

# MICHAEL RIPPON

Batting All-Rounder (Spin)



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| Name                    | Michael Rippon                  |
| DOB                     | 14-09-1991                      |
| Nationality             | South African                   |
| Player Status           | Placed                          |
| Playing Role            | Batting All-Rounder (Spin)      |
| Batting Style           | RH Top Order Bat                |
| Bowling Style           | LA Wrist Spin                   |
| Entry Route             | International Sportsperson Visa |
| Coaching Qualifications | NZC Level 1                     |

Michael Rippon is a fascinating cricketer with a unique international journey. Born in Cape Town, South Africa, Rippon’s cricketing career spans multiple countries, from South Africa to the UK, Netherlands, and finally New Zealand.

### Early Life & Background

Born: September 14, 1991, Cape Town, South Africa.  
Rippon lived in the Netherlands for part of his early childhood, which gave him dual ties to both countries.  
He started playing cricket at the age of 15 for VRA Amsterdam after being recruited by his coach, Ryan Maron.

### Domestic Career

South Africa: Rippon began his career in South Africa, playing for Western Province and the Cape Cobras in various formats. His T20 debut came in the 2010–11 Standard Bank Pro20. He had a decent start, particularly in T20s.  
England: He moved to England and signed with Sussex in 2012, where he spent time primarily with the Second XI before making his debut in the 2012 Friends Life T20 against Kent. Rippon impressed with the ball on debut, taking 4 wickets for 23 runs. His time in England also saw him play in several T20s for Sussex.  
New Zealand: Rippon moved to New Zealand in 2018 and quickly made an impact in domestic cricket. He was awarded a contract with Otago for the 2018–19 season and retained it for the 2020–21 season. His skills as both a left-arm wrist spinner and a hard-hitting batter suited the New Zealand conditions.

International Career

Netherlands: Rippon's international career began with the Netherlands. He was called up for their ODI series against Nepal in 2018. He had a successful stint with the Dutch team, playing key roles in several games, particularly against New Zealand in 2021.

New Zealand: Rippon became eligible to play for New Zealand after settling there. In 2022, he made his T20I debut for the Black Caps against Scotland, marking a unique achievement in cricket history by becoming the 14th player to represent two international teams in T20I cricket. His selection for New Zealand was a reflection of his strong performances in domestic cricket and his successful stint with the Netherlands.

Michael's journey through international cricket is a testament to his adaptability and determination. From playing for the Netherlands to representing New Zealand, and excelling in both club and international cricket, he is a rare example of a cricketer successfully switching national teams. His diverse career continues to inspire and intrigue cricket fans worldwide.

Rippon's career has also taken him to Northern Ireland, where he played club cricket for Carrickfergus CC. He impressed both with the bat and ball during his stint there, averaging 65.92 with the bat and taking crucial wickets with the ball. He is without doubt one off the premium all rounders available for club cricket in 2025 and is looking forward to showcasing his skills in 2025 after recently signing with Fleetwood CC, the defending champions of the Northern Premier League.

Overseas Statistics

| Team (Season)           | Mts | Inns | NO | Runs | HS | Ave   | Ovs   | Runs | Wkts | BB  | Avg   |
|-------------------------|-----|------|----|------|----|-------|-------|------|------|-----|-------|
| Fleetwood (2025)        | 2   | 2    | 0  | 80   | 43 | 80    | 10    | 16   | 4    | 2/1 | 4     |
| Carrickfergus CC (2022) |     | 19   |    | 857  |    | 65.92 | 135.2 |      | 28   |     | 24.14 |

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