

## Sir Ian Botham

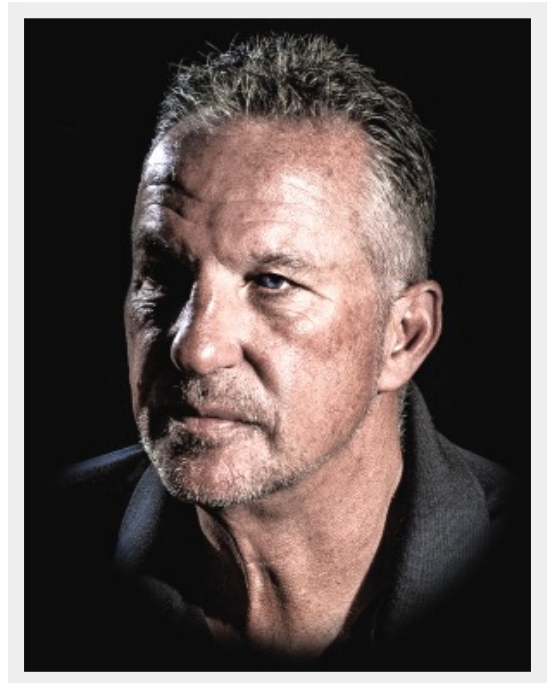
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### ***Recognised Sportsperson, Commentator & Fundraiser***

Sir Ian Botham is an internationally recognised personality who has been a professional footballer, cricketer, charity fundraiser and television commentator.

A true cricketing hero, Ian draws on his experiences as a professional sportsman to demonstrate how teamwork and leadership can lead to success.

His up front presentations and lust for life, ensure that audiences are left truly entertained.



### ***More about Sir Ian Botham:***

Sir Ian Botham started his career on the football and cricket fields simultaneously, with Scunthorpe United and Somerset County Cricket Club.

Sir Ian's Test record of 102 Test matches, 383 Test wickets, 120 catches and 5200 runs with 14 Test centuries was arguably the greatest of any all-rounder that ever played the game. Since his retirement from competitive cricket, he has continued his involvement in the game through the role of cricket commentator for Sky Sports, as well as developing his keen interest in golf on the Pro-Am Circuit.

Ian reached a career double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets in his 21st Test match and his tally of 100 wickets was achieved in two years and nine days. The youngest cricketer to take 200 wickets in Tests, he reached his second double of 2,000 runs and 200 wickets after 42 Tests and was the first player to hit 5,000 runs and take 300 wickets in Tests. Of his many outstanding achievements, the greatest performance was in Bombay in 1979/80 for England vs India when he hit 114 in his only innings and took 13 wickets in the match (6-58 and 7-48).

He was awarded the OBE for his services to cricket and charity in 1992 and a knighthood in 2007. He was knighted for his service to the community in raising over 35 million pounds for Leukaemia research and other charities during the past 17 years via his incredible cross country walks. Ian also writes a column for the Daily Mirror.

**Sir Ian Botham speaks about:**

Ian is a fantastically entertaining speaker, whose brash style and charisma fills the room like his presence used to fill pavilions all over the cricketing world.

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