



Matt Askin was part of the squad that won the first ever PD World Cup in 2015. Photo: Getty Images

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## Matt Askin retires from international cricket

England Physical Disability star Matt Askin has announced his retirement from international cricket.

Debuting for the England Physical Disability team back in 2010, Askin played a pivotal role in progressing the international game.

He leaves a strong legacy, having appeared in six tours and 40 games for his country, including the inaugural Physical Disability tour in Dubai against

Pakistan, as well as being part of the squad that won the first ever PD World Cup in 2015.

Reflecting on his time with England, Matt said: “I’m incredibly fortunate to have had such a long international career with the PD team. It’s been a dream come true to represent my country for 13 years, I feel like I’ve been a part of the beginning of something huge and there’s so much more to look forward to in this space.

“It’s been a really tough decision to take a step back but it feels like the right time for me. I’m going to spend as much time with my beautiful family as possible. I feel like I’ve done everything I can for this team and I hope I’ve done everybody proud.”

Askin will continue to play in DPL and will lend his experience to players with similar impairments to his.

Head of Disability Cricket at the England and Wales Cricket Board, Ian Martin, said: “Matt can look back on the role that he has played in the development of England Physical Disability cricket with immense pride.

“He has shown a strength of character and levels of resilience that are remarkable and ensured that he became a well-respected figure, not just within our squad but also across international disability cricket.

“Matt is a genuinely great person and a very talented cricketer. When the ball was in his arc it invariably disappeared over sightscreens and hedges, leaving spectators amazed at his skill level. I wish him and his family well for the future and look forward to his continuing involvement in the growth of disability cricket. He’s a real ambassador for our game and represents everything that is good about it.”

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