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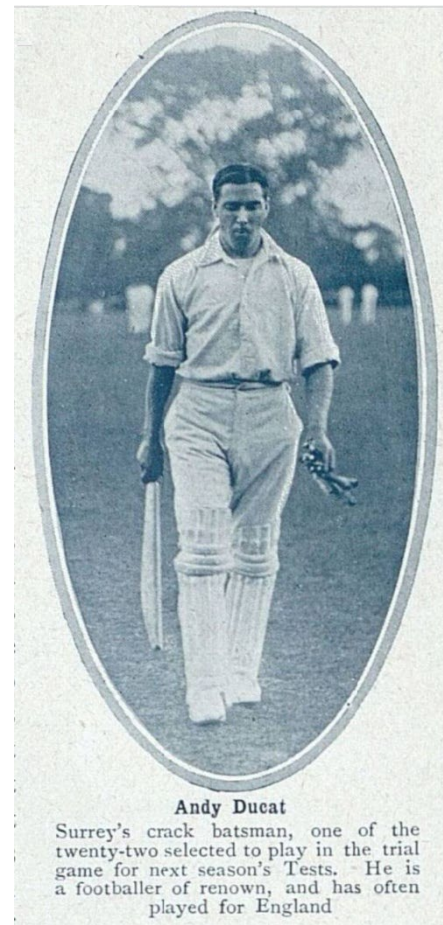
Andy Ducat – reminders of a cricket and football hero at Roehampton Club 100 years ago



In a previous article published in the *Roehampton Club Recorder* in August 2021, reference was made to Andy Ducat, his association with Roehampton Club and his remarkable achievements in sport making his mark in both football and cricket.

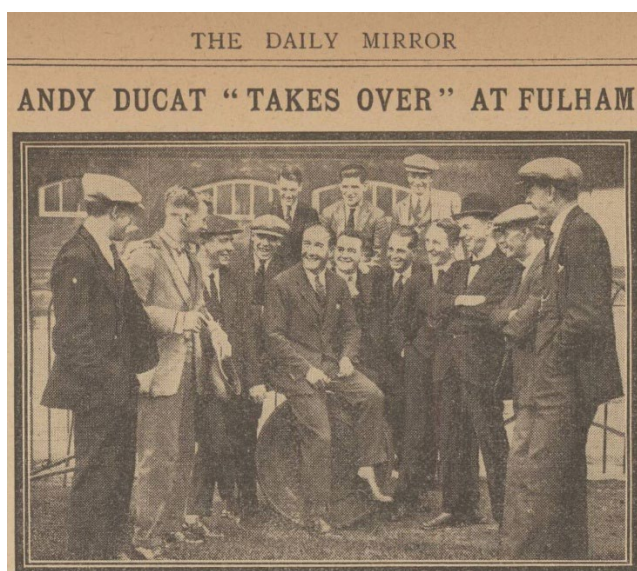
Born in Brixton and raised in Southend, Ducat began his football career with Southend United before joining Woolwich Arsenal in 1905. He played 188 matches for Arsenal, earning a reputation as a strong, thoughtful, and versatile player. His gentlemanly demeanour and dedication to the sport made him popular among fans and officials alike, eventually leading to his selection for the England national team.

In 1912 he was transferred to Aston Villa for a transfer fee of £1000 where he continued playing from 1912 to 1921 winning the FA Cup for the club as Captain in 1920. He went on to become the Manager of Fulham FC in 1924.



Andy Ducat

Surrey's crack batsman, one of the twenty-two selected to play in the trial game for next season's Tests. He is a footballer of renown, and has often played for England



In cricket, Ducat became a fixture in Surrey's first eleven by 1909, praised for his consistent batting and technical skill. He scored over 13,000 runs in first-class cricket, including 52 centuries, with a career best of 306 not out against Oxford University in 1919.

He was selected to play for England in the third Test against Australia in 1921,

the same year he ended his first-class career.

Ducat was also well known locally at Roehampton Club for coaching schoolboys during Easter holidays, and his presence



was captured in the Centenary Book by Elizabeth Hennessey with photographs used in the book and also in the newspapers.

In August 1925, 100 years ago Andy Ducat appeared several times in the newspapers in relation to both of these sports, also revealing his golf handicap of 12 and his relationship with George Gadd, Golf Professional at Roehampton Club and his likely golf coach.

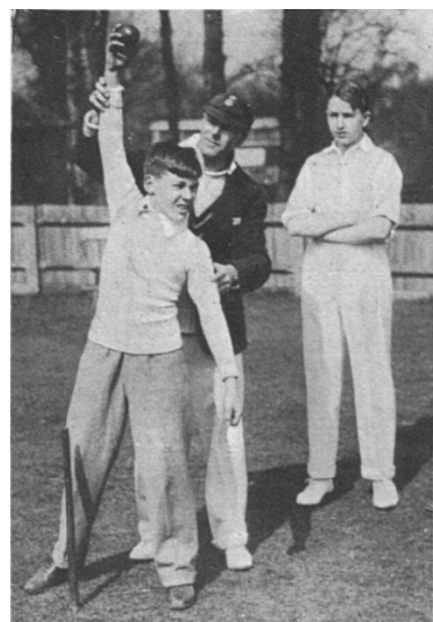


FULHAM'S GOLFING "FANS."

One of Fulham's most enthusiastic and regular supporters is George Gadd, the Roehampton golf professional. He is frequently accompanied by J. H. Taylor. Andy Ducat, the Fulham manager, is keen on golf when he can find time for it, and has a handicap of 12.

The article in the *Daily Express* under the title of 'Fulham's

Golfing Fans' talks about George Gadd and fellow golf professional JH Taylor from the nearby Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club as regular and enthusiastic supporters of Fulham Football Club attending their home matches.



*Out For a Duc(k)at !
Andy Ducat, the famous Surrey cricket professional, teaching the young idea at Roehampton how to "stir their stumps"*

In another article featured in the *Sunday Pictorial* publication, Andy Ducat is portrayed as an exemplary all-round performer, an ideal sportsman, a cricketer who gloried in difficult catches, and a schoolboy hero.

Tragically, Ducat died of a heart attack while playing cricket at Lord's, becoming the only person known to have died during a match at the iconic ground. His legacy as a distinguished sportsman lives on, remembered fondly by peers like Jack Hobbs and celebrated in Club archives and publications.



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