
WOMEN'S CRICKET ASSOCIATION STATISTICS

England Test match Captains

TEST MATCHES 1934-16/08/2013

1934-35 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND

B.Archdale

1937 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

M.Hide

1948-49 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND

M.Hide

1951 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

M.Maclagan (M.Hide injured)

M.Hide captained 3rd Test)

1954 ENGLAND NEW ZEALAND

M.Hide

1957-58 NEW ZEALAND ENGLAND

M.Duggan

C.Robinson captained 4th Test

1957-58 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND

M.Duggan

1960-61 SOUTH AFRICA ENGLAND

H.Sharpe

1963 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

M.Duggan

1966 ENGLAND NEW ZEALAND

R.Heyhoe Flint

1968-69 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND

R.Heyhoe-Flint

1968-69 NEW ZEALAND ENGLAND

R.Heyhoe-Flint

1976 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

R.Heyhoe Flint

1979 ENGLAND WEST INDIES

S.Goatman

1984 ENGLAND NEW ZEALAND

J.Southgate

1984-85 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND

J.Southgate

1986 ENGLAND INDIA

C.Hodges

1987 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

C.Hodges

1991-92 NEW ZEALAND ENGLAND

H.Plimmer

1991-92 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND ONLY TEST

H.Plimmer

1995-96 INDIA ENGLAND

K.Smithies

1996 ENGLAND NEW ZEALAND

K.Smithies

1998 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

K.Smithies

1999 ENGLAND INDIA

K.Smithies

2001 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

C.J.Connor

2001-02 INDIA ENGLAND

C.J.Connor

2002 ENGLAND INDIA

C.J.Connor

2002-03 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND

C.J.Connor

2003 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

C.J.Connor

2004 ENGLAND NEW ZEALAND

C.J.Connor

2005 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

C.J.Connor

2005-06 INDIA ENGLAND

C.M.Edwards

2006 ENGLAND INDIA

C.M.Edwards

2007-08 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND

C M Edwards

2009 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

C M Edwards

2010-11 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND

C M Edwards

2013 ENGLAND AUSTRALIA

C M Edwards

2013-14 AUSTRALIA ENGLAND

C M Edwards

2014 ENGLAND INDIA

C M Edwards

11/10/2014

1934-35	Helen Elizabeth.Archdale 'Betty'
1951	Myrtle Ethel.Maclagen (1 st and 2 nd Test) Molly was the nominated Captain Myrtle captained due to Molly's injury
1951	Mary Edith Hide 'Molly'
1937-1954	Mary.Edith.Hide 'Molly'
1957-63	Mary Beatrice.Duggan
1957	Mary Cecilia.Robinson captained 4 th Test assumed Mary Duggan injured
1960-61	Helen Margaret Sharpe (Tour to South Africa) Mary Duggan unavailable for Tour (later Griffiths)
1966-76	Rachael.Heyhoe-Flint (nee Heyhoe)
1976	Susan.Goatman
1984-85	Janet Southgate nee Allen
1986-87	Carole Ann.Hodges later Cornthwaite
1991-92	Helen C.Plimmer
1995-99	Karen.Smithies nee Hicken
2001-05	Clare.Joanne.Connor
2005	Charlotte.Marie.Edwards

Betty Archdale

England

Full name Helen Elizabeth Archdale

Born August 21, 1907, Paddington, London

Died January 11, 2000, Killara, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (aged 92 years 143 days)

Major teams England Women

Batting style Right-hand bat

Helen Elizabeth Archdale, MBE, who died on January 11, 2000, aged 92, was captain of the pioneering England women's team that toured Australia and New Zealand in 1934-35. The tour did much both to raise the status of women's cricket and to heal some of the damage done to Anglo-Australian cricket relations by Bodyline two years earlier. Betty Archdale herself earned much of the credit: "...her forthright yet engaging personality made her a popular figure to whom the sizable Australian crowds responded warmly," according to Wisden Australia. She was also a capable batsman, who twice made important 32s in a low-scoring series that England won. Instead of leading England again on the planned 1939-40 tour, she was commissioned in the WRNS and, after the war, emigrated to Australia. There she switched from a career in law to education, becoming principal of Sydney University Women's College and then head of Abbotsleigh Girls School, where she introduced sex education - and cricket. Betty Archdale also became a TV and radio personality, well-known for her witty and sensible approach to problems. In 1997 she was voted one of Australia's 100 Living Treasures and, in 1999, one of the first ten female honorary members of MCC. Her mother was a leading suffragette, imprisoned in 1912, and Betty was said to have collected stones for her to throw.

