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HALL OF FAME



Ann Browne-John

Cricket

Inducted in 2011

She was born into sport. Ann Browne-John's mother started the Merry Girl's Cricket Club for which Ann and her seven sisters all played, with three of them (including Ann) going on to represent Trinidad and Tobago as well as the West Indies. From early in her life, she split her time between cricket and hockey, playing the latter for Paragon and UWITCO in the ultra-competitive domestic competitions of the 1970s and 1980s. Browne-John rose through the ranks to join the defensive backline for the Trinidad and Tobago hockey team.

In 1986 the squad, with Ann on defensive duty, achieved their greatest moment at the 1986 Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Games held in Santo Domingo. Finishing second in their group behind Jamaica, the Trinbagonian stickwomen defeated Mexico 3-0 in their semi-final, before turning the tables on Jamaica with a 1-0 victory in the final. The gold medal was theirs.



In 1990, Ann was part of the team that put up a good defence of their CAC title in Mexico, securing a bronze medal. She was also part of the Trinidad and Tobago hockey teams that took part in the 1987 (Indianapolis) and 1991 (Havana) Pan Am Games.

In cricket, she established herself as a solid opening batter for Merry Girls, following her sisters Louise and Beverly onto the Trinidad and Tobago team when she made her debut in 1975. Ten years later, she became the national cricket captain, never losing a series or tournament during her time at the helm (1985-1990, 1994-1997).

Though the Women's Cricket World Cup held its first edition in 1973 (where Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica entered individual teams), the West Indies did not send a team until the 1993 edition held in England, with Browne-John as captain. They lost important matches to England, India and Australia, with Ann putting up resistance with 65 not out versus the Aussies. As a first ever World Cup, it was a steep learning curve but one that would benefit the captain in her later roles in the game.

She returned as Windies skipper for the 1997 World Cup in India, before retiring from competitive play to become the coach of the regional team from 2002 to 2006. Under her guidance the Windies made recognizable progress, finishing runners-up in the 2003 Women's Cricket Council Trophy tournament in the Netherlands and then finishing 5th at the 2005 World Cup in South Africa.

She has also served as Vice President of the Trinidad and Tobago Women's Cricket Board and was the first female member on the West Indies Cricket Board representing the women's game. She then became the lead selector for West Indies Women's Cricket.

For her all-round performances, her ground-breaking achievements, and her tireless administrative work, Ann Browne-John was awarded the Hummingbird Silver Medal in 2009, while she was also inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

CAC Games: **1986 Gold Hockey**
1990 Bronze Hockey

Matches: ODI 11

Batting: ODI 204 runs, Average 20.40; Fifties 1

Fielding: ODI Catches 3