

Ian Chappell

Australian test cricket legend

When world cricket's finest captains are discussed, Ian Chappell's name is invariably among the front-runners.

The South Australian-born right hand-batsman captained Australia in 30 Tests between 1971 and 1975 and while he was in charge, Australia didn't lose a series.

Ian belongs to a mighty Australian sporting family. His grandfather, Victor Richardson played cricket for Australia between 1924 and 1936, including the infamous Bodyline series in Australia in 1932-33. Victor finished his career on a triumphant note, captaining Australia to a 4-0 series victory against South Africa.

Ian's brother Greg succeeded him as Australian captain in 1975. Not only that, but Ian's other brother, Trevor also pulled on the baggy green for his country.

Ian Chappell made his Test debut against Pakistan in Melbourne in 1964 and played his final Test against England on the same ground 16 years later.

He scored 5,345 runs at an average of 42.42 in his 75 Test appearances, including 14 centuries, with a highest score of 196 against Pakistan in Adelaide in 1972. In the field, Ian's leg spinners returned him 20 wickets and his safe slips hands took 105 catches.

At Wellington in 1974, Ian and Greg Chappell became the first brothers to score a century in each innings of a Test match. Ian scored 145 and 121 and younger brother Greg's 247 not out was followed by 133 - in all, a total of 646 runs.

In the 262 first-class matches he played for South Australia, Ian Chappell scored 19,680 runs, including 59 centuries, at 48.35 He also took 176 wickets and held 312 catches.

Ian Chappell was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1986, the FICA Cricket Hall of Fame in 2000, the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame in 2003 and the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in 2009.

Ian is a prolific author with more than 20 books to his name. One of the more recent is *Chapelli: Life, Larrikins and Cricket*, which was published in 2012. It takes readers on a fascinating and often hilarious journey through his life in cricket and beyond, featuring encounters with everyone





from Shane Warne to Sean Connery, from Bradman to Benaud.

With his playing days behind him, the 1976 Wisden Cricketer of the Year has focused on a high-profile new career as a cricket commentator with the Nine Network and several overseas broadcasters and as a cricket writer. Ian Chappell has excelled at both

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