



Milestones have never really meant a lot. They probably will mean more when I've finished playing and actually reflect on what I have achieved



If you can dismiss the best in the world, it means you're doing something right and have the quality needed to perform at the highest level



As long as the body feels OK, I'm enjoying playing, helping the team improve and taking wickets, I'll keep going



JAMES ANDERSON OBE

RIGHT ARM FAST

2002

Lancashire debut against Surrey at Old Trafford with Ian Ward his maiden wicket, caught by wicketkeeper Warren Hegg. James ended his debut season with 50 first-class wickets at 22.28.

2003

Selected for the England ODI side in Australia after just three one-day games for Lancashire and subsequently chosen in the World Cup squad where he produced a match-winning spell of 4-29 against Pakistan at Cape Town.

A five-wicket haul (5-73) followed in the first innings of his debut Test against Zimbabwe at Lord's in May. Took two hat-tricks; one against Essex in the County Championship at Old Trafford in May and an ODI hat-trick against Pakistan at the Oval in June.

Awarded his County Cap by Lancashire.

2005

Took 60 first-class wickets, his best season return for Lancashire.

2008

His first seven-wicket performance for England taking 7-43 at Trent Bridge helped defeat New Zealand by an innings. Took 34 Test wickets to earn the honour of being named among Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year in 2009.

2009

Batted heroically at Cardiff in 2009 alongside Monty Panesar as he survived for 69 minutes to help stave off defeat by Australia. Contributed 23 wickets as England regained the Ashes with a 2-1 series victory.

2010

Took a career-best 11-wicket match haul against Pakistan at Trent Bridge (5-54 & 6-17) in July and 32 Test wickets during the season.

Won the Ashes in Australia that winter and contributed a series-sealing 24 wickets at an average of 26.04.

2012

Passed Brian Statham's 252 Test wickets to become Lancashire's most successful England bowler.



To get key players out in a Test win is what you remember years later

A competitive edge has helped me through my career

TEST MATCH WICKETS*

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James Anderson OBE put his name in the pantheon of great all-time Test bowlers during 2020, becoming the first fast bowler in history to reach 600 Test Match wickets when he had Azhar Ali caught at slip in the third Test against Pakistan at the Ageas Bowl.

In 2022 James chalked up his 650th Test wicket when he bowled Tom Latham in the second Test against New Zealand at Trent Bridge.

FIRST CLASS WICKETS*

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On July 5th 2021 in the County Championship James produced a truly memorable spell, taking seven wickets in just 47 deliveries to help skittle out Kent for 74, his best bowling return in first-class cricket of 7 for 19.

Bowling from appropriately The James Anderson End, his fifth wicket saw James reach the magical landmark of 1,000 first-class wickets when Kent's Heino Kuhn edged an outswinger to wicketkeeper Dane Vilas.

2013

Became the fourth England bowler to reach 300 Test wickets when he had Peter Fulton caught at slip in the May Test against New Zealand at Lord's. Took 31 Test wickets during the home season as England won the Ashes 3-0.

2014

Took 37 wickets in seven Tests against Sri Lanka and India in 2014 at an average of 20.89. He also struck 81 against India - his maiden first-class fifty - as he shared a Test record stand of 198 for the tenth wicket with Joe Root in the first innings at Trent Bridge.

2015

Awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday honours list. Having passed Ian Botham's record Test-wicket haul in the Caribbean, James reached the 400-wicket landmark against New Zealand at Edgbaston. Played his 100th Test against West Indies in Antigua in April. Took an Ashes best 6-47 against Australia at Edgbaston in July and claimed 7-77 against Essex at Chelmsford in September.

2016

Took three five-wicket hauls in successive Tests against Sri Lanka at Headingley and Chester-le-Street and a total of 30 wickets at 15.26 during the Test summer.

2017

Became the first England bowler to take 500 Test wickets when he bowled Kraigg Brathwaite in the second innings at Lord's on his way to his best Test figures of 7-42 in a nine-wicket victory against West Indies at Lord's in September. Took 39 wickets and averaged 14.10 during the home series against South Africa and West Indies and his 60 first-class wickets equalled his best season return of 2005.

2018

Eclipsed Australia's Glenn McGrath as the most-prolific quick bowler when he bowled Mohammed Shami to complete England's 4-1 win over India and record his 564th Test wicket.

2019

Played in his 150th Test match against South Africa at Centurion on Boxing Day.

2020

When James' 33,717th delivery in Test cricket was edged by Pakistan captain Azhar Ali to Joe Root at slip during the final day of the 3rd Test at Ageas Bowl on 25th August, the England ace had become the first specialist fast bowler to reach the incredible milestone of having taken 600 Test wickets.

2021

By the end of the 2021 Test series against New Zealand, James had raised his total of Test victims to 617 from 162 matches. In home Tests, only Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan has taken more wickets than James' 387.

2022

At Sydney in January, James played his 169th Test to be second only to Sachin Tendulkar (200) for Test Match appearances

*Correct as of 1 August 2024.