Wisden Cricketers' Almanack

Clare Connor

England

Player profile

Full name Clare Joanne Connor

Born September 1, 1976, Brighton, Sussex

Current age 29 years 286 days

Major teams England Women, Sussex Women

Also known as Des O

Batting style Right-hand bat

Other Commentator

Statsguru Women's Test player

Notes

Awarded the MBE on 12th June 2004

Awarded the OBE on 31st December 2005

Profile

Clare Connor finished her six-year stint as England captain by winning the Ashes, but missed the winter tour of the subcontinent that followed through injury and announced her retirement soon after, even though she was still not 30. She had been juggling a number of balls for some time. She teaches English and PE at Brighton College while heading up their PR operations, and managed to squeeze in commentary stints on Channel 4 among other media work (although she was helped by having a sabbatical). She received the MBE in 2004 and after a glittering 2005 the OBE was added to her many other achievements which include being named Vodafone Player of the Year in 2002.

An allrounder who batted right-handed and bowled slow left-armers, Connor was appointed England captain in 2000, a role which she grew into gradually. Slowly, surely, she helped to mould England into a force to be reckoned with which culminated in their 1-0 Ashes series win in 2005. England had last won the Ashes a mere 42 years before.

Connor first made the headlines when she played cricket for Brighton College 1st XI. In 2002, she became the first women to play in The Cricketer Cup when she appeared for Old Brightonians against Lancing Rovers. Other career highlights include taking a televised hat-trick for England against India in 1999.

Jenny Thompson March 2006

Mary Duggan

England

Player profile

Full name Mary Beatrice Duggan

Born November 7, 1925

Died March 10, 1973, Ledbury, Herefordshire (aged 47 years 123 days)

Major teams England Women, Middlesex Women, South Women, Yorkshire Women

Batting style Right-hand bat

Statsguru Women's Test player

Profile

Mary Beatrice Duggan, who died on March 12, aged 48, played for Worcestershire, Yorkshire and England, whom she captained for several years. She toured Australia with the England teams of 1948-49 and 1957-58 before being given the captaincy, retiring after ending her career in 1963 with innings of 101 not out and 32 and bowling figures of 7 for 72 which helped England to victory by 49 runs over Australia at The Oval and so deciding the Test rubber. She bowled fast-medium left-arm. For ten years before her death she was vice-principal of Dartford (Kent) College of Education. She left £500 to the Women's Cricket Association to assist in the coaching of young women cricketers.

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Charlotte Edwards

England

[Player profile](#)

Full name Charlotte Marie Edwards

Born December 17, 1979, Huntingdon

Current age 26 years 179 days

Major teams East Anglia Women, England Women, Kent Women, Northern Districts Women

Batting style Right-hand bat

Bowling style Legbreak

Statsguru [Women's Test player](#)

Profile

A hard-hitting top-order bat, Charlotte Edwards became the youngest woman to have played for England, when she made her debut against New Zealand at Guildford as the age of 16. (Holly Colvin later became the youngest, aged 15, in the first Ashes Test in 2005). Edwards was anything but out of her depth, and in 1997 smashed 12 centuries, including one off 118 balls against the touring South Africans. The day before her 18th birthday, she scored a then-record ODI score of 173 not out in a World Cup match against Ireland. In 1998-99 she scored her maiden Test hundred against India but, while still scoring runs, she did not score as many runs as had been expected. In 2000, she was sidelined by a serious cruciate ligament injury sustained while playing hockey which caused her to miss almost all of the 2001 season. When she returned, she showed no hint that her talent had been diminished by the lay-off and continued in the same punishing vein. In 2005 she stepped up from her role as England vice-captain to take full charge of the side when Clare Connor was injured, and was appointed full-time when Connor retired in March 2006. She plays her county cricket for Kent, whom she captains, and when she's not playing cricket, she's actually working in the game - at Hunts County bats.

