

# TSHEPANG DITHOLE

*Wicket Keeper Batsman*



Name	Tshepang Dithole
DOB	10/03/1993
Nationality	South African
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Wicket-Keeper
Batting Style	LH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	CSA Level 1

Tshepang Dithole is in the form of his life having dominated the run charts for both KwaZulu-Natal Tuskers and the Dolphins during last summer's domestic campaign.

In 2021/22, Dithole was the Tusker's "Best Batter" and "Players Player of the Year" having topped the province's run charts and finishing amongst the leading domestic run scorers (335 runs at 83.75, including a career-best 162). After a relatively lean 2022/23 season for the Tuskers, he returned to domestic cricket with a bang last summer, hitting 146 in the CSA 4-Day Series opener and finished the summer with 451 runs at 41.

Courtesy of his exploits over the years for the Dolphins and KwaZulu-Natal Inland, Dithole earned selection for the National Academy and South Africa Emerging Players in 2016. The wicket-keeper batter played 6 matches for the latter in July/August and he's hoping this experience will push him towards higher honours in future.

An explosive opening batter and wicket-keeper by trade, "Alvin" as he's known began his journey with Gauteng with whom he represented through the age groups. He also starred for Border Country culminating with South African Rural selection. Alvin finished third on Gauteng's run charts (152 runs at 38) behind Quinton de Kock (South Africa) and Shaylen Pillay (Lions) during the CSA Under-19 Three-Day Competition in November/December 2010. He then topped Gauteng's aggregates during the National Under-17 tournament in the same month.

He played a second year for the Gauteng Under-19's in December 2011, before an outstanding CSA Rural tournament in

2012/13, topping the run charts for Border Country including scores of 116 from 107 (vs. Border Alloes), 62 from 71 (vs. Border Village) and 125 from 122 (vs. Eastern Province Midlands) in succession.

After a couple of lean seasons, Dithole has come into his own in first-class cricket over the past few summers, hitting 411 runs at 27.40 (2017/18), 329 runs at 27.41 (2018/19), 391 runs at 32.88 (2019/20), 470 runs at 47 (2020/21), 335 runs at 83.75 (2021/22), 117 runs at 16.71 (2022/23), and 451 runs at 41 (2023/24).

Alvin is a fantastic talent, who whilst known for his destructive batting, is also a front-line keeper and useful off-spinner.

He spent a successful UK summer in 2022 playing for Durham powerhouse South Northumberland. Whilst he didn't score the volume of runs he's capable of (389 runs at 29.92), he was part of a winning North East Premier League campaign.

The Dolphins star is now eager to embark on a UK return in 2025 and is someone with all the ability to light up league cricket next summer.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
South Northumberland (2022)	16	15	2	389	58	29.92	-	-	-	-	-

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