

THE INCREDIBLE AT ILLINGWORTH

STUART LAW PROFILE BY CRAIG BAMFORD



Queensland-born Stuart Law is one of Australia's most established cricketers. But what many don't know is that Law once played in the Calderdale area with Illingworth Cricket Club.

Progressing through the system with the Australian youth side, Law made his first class debut during the 88/89 season playing in the Sheffield Shield.

He scored more than 1,200 runs that season and in total has collected four winners medals in the Pura Cup and two one-day titles.

After his success with Queensland, Law was selected for his One Day International debut for Australia in 1994/95.

He was only the second overseas player to take to the field for Illingworth and throughout his stay showed his excellence, scoring a century against Addlington and followed this up with a well played 42 at Horsforth.

His bowling was also a great aspect of his game. Throughout his short stay, Law took 14 wickets with an economy rate of 2.66, as well as taking two five-wicket hauls.

Law hit an undefeated half-century in what was his only Test appearance for Australia, which came against Sri Lanka, when he replaced the injured Steve Waugh.

He returned to England where he signed for County Championship side Essex in 1996. During the six seasons at Chelmsford he had a batting

average of 55 and also produced his unforgettable career-best innings of 263 in 1999.

In 2002 Law made the move to Lancashire. In 2003 he continued to accumulate runs, with an average of 91. After scoring just over 1,200 runs last season, Law was made captain of Lancashire after the resignation of former captain Mark Chilton.

Law now captains Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Cricket League.