

Name	Slade van Staden
DOB	30-04-2003
Nationality	South African
Player Status	Pathway
Playing Role	Wicket-Keeper
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	N/A
Entry Route	Irish / Dutch Visa

Slade van Staden is an exceptional prospect from Durban playing for the Dolphins in South Africa domestic cricket.

A prospect of Umhlali Prep, and Hilton College, van Staden has been a star performer throughout the age groups culminating with both provincial (KwaZulu-Natal, Dolphins), and national (SA Schools) honours.

Such was his talent, the wicket-keeper batter made his first-class debut at 16 for KZN, then Franchise debut for the Dolphins at 18. An explosive batter in the top order, van Staden has already racked up nearly 50 hundreds, including a highest score of 220, in school, club and provincial cricket.

The 2023 calendar year has been an exceptional one for van Staden too. After finishing his club season for Chatsworth Sporting with 654 runs at 80 (S/R. 120), he was whisked away to America to join MI New York for the inaugural Major League Cricket competition. Courtesy of his dual Passport status, van Staden bagged the local U23 category slot and ended up winning the tournament on July 30.

Roll on the CSA 4-Day Series Division 1 campaign (Nov 2023) and he was top scorer for the Dolphins in both innings (70 & 93) in their drawn match against the Titans.

^{**} Available for the Republic of Ireland and the Netherlands **

The South African run machine, who comes highly recommended by ex-Proteas' player Benkenstein, has quite the future. Following his season for the Dolphins, he is eager to secure a Dutch or Irish club in 2024.

