

John Abrahams

John was born at Salt River, Cape Town, Cape Province, South Africa in 1952.

He played for Lancashire County Cricket Club from 1973 to 1988, and also appeared for the Minor Counties in 1974.

He was awarded his Lancashire cap in 1982, and captained Lancashire in 1984 and 1985.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Abrahams - cite note-0 He was awarded a benefit season in 1988, which raised £52,500.



John Abrahams came to England with his father, Cec, who played for years in the Lancashire Leagues. Small, athletic and a capable left handed batsman, he made his maiden hundred for Lancashire in the Roses match in 1977 but did not pass 1000 runs for the first of four times until 1982, a decade after making his debut. He was, nevertheless, a surprise choice to lead the side when Clive Lloyd stood down in 1984 given that the county boasted several internationals, but in his first year he led them to victory in the Benson & Hedges Cup final, being awarded the Man-of-the-Match award for his leadership alone - he made 0 and did not bowl!!!. He proved a good captain and popular captain but was replaced after two years.

He scored 14 first-class hundreds, with a best of 201 not out against Warwickshire. His solitary one day century, 103*, came against Somerset. In total he scored 10059 runs at an average of 30 and took 56 wickets at 50. He also had 162 catches.

After retiring he played for Shropshire from 1989 to 1991 and then moved into coaching. He is now the team manager of the England Under 19 team.

His wife Debbie is a Labour MP, elected at the January 2011 parliamentary by-election in Oldham East and Saddleworth