

= William Walker ( Australian cricketer ) =

William Holden Walker ( 16 December 1835 ? 14 June 1886 ) was an English @-@ born Australian cricketer . As captain of the Tasmanian cricket team , Walker was one of Tasmania 's leading cricketers of his time . Known for his all @-@ round capabilities , he was a right @-@ handed batsman and an underarm bowler , as well as keeping wicket . Walker was named in the Cricket Tasmania Premier League 's " Team of the Decade " for the decade spanning 1866 ? 67 to 1875 ? 76 .

= = Early life and professional career = =

Walker was born in Islington in 1835 , the son of Holden and Mary Waldegrave Walker . During his early years in England , when Walker started playing cricket , his team came to be known as the Walker team . From England , Walker moved to Tasmania in 1859 , and then to Launceston in 1862 , where he became an employee of the soliciting firm Messrs Douglas & Collins . In 1866 , he became the Council Clerk and Clerk of Petty Sessions for the town of Fingal . Subsequently , he was employed with solicitors Messrs Gill and Ball , Messrs Dobson and Mitchell and later became an accountant at Messrs Elliston and Featherstone .

= = Cricketing career = =

Walker was a right @-@ handed batsman and right @-@ arm underarm bowler . One of Tasmania 's leading cricketers of his time , his score of 60 in an 1860 North versus South Tasmania game set a record of being the highest individual score in such matches . In his profile of Walker for ESPNcricinfo , the sports writer Thomas Rose said : " He impressed in representative games and was often the shining light of a rather dismal Tasmanian side ... "

After moving to Launceston , Walker made cricket famous in the city , captaining the Northern Tasmania cricket team . During the 1860s and 1870s , Walker also played for two clubs ? Derwent and Wellington ? under the then Tasmanian Cricket Association , standing out by scoring a century in one of his appearances .

Walker 's first @-@ class cricketing career spanned six years , from 1872 to 1878 . He played two first @-@ class cricket matches as captain of the Tasmanian cricket team during that period , scoring 73 runs and taking five wickets . During Cricket Tasmania 's 150th anniversary celebrations , Walker was named as a member of the Cricket Tasmania Premier League 's Team of the Decade for the decade 1866 / 67 ? 1875 / 76 for having scored one of the only two centuries in Tasmania by any cricketer for the decade 1866 ? 1875 .

Walker took 60 wickets in the 1875 ? 76 domestic season at an average of 8 @.@ 47 runs per wicket , the best for all bowlers of the season . Walker was also a highly skilled wicket @-@ keeper . Despite his all @-@ round capabilities , Walker was best recognised and remembered for his impressive contributions as an inspirational captain , coming out as the best player in many matches irrespective of his team 's performance .

= = Death = =

At the age of 50 , after suffering a very short illness , Walker died on 14 June 1886 , at Pressland House , Hobart , Tasmania , with his funeral being held two days later . The Mercury wrote in its obituary on 15 June 1886 : " Cricketers will learn with regret of the death , after a very short illness , of Mr. William Holden Walker , one of the oldest votaries of this thoroughly English game in the colony ... Mr. Walker , who previous to his departure from England , was a member of the well @-@ known Walker Team , brought cricketing into great prominence in Launceston ... His efforts in the cause of cricket are so well known that they require no comment , but his sudden demise will cause a pang among the many friends who admired his genial and gentlemanly temperament . "

Around a month after his death , on 13 July 1886 , an amount of £ 590 from his estate was issued

over as probate .