## Dan back at Carlton amidst claim he is eyeing Scotland cap

Serial trophy winner Dan Da Costa is returning to Carlton cricket club for 2024 in a move that will be of particular interest to the Scottish national selectors.

South African born Da Costa, 24, had an outstanding debut season at the Grange Loan club hitting 1047 runs in Eastern Premiership and Scottish Cup fixtures.

That meant winning the club's annual batting prize as well as awards for six-hitting and wicket-keeping topped off by the "Players Player of the Season" for 2023.

According to the web-site of the professional cricketers' agency World Sports Exchange Dan will "remain in Scotland long term to continue to qualify for the national side".

On the subject of the Scotland team current internationalist Chris McBride, 24, will join Carlton from Dumfries.

All rounder McBride caught the eye by hitting 56 when Scotland chased down an Irish total of 286 in last year's ODU World Cup qualifiers in Zimbabwe.

Carlton open their East Premiership campaign on Saturday 27 April at home to local rivals Watsonians.

Watsonians recently announced on X they had completed the

signing of Afghanistan International all-rounder Noor Ali Zadran, an opening bat/ medium fast bowler.



Dan Da Costa — pic credit Gavin Murray