



Mollie “The Demon” Flaherty

1914- 1989

- Dulwich Hill local
- Australian Test Cricket 1937-49
- First female fast bowler
- Outstanding all round athlete

Mollie was nicknamed “The Demon” because of her fiery pace bowling. She was considered the first genuine female fast bowler in international women’s cricket.

Hailing from Dulwich Hill she represented Australia in six Tests. Throughout the 1937 series in England she opened the bowling in tandem with fellow quick Nell McLarty, capturing 6/144 at an average of 24.

Not only a fast bowler and she was a solid right-hand batter. She played domestic cricket for New South Wales as both an opening bowler and batter.

Check out her bowling action:



Mollie’s cricket shoes are on display in the National Museum of Australia.

The marks from her bowling action when she dragged her foot along the ground are still clearly visible.

An all-round athlete, Mollie was also an Australian baseball pitcher. Following her retirement from cricket in 1951 she took up golf, and added many golf tournaments to her successful sporting career.

MCC’s perpetual trophy for the most outstanding female cricketer each season is named after Mollie Flaherty.

