Virat kohli

Virat Kohli (5 November 1988) is an Indian international cricketer and former captain of the Indian national team. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time in international cricket.[3] Kohli plays as a right-handed batsman for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL and for Delhi in Indian domestic cricket. He holds the record for scoring most runs in both T20 internationals and in IPL. In 2020, the International Cricket Council named him as player of decade. Kohli has won Man of the Tournament award twice at the ICC World Twenty20, in 2014 and 2016. Playing for his franchise in IPL, he won the Orange Cap and Most-valuable Player Award in 2016 season. Furthermore has won most player of the match and series awards in T20I. With 40 wins in 68 Test matches, he is India's most successful Test captain. Kohli has also contributed to India's successes, including winning the 2011 World Cup and the 2013 Champions trophy.

Born and raised in Delhi, Kohli trained in West Delhi Cricket Academy; started his youth career with Delhi Under-15 team. Kohli made his international debut in 2008 and quickly became a key player in the ODI team. He made his Test debut in 2011.[4] In 2013, Kohli reached the number one spot in the ICC rankings for ODI batsmen for the first time.[5] During 2014 T20 World Cup, he set a record for the most runs scored in the tournament. In 2018, Kohli became the number one ranked Test batsman, making him the only Indian batsman to achieve the top spot in the ICC rankings in all three formats. His form continued in 2019, where he became the first player to score 20,000 international runs in single decade. In 2021, Virat Kohli made the decision to step down as the captain of the Indian national team for T20Is, following the T20 World Cup and in early 2022 he stepped down as the captain of the Test team as well.

Kohli has received many accolades for his performances on the cricket field. He was recognized as the ICC ODI Player of the Year in 2012 and has won Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy, given to the ICC Cricketer of the Year, on two occasions, in 2017 and 2018. Kohli also won ICC Test Player of the Year and ICC ODI Player of the Year awards in 2018, becoming the first player to win both awards in the same year. Additionally, Kohli was named the Wisden Leading Cricketer in the World for three consecutive years, from 2016 to 2018. At the national level, Kohli was honoured with the Arjuna Award in 2013, the Padma Shri under the sports category in 2017 and the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award, India's highest sporting honour, in 2018.

In 2016, he was ranked as one of the world's most famous athletes by ESPN[6] and one of the most valuable athlete brands by Forbes.[7] In 2018, Time magazine included him on its list of the 100 most influential people in the world.[8] In 2020, he was ranked 66th in Forbes list of the top 100 highest-paid athletes in the world for the year 2020 with estimated earnings of over $26 million.[9]

Early life

Virat Kohli was born on 5 November 1988 in Delhi to a Punjabi Hindu family.[10] His father, Prem Kohli, worked as a criminal lawyer and his mother, Saroj Kohli, is a housewife.[11] He has an older brother, Vikas, and an older sister, Bhawna.[12] According to his family, when he was three-years old, Kohli would pick up a cricket bat, start swinging it and ask his father to bowl at him.[13]

Kohli was raised in Uttam Nagar[14] and started his schooling at Vishal Bharti Public School. In 1998, the West Delhi Cricket Academy was created and a nine-year-old Kohli was part of its first intake.[14] Kohli's father took him to the academy after their neighbours suggested that "Virat shouldn't waste his time in gully cricket and instead join a professional club".[11] Kohli trained at the academy under his coach Rajkumar Sharma and also played matches at the Sumeet Dogra Academy at Vasundhara Enclave at the same time.[14] Sharma recounts Kohli's early days at his academy, "He oozed talent. It was so difficult to keep him quiet. He was a natural in whatever he did and I was most impressed with his attitude. He was ready to bat at any spot, and I had to literally push him home after the training sessions. He just wouldn't leave."[15] In ninth grade, Kohli shifted to Saviour Convent School in Paschim Vihar to advance his cricket practice.[16][17] His family lived in Meera Bagh until 2015 when they moved to Gurgaon.