**Christina Maria Gough** (born 18 February 1994) is a German cricketer who plays for the [national cricket team](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany_women%27s_national_cricket_team) as an [all-rounder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All-rounder). She has twice been involved in setting a new record for a team's highest score without losing a wicket across all [Twenty20 Internationals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_Twenty20_International).

As of the end of the [2021 cricket season](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_cricket_in_2021), Gough also had the highest career batting average of any player in [Women's Twenty20 Internationals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_Twenty20_International) (WT20Is), with an average of 42.23 from 22 matches, in which she scored a total of 549 runs.

**Early life and career**

Gough was born in [Hamburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamburg) to a German mother and English father.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-espn_profile-1)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-ha_2021-08-26-2) She was raised in [Birmingham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birmingham), England,[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-ha_2021-08-26-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-taz_2020-08-11-3) where she attended [Solihull School](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solihull_School) in [Solihull](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solihull), [West Midlands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Midlands_%28county%29).[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-linkedin_profile-4) She began playing cricket at the age of 10, initially in the garden with her older brother, and then with a club.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-taz_2020-08-11-3) In 2020, she told [*Die Tageszeitung*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Die_Tageszeitung) [translation]:

From 2007 to 2011, Gough played in junior teams for [Warwickshire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warwickshire_Women_cricket_team), England.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-Division_2_%E2%80%93_2012-5) Between 2014 and 2016, she played three matches for Oxford University women against Cambridge University women.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-cricday_bio-6) In 2016, she completed a Master of Arts in Modern Languages (German) at [St Hilda's College, Oxford](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Hilda%27s_College%2C_Oxford),[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-linkedin_profile-4) and returned to Hamburg, where she had already spent a year abroad during her tertiary studies.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-taz_2020-08-11-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-linkedin_profile-4)

**Domestic career**

In 2012, Gough was part of the Warwickshire first XI,[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-7) which was Division 2 champion in [that season's Women's County Championship](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Women%27s_County_Championship).[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-Division_2_%E2%80%93_2012-5) Gough returned to play for Warwickshire for the [2022 Women's Twenty20 Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_Women%27s_Twenty20_Cup).[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-8) She played for [Staffordshire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Staffordshire_Women_cricket_team) in the 2023 [West Midlands Regional Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Midlands_Regional_Cup).[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-9)

In 2024 she rejoins one of her coaches from her formative years in Richard Cox as part of the newly formed Herefordshire Womens Team which will play in 3 competitions across the new 2025 ECB Tier 3 season.

Since moving to Hamburg, Gough has played for the THCC Rot-Gelb women's team, which won the German Women's Bundesliga championship in 2019.[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-10) She has also been playing [association football](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_football_in_Germany), for [Altona 93](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altonaer_FC_von_1893).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-taz_2020-08-11-3)[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-a_93_2020-02-17-11)

**International career**

**2015–2017: Early years**

Gough was first selected for the German national team even before her permanent move to Hamburg.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-taz_2020-08-11-3) In May 2015, she played for Germany in a three match bilateral series against [Denmark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark_women%27s_national_cricket_team) in [Husum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Husum), Denmark. In the second and third matches of that series, which were played in [Twenty20](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty20) format, she top scored for Germany with 43 and 59[\*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not_out), respectively.[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-cric_hq_matches-12)

The following season, in August 2016, Gough played a similarly prominent role in a 6-nations European Women's T20 tournament in [Herning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herning), Denmark. In Germany's first match, against [France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France_women%27s_national_cricket_team), she scored 29, but her team lost in a nail biting finish. Against [Norway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norway_women%27s_national_cricket_team), in Germany's second match, Gough smashed a rapid 104[\*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not_out) to guide the team to its then highest ever WT20 total of 184, and then took two wickets for 14 runs in 3.1 overs. Germany won the match by 126 runs. The next day, in Germany's fourth match, against Denmark, she opened the bowling with two wickets in her first two balls, and finished with three wickets for 10 runs in four overs. Germany also won that match, and at the end of the tournament was runner-up to France.[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-13)

In August 2017, Gough took the field for Germany in another European Women's T20 tournament, in [Antwerp](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antwerp), Belgium. In Germany's second of two matches against [Belgium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgium_women%27s_national_cricket_team), played on 3 August 2017, she and [Anuradha Doddaballapur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anuradha_Doddaballapur) combined for an unbroken partnership of 85 for the fifth wicket, and also shared the top scoring honours with 42[\*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not_out) apiece. In the second match between Germany and France, played on 4 August 2017, she made 44[\*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not_out), and shared with Deepika Anil in an unbroken partnership of 121 for the fourth wicket.[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-cric_hq_matches-12)

**2019–present: WT20I career**

On 26 June 2019, Gough made her WT20I debut for, and also captained, Germany against [Scotland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scotland_women%27s_national_cricket_team) at the [La Manga Club Ground](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Manga_Club_Ground), [Murcia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Region_of_Murcia), Spain, in the first match of the [2019 ICC Women's Qualifier Europe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_ICC_Women%27s_Qualifier_Europe), which was also Germany's first ever WT20I.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-espn_profile-1)[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-14) The following month, she was selected in that year's ICC Women's Global Development Squad, which played six Twenty20 matches on a tour of England.[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-15)

