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Dennis Lillee, former Australian cricketer

Dennis Lillee is a former Australian cricketer. In the 1970s and early 1980s he was Australia's most consistent fast bowler of his generation and by the time of his retirement from international cricket in 1984 he had become the then world record holder for most Test wickets (355).

He played his first game for Western Australia in 1969 and recognition by the Australian selectors soon followed. His first seven matches were all Ashes encounters and on his first tour he made his name on the international stage with 31 wickets at under 18 apiece.



He finished the 1972 tour with a 10-wicket match haul at the Oval - a feat he bettered by one on three occasions against England. The last came on the final tour in 1981 when, again at the Oval, he secured his best Ashes figures and finished the tour with 39 wickets - his best series return.

Throughout his career, Lillee had a superb partner behind the stumps in wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh "caught Marsh, bowled Lillee" appears 95 times on Test cards, a record pairing which has yet to be seriously challenged.

Dennis Lillee, was named in Australia's Test Team of the Century and the Hall of Fame and has firmly established himself as one of the most recognizable and renowned Australian sportsmen of all time.

Reference: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport2/shared/spl/hi/cricket/02/ashes/legends/html/lillee.stm>

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