

# MOHAMMAD ASHRAFUL

*Batting All Rounder*



Name	Mohammad Ashraful
DOB	07-07-1984
Nationality	Bangladeshi
Player Status	Placed
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Leg Spin, RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Mohammad Ashraful is a household name in Bangladeshi cricketing circles. He struck stardom from an early age becoming the youngest Test centurion in 2001 (17y 61d) by striking 114 against Sri Lanka on debut.

In 2007, he was named Bangladesh skipper and, in doing so, became the tenth youngest Test captain (22y 353d). He held this position for 2 years (2007-09) captaining his country in 13 Tests, and 38 ODIs.

His international career, which comprised 261 matches over 12 years was an absolute highlight reel. A flashy stroke-maker, Ashraful struck the fastest fifty in Test, ODI, and T20I matches for Bangladesh.

Some of his more notable innings included his unbeaten 158 against India in 2004, a magnificent match-winning 100 against Australia in Cardiff, his innovative 87 against South Africa in the 2007 World Cup, and his comeback 190 against Sri Lanka in 2013.

Throughout his illustrious international career, Ashraful racked up 6,655 runs with 9 centuries and 30 fifties, amongst 17,044 runs (33 x 100s, 78 x 50s) in all domestic cricket.

With the ball, he was an often under-used spinner, capable of bowling both off and leg spin, Ashraful bagged 47 international and 313 domestic wickets with 8 five-wicket hauls.

His ability was without question, unfortunately, his decision-making was, as he was found guilty of match-fixing in 2014. He was banned by the BCB for eight years, which was subsequently reduced to 5 years with 2 years suspended.

Following his suspension, Ashraful returned to playing domestic cricket and he continues to ply his trade for various Bangladeshi sides. Ashraful will live with his indiscretion, one that has damaged his reputation and ultimately put pay to his international career.

In recent years, though, he has sought to salvage his reputation and his return to not only domestic, but UK cricket, with whom he has played for various clubs including Lashings, Blackheath (Kent), Church, Royton (Lancashire), and his last season (2022) for Lullington Park (Derbyshire).

With access to accommodation in Cambridge, the Bangladesh superstar is eager for a UK return in 2024.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Lullington Park (2022)	26	25	2	1231	193	53.52	195.4	744	43	4/14	17.30
Blackheath (2019)	14	14	2	428	58	35.67	118	469	19	5/31	24.68
Blackheath (2012)	9	9	1	349	102	43.63	64.1	238	13	3/1	18.31

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