

Andrew Symonds

Former Australian Test Cricketer

Andrew 'Roy' Symonds is a former Test and One Day Australian Cricketer who played International Cricket from 1998 to 2009. A two-time World Cup winner, Andrew is a right-handed middle order batsman who alternated between medium pace and off-spin bowling. He is also notable for his exceptional fielding skills. He has also been, at times, a controversial figure for his involvement in a number of incidents on and off the cricket ground.

Andrew was born in England in 1975, and came to live in Northern Queensland as a 3-month-old with his adoptive parents. His father was cricket mad and luckily Andrew showed sporting prowess from an early age. In 1995, when Andrew had the option of playing cricket for either England or Australia, he chose to play for Australia

After making his debut for the Queensland state team in the 1994-95 season Andrew scored more than 5,000 runs and took more than 100 wickets for his stat

His international debut came on 10 November 1998, when he played in a One Day International (ODI) for Australia against Pakistan at Lahore. As an ODI player, Andrew Symonds is known for scoring runs at an excellent strike rate of over 90, with a highest score of 156.

Although his fielding was of high quality, Andrew was not a regular member of the playing XI. He finally cemented his place in the team in Australia's opening match of the 2003 Cricket World Cup, having been controversially given a lifeline before the start of the tournament when captain Ricky Ponting publicly called for his selection in the team after all-rounder Shane Watson had to withdraw due to injury.

An all-rounder who set many cricketing fields alight with his explosive batting, electric fielding and handy bowling, Andrew Symonds holds the world records for the most sixes hit during a first-class innings (16) and during a first-class match (20), both set while playing for Gloucestershire against Glamorgan as a 20-year-old. His first innings score was 254 not out.



On 16 February 2012, Andrew announced his retirement from all forms of cricket to concentrate on his family life. In early 2015, after distancing himself from the game for three years, Andrew rediscovered his love for cricket and announced his involvement in elite coaching with the Queensland under-19 team. He is keen to educate young players on what it takes to be an international cricketer - on and off the field.

Andrew Symonds is the author of *Roy On The Rise: A Year Of Living Dangerously*, and co-author of *Roy: Going For Broke* and *Roy with Stephen Gray*.

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