A Singular Man

BEVAN CONGDON

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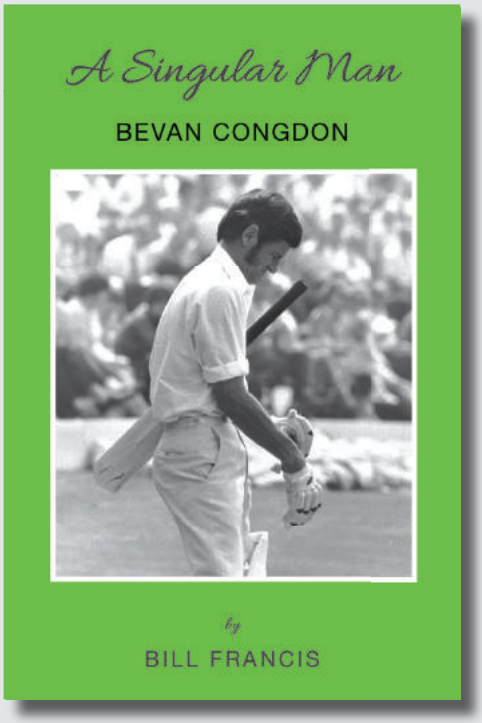
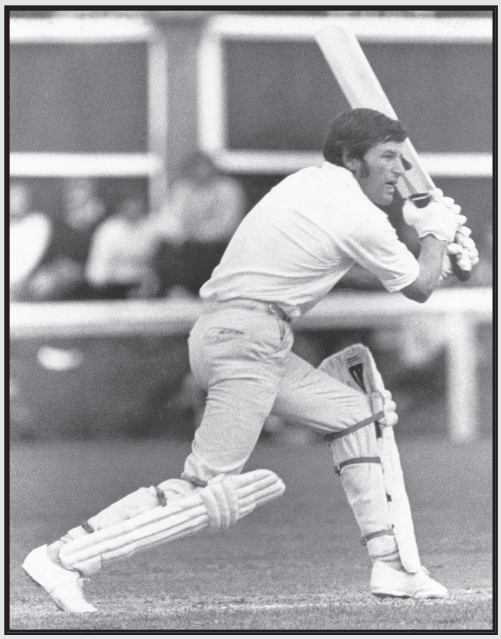


Bevan Congdon was a fine all-rounder for New Zealand whose game flourished when given the responsibility of leadership. He captained New Zealand from 1972 to 1974 and played 61 Tests for his country. 'Congo', as he was known to his team-mates, had wonderful concentration, courage and over time built his technique to counter the best bowlers. Born in Motueka, a short distance from Nelson in the South Island of New Zealand, Congdon's career hit many peaks. There was the outstanding series in the West Indies in 1972; his contribution of 176 against England in 1973 at Trent Bridge, still considered an innings for the ages; followed by the distinction of leading New Zealand to their first Test win over Australia. Behind all of this there was the considered family man, kind and contemplating. He was in many ways 'A Singular Man' and this is his story.



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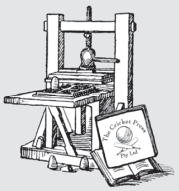

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