

Mushtaq Mohammad to be inducted into Cricket Hall of Fame

Former Pakistani all-rounder Mushtaq Mohammad will be one of the inductees at this year's Cricket Hall of Fame's annual ceremony. The ceremony which each year draws international coverage is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, at the Marriott Hotel downtown Hartford, Connecticut.

One of Pakistan's famous five, Mushtaq may not have been as gifted as his elder brother Hanif, but he went on to score more first-class centuries and take more wickets with his wrist-spin than any of his older siblings. In an international career that spanned three decades, he emerged from the classroom to become the youngest Test centurion in history.

Among the other international cricket personalities nominated to be inducted along with Mushtaq, are former Indian opener Chetan Chauhan and well known West Indian cricket scribe and commentator, Tony Cozier.

Chauhan, the former opening partner of Indian legend Sunil Gavaskar, was described as one of the most courageous opening batsman in Indian cricket. With 10 century partnerships, the pair is the most successful Indian opening pair.

A team from the Cricket Hall of Fame that was in Kingston, Jamaica, for the Cricket World Cup, was able to contact and inform Cozier of his nomination, while there. He has graciously accepted.

Cozier, who is from Barbados, has been described as the 'keeper of the flame,' the unmistakable voice of West Indies cricket. "He wears his love for the game (and the West Indies team) proudly but won't hesitate to crack the whip when things are falling apart," one writer stated. Having seen the best and the worst of West Indies Cricket, Cozier, the dean of West Indies cricket commentators, is at his best talking about the glory days and equally passionate when discussing the low points, the writer added.

Located in Hartford, Connecticut, USA, the Cricket Hall of Fame which was established in 1981 is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help with the development and growth of the game in the United States. Each year, the Hall of Fame recognizes individuals both cricketers and non-cricketers, local and international, who have made outstanding contributions to the sport. Last year the institution celebrated its 25th anniversary at a gala event in which eight new members were inducted.