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Susan Goatman

England

Full name Susan Goatman

Born February 5, 1945, Thanet, Kent

Current age 61 years 129 days

Major teams East Women, England Women, Kent Women

Rachael Heyhoe-Flint

England

Player profile

Full name Rachael Heyhoe-Flint

Born June 11, 1939, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire

Current age 67 years 3 days

Major teams England Women

Also known as Rachael Heyhoe

Batting style Right-hand bat

Other Commentator

Statsguru Women's Test player

Notes

Awarded the MBE for services to cricket in 1972

Profile

Rachael Heyhoe-Flint epitomised women's cricket in England for more than a generation, bringing it respectability and a higher profile that it had enjoyed before she played. After she retired she continued to promote the sport through her strong media presence and personality.

As a batsman, she was one of the best, capable of cavalier aggression or determined defence. She took over the England captaincy in 1966 and remained unbeaten in six series. Her crowning glory was leading England to victory in the 1973 World Cup, not least because she had been instrumental in getting the tournament off the ground - and two years before the men as well.

In 1976, aged 37, she batted for 521 minutes in making 179 against Australia at The Oval, and in doing so earned England a series draw. Thirteen years earlier she hit the first six in a women's Test, on the same ground against the same opposition. When she retired she held the Test record for runs scored.

But her high profile put some noses in the establishment out of joint. In 1978 she was replaced as England captain, although she was recalled for the 1979 home series against West Indies and then, aged 43, for the 1982 World Cup. Although she had a brief spell as England's manager, she was again sidelined by the authorities. It would have galled them that almost 20 years later Heyhoe-Flint remains in many people's minds the most recognisable women's cricketer.

She was, fittingly, one of the first women admitted to the MCC, and in 2004 she became the first woman elected to the full committee. An accomplished after-dinner speaker, she also represented England at hockey, playing in goal, and was for many years a director of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Martin Williamson (May 2004)

Molly Hide

England

Full name Mary Edith Hide

Born October 24, 1913, Shanghai, China

Died September 10, 1995, Surrey (aged 81 years 321 days)

Major teams England Women

Batting style Right-hand bat

Bowling style Right-arm medium

Wisden obituary

Mary Edith Hide, died in hospital on September 10, 1995, aged 81. Molly Hide was a farmer's daughter from Surrey (though she was born in Shanghai) who became one of the great pioneers of women's cricket in England. She played in the first ever women's Test in Brisbane in December 1934 and was England captain for 17 years. Tall and lithe, she could drive the ball beautifully, but her batting had a strength as well as a style that astonished sceptical male spectators, many of whom in her era thought women's cricket was like a dog on its hind legs. Her first great triumph came after the 1934-35 tour moved on to New Zealand, when she scored a century in the Christchurch Test, putting on 235 with Betty Snowball. England declared at 503 for five -- New Zealand had been bowled out for 44, and lost by an innings and 337. She became captain for the home series against Australia two years later and held the post until her retirement in 1954. She would have missed the 1939-40 tour of Australia because her parents persuaded her to stay on the farm and not go gallivanting. But the tour was cancelled anyway, and when it finally took place nine years later she scored five centuries, including 124 not out at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and her portrait was hung in the pavilion. In 15 Tests she scored 872 runs at 36.33, and took 36 wickets at 15.25, with the slowish off-cutters that she bowled only reluctantly. Her captaincy was firm, even stern, and she remained in touch with the game, as a selector and, in 1973, president of the Women's Cricket Association. Molly Hide also played lacrosse for England. She was something of a Joan Hunter Dunn figure but more than that, as Netta Rheinberg said, she was the personification of women's cricket, doing an immense amount to give the game credibility.

