

# MOHAMMED AZHARUDDIEN

Wicket Keeping Batsman



Name	Mohammed Azharuddeen
DOB	22/03/1994
Nationality	Indian
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Wicket-Keeper
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	N/A
Entry Route	

**\*\* Only eligible for the Republic of Ireland and Netherlands \*\***

Mohammed Azharuddeen is an explosive batter who hit the headlines in January 2021 following his blistering T20 century against domestic powerhouse Mumbai.

Opening the batting alongside former international Robin Uthappa, in a side that also features Shreesanth, and IPL stars Sanju Samson, and Sachin Baby, Azharuddeen blasted a quite sensational 54-ball 137 not out. His century came off only 37 balls, making it the second-fastest in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy history.

His innings, which included 9 fours, 11 sixes, all with a strike rate of 253.70, guided his Kerala side to victory, chasing down 196 in only 15.5 overs. It was no surprise to see him get picked up by RCB (Royal Challengers Bangalore) for the 2021 IPL (Indian Premier League).

Azharuddeen, who is the youngest of eight brothers, and was named after the former Indian captain, Mohammad Azharuddin, initially broke into domestic cricket back in November 2015, making his Ranji Trophy debut. He showed promise the following summer, hitting 3 half-centuries, including a 99 during the 2016/17 Ranji campaign.

However, bar his maiden century during the 2018/19 season (112), he has only scored 2 further fifties and currently averages in the mid-20s. However, it's the white ball format that he's really impressed – with his T20 ton the obvious

stand-out. Surprisingly, opportunities were limited post COVID, but he returned to the Kerala fold in 2023/24 and enjoyed success in both the Vijay Hazare Trophy, and Ranji Trophy competitions, with the highlight is dual fifties (85 and 50\*) against the star-studded Chhattisgarh side.

Azharuddeen is a serious talent, who also keeps wicket, and is now looking to explore opportunities abroad moving forward.

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