

George Goddard



George Goddard was born in 1938 to James Williams Goddard, a Lithographer and a Helen Agnes Dalgleish. They were married in 1934 at Murrayfield Parish Church. George's parents both lived to a good age of 87 & 88 respectively.

His grandfather Samuel James Godard, a Policeman, was born 1874 in England and he was married to Catherine Ferguson. They got married Bedlormie Hall, Shotts in Lanarkshire. Please see the family tree part of George's profile for more information.

George went to George Heriot's School. George married Margaret Hunter in Edinburgh 1964.



School photo from 1955, George is sitting third from the right

He made his debut aged 19 in 1957 for Heriot's, a year later Hamish More made his debut. George is well known for his bowling but when he started playing for the club it was as a batsman, where his off break bowling came along later.

George took over the Heriot's captaincy in 1961 from Ian Thomson. In there is a little note in Hector MacQueen's book that George declared the Heriot's innings in a match v Leith Franklin with Hamish More on 99*. Apparently time was vital to win the game which turned out to be true as the last wicket to win was taken in the last over. He was captain in 1962 and then stepped down for Murray Cooper to take over.

George took over the captaincy again in 1968 and carried on until 1972. This was a good time from the club as they won the East League in 1969 & 1970. The club were second in 1968. He was a mainstay of the side that won seven titles in a row from 1977-1983. The club were second in 1976. George continued to play until the 1994 season where Heriot's won the league. In his final season he took 50 wickets with a best of 5/60 v Edinburgh Accies.

George scored 8032 runs for Heriot's. Hector MacQueen's club history up to 1988 lists George as scoring two centuries, 116 not out v Selkirk 1963 and 102 not out against Glasgow High School in 1967. He did hold the record for the third wicket partnership of 178 in 1971 with Bill Dishington against Melville College. This was beaten in 2018 by Hayes van der Berg and Peter Ross, who put on 191 against Forfarshire. He still holds the eighth wicket partnership record of 90 in 1988 with Stephen Thomson against Holy Cross.

On the bowling front George took 1367 wickets for Heriot's. The bowling is a record for the club which will probably stand for a while as there is no one in the current squad near to this. Sean Weeraratna is nearest with 250 wickets. George took 50 wickets in a season three times with a high of 51 in 1987. The best bowling figures are 8/9 against Cupar in 1969. 17 times George took 7 or more wickets in an innings, the last being 7/76 in 1989 against Carlton.

Unfortunately I do not have the amount of catches to 1988 but from 1989 to 1994 George took 28 catches. For the period 1989-1994 George played 118 matches for Heriot's.

George was president of the club from 1987-1989. He was awarded the MBE for services to Scottish Cricket in the 1982 New Year's honours list.

In 2011 he was one of the twelve initial inductees into the Scottish Cricket Hall of Fame.

The below is taken from the hall of fame part of the Cricket Scotland website

George Goddard was one of Scotland's most influential players from the mid 1960s to the early 1980s. Part of the greatest ever Heriot's FP XI, his quiet but firm pragmatism made him the most influential internationalist to come from that great team. Not surprisingly, Goddard starred with both bat & ball while at Heriot's School, but it was as a medium-pacer he made his mark as a schoolboy bowler. He made his debut for Heriot's FP in 1957, soon changing to the off-breaks which were to be his trademark.

George made seventy eight appearances for Scotland until his retirement from International cricket in 1983. His most notable match was undoubtedly against MCC in 1973. In MCC's first innings he took all the wickets to fall and finished with 8/134. When Scotland batted, they collapsed to 82/7 before Goddard came to the wicket and transformed the situation with 113* in 221 minutes.

Scotland

It was as a batsman that he made his international debut for Scotland on 9 July 1960 v Ireland at Kelburne's Whitehaugh ground in Paisley. This was a 3 day game where he scored 20 & 39. He did not bowl in Ireland's first innings but did in the second taking 1 wicket for 14 runs from 8 overs.

Please find below the matches George played for Scotland, taken from Hector's book. He played 63 in total.

Batting

Innings	Not Out	Runs	Best	Average
83	17	1033	113 Not Out	15.7

Bowling

Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	Average
1267.5	291	3803	154	8/34	24.7

31 Catches

The matches below are taken from the Cricket Scotland website.

Scotland Cap Matches

Date	Opponents	Location	Runs	Wkts	Catches
9-11 July 1960	Ireland	Kelburne, Paisley	20 & 39	1	
22 & 23 August 1960	M.C.C	Lords	6 & 0	1	
10-12 May 1961	Warwickshire	Edgbaston	30 & 29*		
14-16 June 1961	M.C.C	Glenpark, Greenock	12 & 10		