Wisden Cricketers' Almanack

Carole Hodges

England

Full name Carole Ann Hodges

Born September 1, 1959, Blackpool, Lancashire

Current age 46 years 286 days

Major teams England Women, Lancashire and Cheshire Women

Also known as Carole Cornthwaite

Batting style Right-hand bat

Bowling style Right-arm offbreak

Myrtle Maclagan

England

Full name Myrtle Ethel Maclagan

Born April 2, 1911

Died March 11, 1993, Farnham, Surrey (aged 81 years 343 days)

Major teams England Women, South Women, Surrey Women

Bowling style Right-arm offbreak

Myrtle Ethel Maclagan, MBE, who died at Farnham on March 11, 1993, aged 81, was one of the best-known women cricketers of her day. She was in the cricket team at the Royal School, Bath, for six years and, having been coached by Tich Freeman, took five wickets in five balls with her offbreaks against Cheltenham Ladies College. She became a national personality after being chosen for the pioneering tour of Australia in 1934-35. In the first Test at Brisbane she made 72 and took 7 for 10; in the second game at Sydney she made 119, the first hundred in a women's Test. England's men had just lost the Ashes but soon Maclagan's opening partnership with Betty Snowball was being compared to Hobbs and Sutcliffe, and the *Morning Post* published the following quatrain: Helen Sharpe
England

Helen Plimmer

England

Full name Helen C Plimmer

Born June 3, 1965

Current age 41 years 11 days

Major teams England Women, Yorkshire Women

Cecilia Robinson

England

Full name Mary Cecilia Robinson

Born May 22, 1924, Canterbury, Kent

Current age 82 years 23 days

Major teams East Women, England Women, Kent Women

Batting style Right-hand bat

Helen Sharpe

England

Full name Helen Margaret Sharpe

Born February 23, 1937

Died December 7, 1996 (aged 59 years 288 days)

Major teams England Women, Middlesex Women

Also known as Helen Griffiths

Jan Southgate

England

Full name Janet Southgate

Born September 24, 1955

Current age 50 years 263 days

Major teams England Women, Sussex Women

Also known as Janet Allen

Janet Southgate nee Allen

Karen Smithies

England

Full name Karen Smithies

Born March 20, 1969, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire

Current age 37 years 86 days

Major teams East Midlands Women, England Women

Also known as Karen Hicken

Batting style Left-hand bat

Bowling style Right-arm medium

Profile

Rachael Heyhoe-Flint and Clare Connor may have higher profiles, but another England captain - Karen Smithies - also made her mark when, in 1993, aged 24 and in her first year as captain, she led England to their second World Cup victory, against New Zealand at Lord's. She was later awarded the OBE for her services to the game, a contribution which included the ruffling of a few press-box feathers. Derek Pringle was still smarting 12 years later when, in 2005, he recalled: "Smithies was only too happy to point out where the men, who have never won a World Cup, had been going wrong - advice not exactly appreciated at the time."

Her own advice when captain was largely solid, though: in ten Tests as skipper she was undefeated, leading England to one victory and nine draws. And she bowled out from the Test arena in fitting style: with a pair of half-centuries in the drawn Test against India. Her one-day record wasn't bad, either - England won 23 of 45 matches under her stewardship. But her reign came to an abrupt end when Australia whitewashed England 4-0 in 1999-2000. Her decision to hand over the reins to the vice-captain Connor came amid criticism of her captaincy and strategy as an opening batsman: she finished the series with a strike-rate of 29.55 runs per 100 balls. She played just two more ODIs - against New Zealand in February 2000 - and, although she had been originally named as the captain for the December World Cup campaign, Smithies never played another match for England in either form of the game.

She didn't exactly burst on to the international scene: she neither batted nor bowled on her one-day debut aged 17, when England beat India at Osterley. Her Test debut one year later was similarly inauspicious: she scored just 2 and took no wickets in 25 overs in the drawn Test against Australia.

Jenny Thompson March 2005

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