



**Western Suburbs  
District Cricket Club**

**Life  
Member**

## Samual (Sam) Christy Trimble

Sam Trimble came to Wests from Lismore after playing for NSW Colts and the NSW Second XI in 1956-57.

A right-hand opening batsman, Sam Trimble was a stalwart of WSDCC and Queensland cricket and was unfortunately never closer to international honours than being 12th man for Australia against West Indies in 1964-65. During his most successful years in the mid 1960s, Bill Lawry and Bob Simpson had a stranglehold as Australia's openers, so SAM had to be content with scoring heavily for his state. In 1970-71 he smashed 177 against an MCC attack which included John Snow and Peter Lever, but by then he was 36 and his chance had gone.

Sam was a magnificent player. His best shot was the cut shot in which he relished anything slightly short outside the off stump by even the fastest bowlers. He easily tops the club averages for players who have scored more than 1500 runs and gave his utmost for his club when state commitments permitted. Sam together with John Loxton formed a formidable opening partnership for both Wests and Queensland. Their best for Wests was 231 v Colts in 1968-69.

Sam captained Wests to the A Grade Premiership in 1966-67.

Sam represented Queensland from 1959-60 to 1975-76. He captained Queensland and must be considered as one of the greatest opening batsmen to play for Queensland. He is the tenth highest run scorer in interstate cricket. Arguably Sam Trimble is the best batsman in Australia's 126 year history not to have played test cricket. He toured the West Indies in 1965, despite topping the averages he did not play a test, kept out of the test team by Simpson and Lawry.

Sam's outstanding career,

WSDCC	scored 6699 runs at 50.36 in 133 first grade matches
Queensland	scored 10282 runs at 41.79 with 26 centuries and 48 half centuries - highest score 252no
Australia	toured the West Indies with an Australian team in 1965 toying averages with 262 runs at 89.29

On retirement Sam devoted his time to coaching and was a member of the State Selection Committee.

For his efforts on the cricket field Sam was installed as a Member of the British Empire.

He was made a WSDCC **life member** in 1972 and a QCA **life member** in 1997.