



Name	Muhammad Shehzad
DOB	05/02/2004
Nationality	Pakistani
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Medium Fast
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Muhammad Shehzad is an exciting prospect who showcased his all-round ability in some fashion recently.

Playing for Pakistan at the ICC Under-19 World Cup in the West Indies (Jan/Feb 2022), Shehzad hit headlines courtesy of figures of 5-7 against Papua New Guinea, alongside notable scores of 43 (v Afghanistan), 36 (v Bangladesh), and 73 (v Sri Lanka) from the top-order.

Touted as a future international all-rounder, much in the mold of a young Azhar Mahmoud, and Abdul Razzaq, Shehzad also drew comparisons to the great Younis Khan by Graeme Swann who was commenting in the Caribbean.

A gifted batter, who bowls 130kph plus, Shehzad has long been regarded as a player of international promise. The youngster, who is only 18, moved to Lahore at the age of 9 to pursue his passion for cricket. He only started playing hard-ball cricket shortly thereafter, and in 2018 was playing against Australia for the Pakistan Under-16s. His exploits caught the eye of Under-19 head coach ljaz Ahmed, and he subsequently earned World Cup selection.

Following his success in the Caribbean, Shehzad returned home to earn a PSL call-up, replacing James Faulkner for Quetta Gladiators. Whilst he didn't feature it's a clear indication of his potential.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Available for the UK/EU 2023 season \*\*

In a view towards his development, Shehzad spent time playing cricket in Holland last summer. He excelled in the Hoofdklasse (second tier) hitting 531 runs at 53.10 and taking 14 wickets at 27.36 for VVV.

The talented youngster looks set for the big stage in future but for now, is keen to secure a UK club opportunity for the 2023 season.

## **Overseas Statistics**

Team (Seaso	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	ВВ	Avg
VVV (2022)	12	11	2	531	100*	53.10	77.4	383	14	3/33	27.36

