

Keeper Carey eyes future in long-form cricket

He made his ODI debut in January and his first Twenty20 international appearance a month later.

Tim Paine is well and truly established as Australia's Test skipper and keeper but at 34 it remains to be seen how many years he has left in him.

"Every time I come back and play first-class cricket I want to do well," Carey said.

"I want to play both well with the red ball and the white ball. Whatever ball it is, runs count. If I'm away playing ODIs, then that's the focus. If I'm back here then it's trying to do well for South Australia.

"I'm still learning my game. I've only played [29 first-class games] now. I want to keep getting better now. Today it was quite controlled and in the past I'd probably get ahead of myself and play too many shots too early."

To date, Carey's Sheffield Shield returns have been modest and he averages 26.95 in first-class cricket.

In 2016-17 he hit 594 runs at an average of 33.00 – as well as taking 59 dismissals for the season, a record for the competition.

The following year, he managed 455 runs at 35.00.

He was absent from the Redbacks' first four games of 2018-19 and will miss a good chunk of the second half of the Shield season due to Australian commitments.

"You've got to get used to it playing white-ball cricket and

then coming back into red-ball cricket, just adapting to batting for a long time," Carey said.

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