

Name	Ashley Chandrasinghe
DOB	07-12-2001
Nationality	Australian
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Batter
Batting Style	LH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Leg Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Ashley Chandrasinghe is a run scoring machine who has been touted as a future Australian Test opener, following his debut century for Victoria in October 2022. Since then, the left-hander has featured in 9 Sheffield Shield matches (325 runs at 23.21), albeit is currently biding his time for a Shield return with Marcus Harris, Travis Dean, Will Pucovski, and Peter Handscomb currently occupying the top 4.

Chandrasinghe was one of six Victoria batters to reach triple figures in 2022/23, and was elevated from a rookie to a full State contract for last season.

Growing up in a generation where short-form cricket and 360-degree shot making is a priority, Chandrasinghe appears to be cut from a different cloth. The Victorian put himself on Australia's future Test prospects' radar with his century on Sheffield Shield debut against Tasmania. It wasn't just the century that caught the eye. It was the fact that he faced 333 balls, unbeaten, against an attack featuring Peter Siddle and Jackson Bird, with 255 Test scalps between them, and the genuine pace of Riley Meredith.

His defence, his fight and his determination in tough conditions was something that impressed Victoria coach Chris Rogers.

"He played quite an incredible innings. There was a bit of luck along the way which you need. But once he locked in, he just looked like he was so determined to not throw it away. And that takes unbelievable skill as well, just to be able to

bat for such a long period of time."

Chandrasinghe's thirst for batting long periods is ingrained from working with his childhood batting mentor in Melbourne Owen Mottau, who is the former Sri Lanka Under-19s coach. In-fact, prior to his Shield debut (Oct 2022), he had plundered 9 Victorian and Darwin Premier League centuries, and 2 VIC 2nd XI hundreds, within the previous 2 years.

A few months out from his VIC debut, he had set a new record by hitting 5 consecutive hundreds n the Darwin Premier League to win the Ralph Wiese Medal. His run glut in senior men's cricket has come without huge returns in Cricket Australia underage carnivals while representing Victoria in most age groups in the pathway system.

Chandrasinghe was awarded a rookie contract with Victoria for the 2022/23 season after hitting 423 runs at 84.60 for the 2nd XI the prior summer. He made his well-documented VIC debut in October 2022, hitting his undefeated century. Later that summer (March 2023), Chandrasinghe batted neigh on 7 hours, to top score with 46 not out, becoming the first man to carry their bat in a Sheffield Shield final since Jamie Cox in 1998. Chandrasinghe faced 280 balls and hit four boundaries as Victoria were bowled out for 195.

Despite his run spree in 2022/23, Chandrasinghe failed to feature for VIC last summer but remains waiting in the wings behind Harris, Dean, Pucovski, and Handscomb. Nevertheless, he continues to churn runs for the 2nd XI and for Casey South Melbourne in the Victorian Premier League.

Chandrasinghe has recently decided to pursue a dream of his - to play cricket in the UK. Therefore, the VIC youngster is seeking opportunities in Premier cricket for his ongoing development in 2025.

