



Name	Lauchie Johns
DOB	01/07/1996
Nationality	New Zealander
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Wicket-Keeper
Batting Style	RH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	N/A
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	NZC Level 1

Lauchie Johns is an explosive wicket-keeper batter from New Zealand's capital, Wellington.

Over the past 5 years, Johns has featured in 29 List A, 12 First-Class, and 3 T20 matches, for a Firebirds side featuring the likes of Blackcaps players Devon Conway, Finn Allen, Tom Blundell, Jimmy Neesham, and Hamish Bennett.

Such was his promise, John's made his List A debut for a New Zealand XI against the touring Pakistanis in January 2018, having made his Plunket Shield (First-Class) debut a few months earlier (November 2017). Roll on October 2018, and John's would make a headline-grabbing Ford Trophy (List A) debut, taking a New Zealand record 7 catches. Thereafter, he played a crucial role in the Firebirds' triumphant Trophy campaign, with the highlight his 24 off 20 balls to take his side to victory in the penultimate over.

During the initial stages of the 2020/21 Ford Trophy season, Johns opened the batting for the Firebirds with success, striking at over 100, with the side's highest boundary-per-delivery ratio.

Unfortunately for Johns, stiff competition from kiwi gloveman Conway and Blundell has limited opportunities, and he wasn't offered a domestic contract for the 2021/22 season. Given his omission, Johns is desperate to impress for both Wellington A, and club side, Eastern Suburbs, with a view to regaining his slot in future.

It's fair to say, Johns has been a stand-out performer for Easts, New Zealand's most successful club side for the past

decade. Following his match-winning 100\* (63 balls) against Zimbabwe Under-19 for Wellington A in 2017, Johns has dominated Wellington Premier Club cricket.

He is already the club's most successful wicket-keeper and is swiftly climbing up the run charts. In Wellington's Two-Day Premier Competition, Johns boasts run averages of 52.83 (2017/18), 33.86 (2018/19), 142 (2019/20), 91.40 (2020/21), and 64 (2021/22) including 6 centuries during this period – 3 in succession during the 2020/21 season, namely 120 (62) v North City, 176 (152) v Wellington Collegians, and 120 (126) v Petone-Riverside. Over the past three seasons, Johns has also skippered the side, demonstrating his undoubted leadership skills.

Current Wellington Firebirds and former interim Blackcaps coach, Glenn Pocknall has overseen Johns' development for over ten years and mirrors this sentiment:

"Lauchie has always looked to play his cricket positively. With the bat this comes in the form of him being able to hit boundaries and score quickly from ball one. When you add his versatility as a keeper it makes him a real threat in the shorter forms of the game. Recently he has been adding more skills to his long-form game and it's this hunger to learn and improve which I admire about him."

Johns remains a tremendous prospect and a view toward his ongoing development embarked on his maiden UK stint in 2022. It's fair to say, he absolutely dominated the Surrey Championship guiding his Camberley side to the division 2 title courtesy of 1,009 runs at 67.27, with two centuries and a highest score of 206\*. However, it was the way he went about his business that really impressed, taking the attack to the opposition up top to finish with a league strike rate of 125.50.

Given his success, and the club's promotion to Division 1, Johns returned for a second Camberley stint in 2023. He continued to excel, and whilst he failed to reach the dizzy heights of the previous season, he still racked up a couple of tons amongst 497 runs at 45.18 (as at 31/07/23).

Next summer Johns is considering his options, one of which is whether he'll remain in the UK throughout the winter. A fantastic signing for a club next summer.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Camberley (2023)	18	18	3	674	112	44.93	2	26	1	1/26	26
Camberley (2022)	26	26	4	1483	206*	67.41	9.2	59	2	2/10	29.50

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