

Scotland hero of cricket win over England retires

Scotland and Carlton bowler Alasdair Evans has announced his retirement from international cricket.

The 35-year-old made his debut in 2009 in an ODI against Canada in Aberdeen and went on to win 116 caps for Scotland. He sits eighth in the list of all-time wicket takers for Scotland men with 154 in all competitions, with his best figures of 6-30 against Kenya in 2013.

The pace-ace was part of the Scotland bowling attack at three World Cups, including the 2015 ICC World Cup in Australia and New Zealand, the 2016 ICC T20 World Cup in India and the 2021 ICC T20 World Cup in Oman and UAE.

Ally, who had a spell with Derbyshire, starred in the famous win over England at The Grange in 2018, taking two wickets including visiting skipper Eoin Morgan.



Allu Evans in celebratory mood. Pic credit – Cricket Scotland
His final Scotland appearance was against Sri Lanka last June at the ICC World Cup Qualifier in Zimbabwe.

“I remember when I made my debut in Aberdeen, I got a phone call one night from the Head Coach Pete Steindl to join as cover as there’d been lots of injuries in the squad,” Ally told the Cricket Scotland website.

“I had never really thought growing up that I could be an international cricketer, so when that first call came, I thought it was a joke! Then the day before the game Richie Berrington rolled his ankle, and that was me playing. It was the best way for me – not time to think about it, I could just go out and try to enjoy it. It was a complete whirlwind.

“It’s been a privilege to be part of such a great squad that’s helped to move the game forward in Scotland, to a stage where going to World Cups is the norm. To see the team now compete and win games at these events makes me incredibly proud, as

we've raised the expectation levels. To be involved with that core group of players for so many years has truly been a special time in my life, and I am honoured to have been a part of it.

"The World Cup in Australia and New Zealand stands out as one of my most memorable highlights. To be in that environment and play against some of the best players in the world, in front of some incredible crowds was fantastic. There was no place to hide.

"The depth of the Scotland squad now is now exciting to see, and there's so much to be look forward to with what they can achieve. It's a really close-knit group, and I wish them every success moving forward.

"I have been so lucky to work alongside some amazing people throughout my journey, including teammates, coaches and staff, without whose support I would not have been able to have the most amazing fifteen years. I want to thank every single one of them for the time and energy they have dedicated, not only to Scottish cricket, but also to help support me, to allow me to make the most unforgettable memories."

Doug Watson, Scotland Head Coach, said: "Ally is a fantastic man, and always played for the badge on the front of the Scotland shirt, and not the name on the back. He is a fine example to all young up and coming Scottish bowlers with his dedication and hard work. He was always among the first to put up his hand and serve the team, and during an outstanding career he's served Scotland with distinction.

"He'll be missed in the changing room, especially his humour, his drive, and honesty. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Ally during the time I've been in charge of the national team, and I wish him every success for the future."