On 4 February 2020, in the [first WT20I match of a bilateral series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_women%27s_cricket_team_in_Oman_in_2019%E2%80%9320) between Germany and [Oman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oman_women%27s_national_cricket_team) at the [Al Amerat Cricket Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al_Amerat_Cricket_Stadium), [Muscat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muscat), Gough shared in an unbroken partnership of 158 with [Janet Ronalds](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janet_Ronalds), during which both batters scored 71[\*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not_out). Gough also took two wickets for eight runs, from three [overs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Over_%28cricket%29) with one [maiden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Over_%28cricket%29#Maiden_over), and was chosen as [player of the match](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Player_of_the_Match_awards_%28cricket%29). Germany's victory in the match, by 115 runs, was the team's first in a WT20I; the German team eventually won the WT20I series 4–0.[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-dcb_2020-02-04-16)[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-dcb_2020-02-25-17)

On 12 August 2020, in the [first match of another bilateral series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_women%27s_cricket_team_in_Austria_in_2020), between Germany and [Austria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria_women%27s_national_cricket_team) at the [Seebarn Cricket Ground](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seebarn_Cricket_Ground%22%20%5Co%20%22Seebarn%20Cricket%20Ground), Gough hit a [player of the match](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Player_of_the_Match_awards_%28cricket%29)-winning 72, then Germany's highest individual score in T20Is for either the men's or women's teams. The following day, in the second match of the series, she scored 66[\*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not_out), and shared with Ronalds in an unbroken first wicket partnership of 191, to power Germany to its highest ever WT20I total of 191/0. The partnership was the fourth-biggest in WT20Is, and Germany's total also set a new record for the highest score by a team without losing a wicket across all T20Is.[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-wcz_2020-08-12-18)[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-dcb_2020-08-14-19)[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-icc_2020-08-14-20)[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-wcz_2020-08-17-21) In the fourth match of the series, played on 14 August 2020, Gough scored 101\* to rack up her maiden [WT20I century](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_centuries_in_women%27s_Twenty20_International_cricket), and combined with Ronalds to amass a team total of 198/0, which eclipsed all of Gough's and Ronalds' combined achievements of the previous day. Germany ended up winning the series 5–0.[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-dcb_2020-08-14-19)[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-icc_2020-08-14-20)[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-wcz_2020-08-17-21)

Gough's total of 348 WT20I runs in 2020 made her the fifth-highest run-scorer in WT20I matches during the year.[[22]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-ec_2021-01-30-22) She reached that total in nine matches, at an average of 87.00 and a strike rate of 127.47.[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-wcz_2020-12-25-23) Additionally, in bowling 27 overs while conceding only 62 runs, she achieved the best WT20I [economy rate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_rate), of 2.29, for the year among all bowlers who bowled a minimum of 20 overs.[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-wcz_2020-12-25-23)

In Germany's [next bilateral series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France_women%27s_cricket_team_in_Germany_in_2021), against France at the [Bayer Uerdingen Cricket Ground](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayer_Uerdingen_Cricket_Ground), [Krefeld](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krefeld), in July 2021, Gough played in all five matches, and scored the most runs, with an aggregate of 95 at an average of 47.50.[[24]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-24) She also took a total of five wickets for only 28 runs, at an economy rate of 3.50.[[25]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-25) The following month, at the [2021 ICC Women's T20 World Cup Europe Qualifier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2021_ICC_Women%27s_T20_World_Cup_Europe_Qualifier), Gough top scored for Germany, both overall,[[26]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-26) and in the team's matches against Ireland[[27]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-27) and the Netherlands.[[28]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-28) As of the end of that tournament and the [2021 cricket season](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_cricket_in_2021), she also had the highest career batting average of any player in WT20Is, with an average of 42.23 from 22 matches, in which she scored a total of 549 runs.[[29]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-29)

In August 2024, Gough was part of the invitational [Marylebone Cricket Club](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marylebone_Cricket_Club) squad which took part in the [Valletta Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valletta_Cup) against [Malta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malta_women%27s_national_cricket_team), [Greece](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greece_women%27s_national_cricket_team), [Isle of Man](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isle_of_Man_women%27s_national_cricket_team) and [Serbia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serbia_women%27s_national_cricket_team).[[30]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Gough#cite_note-30)

Following the season with Herefordshire Gough will again join up with MCC to lead the Womens Team to Brazil.

On joining Herefordshire Gough said ‘Over the winter I have been thinking about the new ECB set up and where I might fit in. So when Richard called me and detailed the vision for the Womens team I couldn’t wait to get involved.

We go back a long way from our time at Warwickshire and of course our commitments in Europe so it will be great to join forces again and see what we can do. I am really looking forward to working with some younger players and seeing them develop in the same way so many people have helped me.

Although I cant commit to all the games this Summer due to work (in Germany) I will play the lions share and cant wait to get started’

Richard Cox said ‘ we are looking to build a new team to compete in the ECB Tier 3 structure by providing local players the opportunity to play and learn with better players. Tina fits that mould perfectly and her record speaks for itself. We are all looking forward to an exciting rebirth of Womens Cricket in Herefordshire.’

The first games are on Sunday April 20th when Herefordshire take on Northumberland Away.