one of the most explosive batsmen in world cricket. He was the captain of [Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_national_cricket_team), and [Middlesex](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middlesex_CCC).[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Gilchrist#cite_note-ESPNcricinfoBio-1) He is an attacking left-handed [batsman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batsman) and record-breaking [wicket-keeper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wicket-keeper), who redefined the role for the Australia national cricket team through his aggressive batting. He is widely regarded as the greatest wicket-keeper–batsman in the history of the game.[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Gilchrist#cite_note-4)[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Gilchrist#cite_note-5) He holds the world record for the most dismissals by a wicket-keeper in [One Day International](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_Day_International) (ODI) cricket and the most by an Australian in [Test cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Test_cricket).[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Gilchrist#cite_note-MostDisTests-6)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Gilchrist#cite_note-MostDisODIs-7) His [strike rate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strike_rate) is amongst the highest in the history of both ODI and Test cricket; his century against England at Perth in December 2006 is the third-fastest [century](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Century_%28cricket%29) in all Test cricket.[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Gilchrist#cite_note-FastCentury-8) He is the only player to have hit 100 [sixes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boundary_%28cricket%29#Scoring_runs) in Test cricket.[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Gilchrist#cite_note-sixes-9) His 17 Test and 16 ODI [centuries](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Century_%28cricket%29) are the most by a wicket-keeper.

