CricX
The Cricket Exchange Agency

UDEKWE CHIEMELIE

Bowler (Seam)





Name	Udekwe Chiemelie
DOB	02-01-2005
Nationality	Other (Non European)
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowler (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Lower Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	

Udekwe Chiemelie is one of the most exciting fast-bowling prospects to emerge from Associate cricket in recent years. Despite his youth, he has already taken on the role of spearhead in the Nigerian national side—an extraordinary feat for a player still in his teens.

Blessed with raw pace and natural athleticism, Chiemelie consistently clocks speeds around the 140kph mark, making him not only one of the quickest bowlers in Africa but arguably one of the fastest outside the Test-playing nations. His ability to generate this kind of velocity is rare, but what truly sets him apart is the control and skill he pairs it with—able to shape the ball both ways and maintain a probing line and length even at top speed.

Chiemelie's rise through the ranks has been nothing short of meteoric. He burst onto the international stage with the Nigeria U19s, representing his country at the 2020 ICC U19 World Cup in South Africa. He then dominated during the 2021 U19 World Cup qualifiers in Rwanda, reinforcing his reputation as a genuine game-changer. It wasn't long before the senior side came calling. In December 2022, at just 17 years old, he made his full international debut in the T20 World Cup Africa Sub-Regional Qualifiers. Since then, he's become a regular fixture in the Nigerian side, playing key roles in both the West Africa Trophy and the ICC T20 World Cup Africa Qualifier events.

Now with 26 T20I caps under his belt, Chiemelie has already racked up 27 international wickets at an average of 16.03, backed by an impressive strike rate of 16.70 and an economy of just 5.76—elite numbers for any bowler, let alone one so young. While his express pace garners the headlines, he is also a quietly capable lower-order batter and hopes to

evolve into a genuine all-rounder in the years ahead.

Still at the very beginning of what promises to be an exciting career, Chiemelie is eager to take the next step by gaining overseas experience. He's due to play for Lilydale Cricket Club in Victoria, Australia during the 2026/27 season to continue his development, using that as a springboard toward his broader ambition: competing in global franchise leagues. With raw pace, international pedigree, and a hunger to learn, Udekwe Chiemelie is a rare talent ready to explode on the world stage.