



Jim Strike

Jim Strike holds a unique place in Cricket Albury Wodonga's history, having taken the most number of wickets in a season.

In the 1956-57 season, the tall lively right arm fast bowler claimed 90 wickets, with 74 wickets taken during the home and away season and a further 16 during the final series, to become the most prolific bowler in one season.

Jim learnt the art of fast bowling in Cairns, Queensland, before moving to Brisbane and being selected for the Queensland Colts in the late 1940's.

Unbelievably, while travelling around Australia selling dress materials in 1953, he arrived in Albury where he met and later married June Anderson. Thus, Jim began a 10-year playing career for North Albury and later SS&A.

Jim formed one of the most lethal opening bowling combinations in representative cricket, with left arm speedster Bruce Stanton (Wodonga) and they menaced batsmen for many years in many different representative competitions.

Some of Jim's best bowling performances were:

- 6 for 8 against Wodonga
- 7 for 20 against Churches
- 7 for 12 against Lavington
- 7 for 31 against Bandiana
- 7 for 27 against East Albury
- 7 for 36 against East Albury
- 6 for 14 and 3 for 31 against City Colts
- 9 for 15 and 3 for 2 against Lavington