

IPL Player Profile: Pat Cummins



Age: 33
Country: Australia (2011–present)
Role: Bowler
IPL Current Team: N/A
Matches: 72
Runs: 1,567
Wickets: 315

Career Summary

Patrick James Cummins (born 8 May 1993) is an Australian international cricketer who plays for the Australian men's cricket team in all three formats, captaining the team in both Test and One Day International cricket. A right-armed pace bowler, he also captains the Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League. Making his international debut in limited-overs cricket in 2011, Cummins came to prominence following his Test debut that same year against South Africa. There, he became the youngest Australian test cricketer since 1953 and took six wickets during the second innings of his debut test match. His struggles with injuries then forced him out of all international cricket until 2015, where he was a member of the tournament-winning Australian Cricket World Cup squad. Only returning to Test cricket in 2017 against India, he became known as one of the greatest fast bowlers in the world. In 2019, he achieved 914 points in the ICC Men's Test Bowling Rankings, joint-highest for any Australian and fifth-highest for any bowler. He was also awarded with the Allan Border Medal in the same year. In 2023, he was awarded with the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy. Cummins was named the Australian cricket captain in November 2021, and is also regarded as one of the best bowler captains in history. He captained Australia to win the 2021–2023 World Test Championship and the 2023 Cricket World Cup and took Australia to the 2023–25 ICC World Test Championship final.

== Early life == Patrick James Cummins grew up in Mount Riverview in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney with his two brothers and two sisters. He attended St Paul's Grammar School. As a child he idolised Brett Lee, with whom he later briefly played domestic and international cricket. At the age of three, Cummins lost the top of his middle finger on his dominant right hand when his sister accidentally slammed a door on it. Cummins played junior cricket for the Glenbrook-Blaxland Cricket Club in the Blue Mountains before playing first-grade cricket for Penrith District Cricket Club in 2010. That same year, Cummins represented NSW in the National Under-17 championships and later the NSW Under-19 team.

== Domestic career == In the preliminary final of the 2010–11 KFC Twenty20 Big Bash against Tasmania, Cummins took 4 for 16 and was named Man of the Match. He finished as the equal leading wicket-taker in the tournament. In March 2011, Cummins made his first-class debut against Tasmania, aged 17. He returned figures of 3/118 during the first innings, including 14 made in overs. Cummins played the final three matches of the 2010–11 Sheffield Shield season, including the final where he bowled 65 overs for the match. He was later ruled out of the Australia A tour of Zimbabwe due to a back injury. Cummins made his return to domestic cricket in 2016, becoming a key member of the New South Wales one-day squad and the Sydney Thunder, as he remained fit and played 25 matches in just over 4 months. On 7 March 2017, Cummins played in the Sheffield Shield for the first time in six years. He bowled 36 overs and claimed 8 wickets.

== International career ==

=== Early career and injury struggles (2011–2016) === Cummins was granted a Cricket Australia contract in June 2011 and in October 2011, he played two Twenty20 International (T20I) and three One Day International (ODI) matches for Australia against South Africa, claiming ten wickets and subsequently being selected in the Australian Test squad to play in South Africa. Cummins made his Test match debut at Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg in November 2011, in what was only his fourth career first-class match, becoming Australia's youngest Test cricketer since Ian Craig in 1953, aged 18 years and 193 days. Cummins took 1/38 and 6/79, becoming the second-youngest Test cricketer (behind Enamul Haque Jr.) to take six wickets in an innings. He then scored 13 runs in the second innings, including a four to win the match and was presented with the Man of the Match award. After playing through his Test debut with a heel injury, Cummins was subsequently ruled out of the entire 2011–12 summer. Cummins was selected in