22-25 July 1961	Ireland	Mardyke, Cork	15 & 0		
12 & 14 August 1961	Denmark	Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow	0		
7-10 May 1966	Cambridge University	Fenner's, Cambridge	20 & 6		
14-16 August 1968	Warwickshire	Edgbaston	2	1	
14-16 June 1969	Ireland	Castle Avenue, Dublin	9 & 12*	4	
2-4 July 1969	New Zealand	Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow	21 & 0		
16-18 July 1969	M.C.C	Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow	18	8	
6-8 August 1969	Surrey	The Oval, London	7 & 13	2	
10 & 11 June 1970	M.C.C	Lords	8 & 1	4	1
20-22 June 1970	Ireland	North Inch, Perth		1	
12-14 August 1970	Warwickshire	Edgbaston	12	2	1
19-22 June 1971	Ireland	Ormeau, Belfast	0		2
30 June-2 July 1971	Pakistan	Philiphaugh, Selkirk	6* & 10	2	
24-26 June 1972	Ireland	Glenpark, Greenock		11	
5 & 6 July 1972	M.C.C	Lords	10*	1	
3 & 3 August 1972	Australia	North Inch, Perth	0 & 1	3	
12-15 August 1972	Warwickshire	Edgbaston	15	3	1
30 May-1 June 1973	Warwickshire	Edgbaston	0 & 44	3	1
27-29 June 1973	M.C.C	Titwood, Glasgow (Best)	113* & 4	11	
11 & 12 July 1973	New Zealand	Forthill, Broughty Ferry	22 & 5*	3	
11-13 August 1973	Ireland	Mardyke, Cork	7 & 9	5	1
29-31 May 1974	Warwickshire	Edgbaston		1	1
10 & 11 July 1974	India	Langloan, Coatbridge		1	
10-12 August 1974	Ireland	Cambusdoon, Alloway	2 & 2	3	1
22 & 23 August 1974	M.C.C	Lords	6 & 7*		
21 & 22 May 1975	Warwickshire	Edgbaston	40 & 19	4	
28-30 May 1975	Yorkshire	Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow	21 & 13		
25-27 June 1975	M.C.C	Myreside, Edinburgh	82* & 7	3	2
9 & 10 August 1975	Ireland	Rathmines, Dublin	0 & 14		1
26-28 May 1976	Warwickshire	Edgbaston	29 & 1	4	
21-23 June 1976	Wales	Forthill, Broughty Ferry	18	3	
5 & 6 July 1976	M.C.C	Lords	6	1	1
7-10 August 1976	Ireland	Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow		3	
23 & 24 August 1976	P.I.A	Titwood, Glasgow	16* & 11	6	
8-10 May 1977	Wales	Colwyn Bay	7	2	
11-13 May 1977	Warwickshire	Edgbaston			
22-24 June 1977	M.C.C	Titwood, Glasgow	5	3	
15-17 July 1977	Denmark	Forthill, Broughty Ferry	6	5	
17-19 May 1978	Lancashire	Old Trafford, Manchester	10 & 8	1	
3 & 4 July 1978	M.C.C	Lords	38* & 1*	2	2
19-21 July 1978	New Zealand	Forthill, Broughty Ferry	29 & 5	1	
12-14 August 1978	Ireland	Shawholm, Glasgow	12*		
23-25 August 1978	Yorkshire	Titwood, Glasgow	3	2	
23-25 May 1979	Warwickshire	Edgbaston	4	1	
20-22 June 1979	Worcestershire	Titwood, Glasgow	2		
18-20 July 1979	Sri Lanka	Shawholm, Glasgow	5		
28-30 July 1979	Ireland	Rathmines, Dublin	4 & 7	7	
22-24 August 1979	M.C.C	Mannofield, Aberdeen	1 & 4	3	1
8 & 9 September 1979	Netherlands	Sportpark, Schiedam	4	2	
27-29 June 1980	Netherlands	Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow	4	9	
11 & 12 August 1980	M.C.C	Lords	2*	2	
16-18 August 1980	Ireland	Langloan, Coatbridge	14*		1
23 July 1981	Australia	Titwood, Glasgow	0*		

5-7 August 1981	M.C.C	North Inch, Perth	1	3	1
3-5 July 1982	Worcestershire	Forthill, Broughty Ferry		6	
7 July 1982	Duchess of Norfolk's XI	Arundel Castle, Arundel	7*	3	
8 & 9 July 1982	M.C.C	Lords	6	1	1
14 & 15 July 1982	Pakistan	Titwood, Glasgow			
29 June 1983	Gloucestershire	County Ground, Bristol		1	
17-19 August 1983	M.C.C	Titwood, Glasgow	18	5	1
		Totals	1037	154	20

Scotland Non Cap Matches

Date	Opponents	Location	Runs	Wkts	Catches
21 & 22 July 1964	New Zealand Cricket Council	Kelburne, Paisley	5 & 0		
15 May 1975	International XI	Titwood, Glasgow	4*		2
11 August 1975	Ireland	Rathmines, Dublin	1	2	1
12 August 1975	Ireland	Rathmines, Dublin		3	
8 August 1976	Ireland	Titwood, Glasgow	0	2	
26 April 1980	Worcestershire	New Road, Worcester		1	1
27 April 1980	Worcestershire	New Road, Worcester	1		
2 May 1981	Worcestershire	New Road, Worcester		4	
3 May 1981	Worcestershire	New Road, Worcester		1	
1 May 1982	Worcestershire	New Road, Worcester	5*		
		Totals	16	13	4

Benson and Hedges Cup

Date	Opponents	Location	Runs	Wkts	Catches
10 May 1980	Leicestershire	Titwood, Glasgow	3*		
14 May 1980	Derbyshire	Titwood, Glasgow	1		
20 May 1980	Nottinghamshire	Trent Bridge, Nottingham	2		
22 May 1980	Lancashire	Old Trafford, Manchester	6		
16 & 17 May 1981	Lancashire	Titwood, Glasgow	28	2	
19 May 1981	Derbyshire	County Ground, Derby	1	2	
21 & 22 May 1981	Yorkshire	Park Avenue, Bradford	1*		
30 May 1981	Warwickshire	Titwood, Glasgow	14	2	
8 May 1982	Lancashire	Old Trafford, Manchester	1		
15 May 1982	Northamptonshire	Titwood, Glasgow	14	1	
25 May 1982	Nottinghamshire	Titwood, Glasgow			
14 & 15 May 1983	Worcestershire	Mannofield, Aberdeen	3	1	
17 May 1983	Gloucestershire	Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow	4		
21 & 23 May 1983	Northamptonshire	County Ground, Northampton	6*	1	
		Totals	84	9	