

## **Shane Watson**

## Australian cricketing legend

Shane Watson, 'Watto', is one of Australia's most influential cricketers and one of the world's leading allrounders.

A respected and dedicated professional sportsman, Shane was awarded the illustrious Allan Border Medal in 2010 and 2011 as Australia's best player after remodelling his bowling action to become a destructive and reliable competitor with both bat and ball in all forms of the game.



Shane, a Queenslander, began his first-class playing career with Tasmania when he was 20, making his Test debut four years later against Pakistan in 2005, when he scored 31 in the first innings and took a wicket.

Shane reinforced his status as one of the world's most talented T20 players when he was awarded Player of the Tournament in the ICC T20 World Cup in Sri Lanka in October 2012 after securing four consecutive Man of the Match awards.

Shane Watson's record in the shorter forms of the game is breathtaking. The explosive batsman hit a record 15 sixes against Bangladesh in April 2011 to score 185 runs.

Appointed Vice Captain of the Australian Team from 2011-2013, Shane become Australia's 44th Test Captain when he led the Australian Team against India in Delhi in March 2013.

Shane played an integral part in Australia's 5-0 Ashes Series whitewash against England in Australia during the 2013/2014 International Summer of Cricket.

Appointed Captain of the Rajasthan Royals in 2014, Shane was also named the most valuable player in the Indian Premier League for the Rajasthan Royals in the inaugural 2008 season and again in 2013.

Shane Watson has overcome adversity in his career, including constantly being plaqued by injury, but he brings a determination, strength and personality to any role he takes on.



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