



Name	Samuel Kerber
DOB	26/07/1994
Nationality	Australian
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	UK Ancestry Visa
Coaching Qualifications	CA Level 2

Samuel Kerber is an absolute run-machine that was finally rewarded with State honours last summer. After years of Grade dominance, the batting all-rounder made his South Australian List A and first-class debut's, hitting scores of 55 and 33 in the latter, alongside figures of 3-92 against Victoria in the Sheffield Shield (April 2021).

The 2020/21 season was simply remarkable for Kerber, with his prolific form helping guide Adelaide University to the decider in all three formats. Kerber averaged a remarkable 108.75 in first-grade cricket last summer, more than enough to make him the highest run-scorer of the season (870 runs) ahead of Uni teammate Will Bosisto. Kerber also tied for the most runs in the Premier Cricket One-Day Cup (315 runs at 63.00), sharing the honour with Jake Brown of Kensington. Amazingly, Kerber's brother Dan also climbed onto the podium with the third-highest tally.

Far from an anomaly, these numbers only added to the incredible 2019/20 season Kerber put together. That summer, Kerber scored 817 first-grade runs at the stunning average of 90.78, in the process breaking a record that has stood in the halls of Adelaide University for 99 years by registering five centuries in just 12 games.

Kerber has been the vice-captain of Adelaide University (AUCC) for the past two seasons. The 'Uni Blacks', who play in South Australia's Premier 1st Grade Competition, boast a number of Redbacks' State players, including the likes of Joe Mennie, Nick Winter, Jake Weatherald, and Will Bosisto.

The 'Uni Blacks' have been the stand-out SA club in recent years. The Blacks won both the SACA and Australian

Premier 'Club of the Year' in 2018, before the AU Sport Club of the Year in 2019. However, the 2019/20 season proved to be the greatest in their illustrious 113-year history. A total of 7 Premierships across the club, to include the 1st Grade SACA Premier T20 title. The Blacks were also losing grand finalists in the One-Day competition and finished second to Kensington in first grade. Roll on 2020/21 and their success continued – finishing grand finalists in each of the three competitions and taking out the T20 title for the second year running.

A genuine all-rounder, Kerber has been one of AUCC's key performers in recent years. Since joining the Blacks from Monash Tigers (VIC Prem) in 2017/18, he has racked up 4,644 runs at 53.38 and 146 wickets at 26.00. A left-handed top-order batter and slow left-arm spinner, the 644th South Australian representative in first-class cricket has clearly excelled since joining the Blacks.

Kerber's road to the Redback's baggy red, though, initially started during his breakthrough 2018/19 season where he piled up 1,041 runs at 57.83 and 39 wickets at 25.82 for AUCC across the three formats. His success, which included his maiden 5-wicket haul and a brilliant 152 to guide his side to the finals, culminated with South Australia 2nd XI selection and third position on the Bradman Medal – SACA Premier cricket's highest honour.

Named as AUCC vice skipper for 2019/20, Kerber dominated in his new leadership role. He struck 1,564 runs at 57.93 and took 38 wickets at 26.47 across the three formats. Kerber broke AUCC's 99-year-old record held by Gilbert Jose, when becoming the first player to hit 5 first grade centuries in a season. The VC ended up with 817 runs at 90.78 in the top flight and polled only 2 votes shy of the 62nd Bradman Medal (finishing second to fellow CricX client Cameron Valente).

Last summer, Kerber could do no wrong for the Uni Blacks, hitting 870 runs at 108.75 alongside 21 wickets at 23.57 in first grade, culminating with sharing the Bradman Medal with good mate Brad (Bobby) Davis and his Redbacks debut.

It's been an incredible few years for Kerber, who surely seems destined for a long run in the Redbacks baggy red. The all-rounder, who was set to head abroad prior to the pandemic, is concentrated on cementing his spot in the South Australian side this summer, but is thereafter open to a UK stint for the 2022 season.

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