

= Malcolm Jardine =

Malcolm Robert Jardine (8 June 1869 ? 16 January 1947) was an English first @-@ class cricketer who played 46 matches , mainly for Oxford University . Although his first @-@ class record was not impressive , he scored 140 in the University Match of 1892 using an unorthodox batting method . He played a few matches for Middlesex but later went to work in India , in effect ending his English first @-@ class career . He played first @-@ class cricket in India for the Europeans and after a successful legal career , returned to England . His son Douglas went on to play cricket for Oxford , Surrey and England , captaining the latter two and being associated with the use of Bodyline bowling .

= = Early life = =

Jardine was born in Simla , British India on 8 June 1869 to a family which had been connected with India for many years . He was the second son of William Jardine , a barrister and later a judge in Allahabad who had a successful legal career before he died from cholera aged 32 . He was educated at Fettes College , a boarding school in Edinburgh , making it into the school cricket team for four consecutive years . He established a good reputation and was appointed captain of the side in 1888 . That year , his batting average was 77 @.@ 70 , and he took 24 wickets at an average of 6 @.@ 30 , coming top of both sets of averages for the school .

= = First @-@ class cricketer = =

= = = Career at Oxford = = =

In 1889 , Jardine went to Balliol College , Oxford . He made his first @-@ class debut for Oxford University against the Gentlemen of England . In his third match , against Lancashire , he passed fifty for the first time . Although his next highest score in fifteen innings was just 33 , and he failed to reach double figures eight times , he was awarded his Blue . He had some success with his bowling , taking five wickets for 78 in a Surrey total of 614 . He played in the University Match but failed to score in either innings and Oxford lost heavily . In total , he scored 198 runs at an average of 13 @.@ 20 . The following season , Jardine scored more runs at a higher average , but failed to pass fifty in an innings . He scored 218 runs at an average of 14 @.@ 53 and did not bowl . Although he was more successful in the University Match , scoring 3 and 24 , Oxford lost again after being bowled out for 42 in their first innings . In 1891 , Jardine was appointed captain of the University . He further improved his aggregate and average with 255 runs at an average of 18 @.@ 21 , and took two wickets for five runs in the only innings in which he bowled . In the second and third matches , he scored 62 not out and 70 in consecutive innings against the Gentlemen of England and H Phillipson 's XI , but did not pass fifty again . Playing in the University Match , he scored a duck in the first innings and 15 in the second , and Oxford lost their third successive match , although they took eight wickets before Cambridge reached their target of 93 .

Jardine 's final season at Oxford was his most successful ; he recorded his highest aggregate and average despite playing only four matches for the club . At the start of the season , Lionel Palairet took over the captaincy . Jardine 's studies preventing him from playing in any of Oxford 's home games , and he did not appear in the team until June . He only took part in three games before the University Match , although in the last of these he scored 60 against Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) at Lord 's .

= = = 1892 University Match = = =

In his final University Match , Oxford batted first and Jardine 's innings began after his team had lost two wickets without scoring any runs . He batted for 285 minutes , scoring 140 . Before lunch , he

played very carefully but increased his scoring rate afterwards . In total , he hit 21 fours and The Times described his innings as faultless . Wisden noted his strong defence and his powerful leg glance . Critics noted that he frequently hit Stanley Jackson to the leg side , a method of play which was unusual at the time . Players educated at Public School generally considered hitting to leg highly unorthodox and almost unfair . K. S. Ranjitsinhji , who was in the crowd at Lord 's , would develop the leg glance and make it respectable within a few years , but he had not yet made his first @-@ class debut in 1892 . It is likely that Jardine was one of the first players to use this shot . Jackson refused to depart from the orthodox methods of the time , continuing to bowl with seven fielders on the off side and only two on the leg side , making it easier for Jardine to score runs. The Times commented that Cambridge " appeared a little slow to grasp the idea of putting a man on the leg side for [Jardine] " . Jardine also hit 39 in the second innings as Oxford chased down a target to win for the only time in his University career . Jardine 's first innings remained his only first @-@ class century .

= = = Other first @-@ class cricket = = =

In the remainder of the 1892 season , Jardine played for Middlesex . He played six matches , but scored just 102 runs and averaged 12 @. @ 75 with the bat ; hitting a highest score of 32 not out . Subsequently , Jardine 's work as a barrister took him to India , and he played just four more first @-@ class matches in England . These were for the MCC at the beginning of the 1897 season , where he scored 185 runs at an average of 23 @. @ 12 with two fifties and a highest score of 85 . His only other first @-@ class cricket was for the Europeans cricket team in India . He played in the annual Presidency Match against the Parsees between 1894 and 1902 , only missing the 1899 and 1901 games . He scored just one fifty in eight matches , but his batting was admired by critics .

Although Jardine did not have an impressive first @-@ class record , critics including Ranjitsinhji , and Plum Warner considered him a good batsman . C. B. Fry believed that if Jardine had played regular county cricket , he would have played for England . Fry described him as a superb fielder and as " a beautiful player , with a perfect back @-@ stroke and a perfect cut and neat late off drive . " He did not bowl regularly after 1889 , saving his energy for fielding . In 46 first @-@ class matches , he scored 1 @, @ 439 runs at an average of 17 @. @ 76 , took 15 wickets at an average of 14 @. @ 40 and held 42 catches .

= = Legal career = =

In 1893 , Jardine was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1893 . He returned to India , where he practised at the Bombay Bar until 1916 . At the time , British barristers dominated the Indian legal system , finding considerable financial reward , but causing resentment among the Indian legal profession . At the same time , Jardine held positions of increasing influence in India . He was Perry Professor of Jurisprudence and Roman Law from 1898 to 1902 and then Principal of the Government Law School until 1903 . Subsequently , he was Clerk of the Crown , before being appointed Advocate General of Bombay in 1915 before retiring from India in 1916 .

In 1898 , he married Alison Moir and they had one son , Douglas in 1900 , who went on to play first @-@ class and Test cricket for Surrey and England . Eventually , Douglas became a controversial England captain , introducing a form of hostile bowling known as Bodyline . The family lived in a wealthy area of Bombay and were well known in its social and sporting circle . With Douglas at Public School , Jardine and his wife returned to England in 1916 . He took an interest in the Surrey team , becoming a member and later a vice @-@ president . His wife died in 1936 while Jardine died in South Kensington on 16 January 1947 .