

## **ARNIE SIDEBOTTOM**

**Born April 1<sup>st</sup> 1954, Shawlands, Barnsley, Yorkshire.  
Played for England, Orange Free State and Yorkshire.**

**Arnie Sidebottom was one of England's many one-cap wonders of the 1980's, when he was by his own admission "well past my sell-by date." He took 1 for 65 against the Australians in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Test at Trent Bridge in 1985 before a foot injury caused him to limp out of the match – a fitting end given that he had something of a reputation for being injury prone. The match was drawn. England were captained by David Gower with Gooch, Gatting, Lamb, Botham, Emburey and Edmonds also in the XI. Australia were captained by Allan Border. He might have played more for England but for his successful football career – he played for Manchester United, Huddersfield and Halifax – and his participation in the 1982 rebel tour to South Africa which led to a three year ban.**

**Flame haired, a seamer of more pace than at first appeared to be the case, and a useful late order batsman with a first class hundred to his name, Sidebottom made his debut for Yorkshire in 1973 but took some time to develop and was not capped until 1980.**

**He continued playing for Yorkshire until 1991, and then moved onto their coaching staff in succession to Doug Padgett. He worked primarily with the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI helping to nurture the abundance of quick bowlers at the club including his own son, Ryan. In the winter he was Cricket Development Officer for Leeds City Council for a number of years.**

**His 30-year association with Yorkshire was ended in 2003 when he fell victim to a clearout by new management led by David Byas.**

**On being moved aside he said 'This is not a major shock because there have been rumours, but it is disappointing. I've done a good job, we won the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI title this year and my record in 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket is the best in the country.'**

**His son, Ryan, made one appearance for England in 2001, and seemed destined to be the one cap son of a one cap father, until he was successfully recalled to the Test squad in 2007.**

**As a bowler Arnie took 596 first class wickets at an average of 24.5 with a best of 8 for 72. In 263 innings he scored 4508 runs at 22.4 with a highest score of 124.**