as his team took a 190 @-@ run win .

Despite this performance , Illingworth was overlooked for further state selection for over two years . Returning to play for Fitzroy in district cricket , he took 63 wickets at 13 @. 76 in the 1963 ? 64 season , making him the leading wicket @-@ taker for the season across the entire competition . He finally returned to the state team in late @-@ 1964 , during the 1964 ? 65 season . In a trial match at the start of the season against Sunraysia Cricket Association in the regional town of Mildura , Illingworth opened the bowling and took 1 / 15 from eight overs as Victoria took a 117 @-@ run win in the one @-@ day match .

He was then selected to make his Sheffield Shield debut a week later , against Western Australia at the WACA Ground in Perth . Illingworth came in at 6 / 168 and made 25 before being run out in his team 's 208 . Bowling first change , he dismissed both openers to leave the hosts at 2 / 60 , before they recovered to take a 183 @-@ run lead . Illingworth ended with 2 / 53 . He then scored 14 as Victoria set a target of 180 . Illingworth then took 0 / 20 from ten overs before time ran out with Western Australia on 1 / 50 .

= = No ball for throwing = =

Illingworth 's best performance in a Sheffield Shield match was against South Australia at the Adelaide Oval in the following week of November 1964 , which was the same match in which he was called . The home side won the toss and elected to bat first .

Illingworth took 4 / 92 in South Australia 's first innings but was no @-@ balled a total of three times by Egar and Ryan . Illingworth was called on each of the occasions by the umpire standing at square leg . He was called twice by Egar on the second and fourth deliveries of his eleventh over , and once by Ryan on the sixth ball of his fourteenth over . In the same fourteenth over , Illingworth had dismissed former Pakistani Test batsman Duncan Sharpe and Australian Test wicket @-@ keeper Barry Jarman from the first and fourth deliveries respectively . This broke a 97 @-@ run stand between Sharpe and Ian Chappell , before Jarman was removed for a duck . After 17 more runs were added , Illingworth had Chappell caught behind for 127 . South Australia eventually finished at 392 .

Victoria then batted . Illingworth made 22 of his team 's 144 after they fell to 6 / 100 . They were forced to follow on , having conceded a 248 @-@ run lead in their first innings . Victoria had to try to stave off defeat and they were in trouble when Illingworth came in to bat , partnering captain Bill Lawry after wicket @-@ keeper Ray Jordon was out with the score at 6 / 193 . Illingworth scored his highest first @-@ class score of 47 , putting on a partnership of 87 runs with Lawry before he was dismissed with the score at 7 / 280 . Victoria were 8 / 286 at the end of play , just 38 runs ahead , as the match ended in a draw .

= = Career end = =

Illingworth played in two further matches , but only took two wickets . In the following match against Western Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground , he took 1 / 56 , taking the wicket of Test player Keith Slater as Western Australia made 455 . He made 10 as Victoris responded with 318 , before bowling two overs for the concession of two runs as Western Australia reached 3 / 72 when time ran out .

Illingworth 's final match was against Queensland in December 1964 . He took 0 / 34 as Queensland batted first and made 270 . After scoring seven of his team 's 341 , he took 1 / 86 as Queensland declared at 5 / 332 . Chasing 261 for victory , Illingworth made four as his team lost by 40 runs . Illingworth ended his career with 15 wickets at an average of 27 @.@ 60 , and 155 runs at 17 @.@ 22 . The state selectors were reluctant to pick him for Victoria because of the throwing allegations that surrounded him .

Illingworth returned to district cricket and played another 13 seasons with Fitzroy until finishing his career after the 1977 ? 78 season , having played 233 matches . He took 599 wickets at 18 @.@ 60 for Fitzroy , placing him eighth on the all @-@ time wicket @-@ takers list in Victorian Premier Cricket . His best bowling figures in an innings was 8 / 18 and he took five wickets in an innings 26 times , and ten wickets in a match three times . He also amassed 2666 runs at 14 @.@ 03 and took 91 catches . He was part of two premierships in his career , with Fitzroy winning in 1960 ? 61 and 1966 ? 67 . Illingworth was voted the club champion three times , winning the Arthur Liddicut Medal in 1972 ? 73 , 1973 ? 74 and 1976 ? 77 . He is an honorary life member of the club .

From 1970 ? 71 to 1977 ? 78 , Illingworth served as Fitzroy 's delegate on the Victorian Cricket Association 's board of directors .