

Interview with a LEGEND



ORLANDO BAKER

AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, THE MENTAL ASPECT BECOMES THE MOST DOMINANT THING. DID YOU APPROACH THE GAME DIFFERENTLY FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW?

I know mental aspect was very important at the top level, so talk a lot to the international players when i was growing up playing for Jamaica and ask question about how they prepare mentally to play at the top level, So mentally I'm strong as a player and confident.

ARE THERE SPECIFIC ROUTINES AS A CRICKETER YOU HAD THAT YOU WOULD LIKE BE PASSED ON TO THE UPCOMING GENERATIONS?

Every cricketer have there own routines but what i would want to pass on to upcoming generations is to be discipline in there preparation, confident, have self-believe and stay positive.

TALENT + PASSION + DEDICATION

TELL THE READERS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF

I'm a Jamaican-born American cricketer, very laid back and fun person to be around. Best dad in the world to my kids

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING CRICKET?

Been playing since i was 5 yrs old so its been 31 yrs now that am playing this wonderful game.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT AS A CRICKETER?

Getting my first call-up to represent my country Jamaica.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?

Professional cricketer.

LIVING IN THE US, WE KNOW IT CAN BE QUITE HECTIC TO PLAY CRICKET AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND FOCUS ON A LIVELIHOOD. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO BALANCE WORK & PLAY?

It's never easy but i have wonderful supporting team, starting with my wife and kids that always there to support me and my boss Suhas Naik, My Agent/Attorney Peter Mclarty and Carl T who i look up to since i was a kid growing up.

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF CRICKET IN THE US?

On that all i have to say is there his a lot of talent here in the USA

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FAVORITE CRICKET VENUE IN DFW?

Russell Creek PCA-7, GPCC, Sandy Lake CG, Irving CG

THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBER ON YOUR PHONE?

My kids.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

Ackee and saltfish Jamaican food.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

Jamaica and Dubai.

SUBJECT YOU HATED MOST IN SCHOOL?

Agriculture.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL IN SPORTS?

I have a few Richie Richardson, Carl Hooper, Michael Jordon, Brian Lara, Deigo Maradona.

THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE TO YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY?

Alicia Keys, Fantasia Barrino, Amber Rose.

A PLAYER YOU FEAR THE MOST?

Never fear no player.



MOST ANNOYING TEAMMATE?

Aditya Thyagarajan my USA team-mate but my kool friend also.

IF THEY MADE A MOVIE ABOUT YOU, WHICH ACTOR DO YOU THINK WOULD BE BEST SUITED TO PLAY YOU?

Mike Epps.

IF YOU WERE A SUPERHERO, WHAT POWERS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE?

I would like to have the power to fly so i can have to best view from the top.

WHO WOULD YOU PICK TO BAT & BOWL, IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT?

Myself, but other than myself Rahul Dravid to bat and to bowled the late Malcolm Marshall.