

AFTAB ALAM

Bowling All-Rounder (Seam)



Name	Aftab Alam
DOB	30-11-1992
Nationality	Afghan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowling All-Rounder (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Aftab Alam is described as “a bustling, energetic seam bowler, who isn't blessed with great height but puts a good deal of effort into his front-on action” (Liam Brickhill – ESPNCricinfo).

Alam is one of the success stories of cricket development in Afghanistan, having made his way through age group teams from under-15 level all the way to the under-19 squad for the 2010 Youth World Cup in New Zealand. He was his team's leading wicket-taker at the tournament, with 12 scalps, and made his ODI debut against Canada shortly after the tournament.

He continued with the Under-19 team for a further two years, with occasionally astonishing results such as his spell of 8-12 against Oman in the 2011 ACC U19 Elite Cup. He went to his second Youth World Cup in 2012, and also began to play more often for the senior national side.

He was with the national side at the World T20 in 2014, and was also part of the team that held Zimbabwe to a 2-2 draw in their ODI series that same year.

Over the next few years he would become a permanent member of the national side playing both ODI's and T20I's. After a strong Asia Cup in 2018, he would enjoy a sensational 2019 calendar year with Afghanistan, to include the ICC 50 Over World Cup.

In the lead-up to the World Cup (March and May 2019), he would dominate against Ireland, picking up figures of 4-25 (8), and 3-28 (7.5). The following month he would go on to take 3-45 (8.3) vs New Zealand including the wickets of Martin Guptill, Colin Munro, and Ross Taylor.

However, this World Cup proved to be his last outing for his Country, nevertheless he has continued to shine on the domestic circuit, most recently for Hindukush Strikers (Aug-Sept 2023).

He was an instrumental figure in the Strikers finals birth in the Ahmad Shah Abdali 4-Day Tournament. He bagged best figures of 6-13 amongst 26 wickets at 23.38, alongside 183 runs at 20.33. Alam also saved his best for the final striking a breathtaking 83 not out from 56-balls, including 8 fours, and 5 sixes, in the first innings before taking figures of 5-99 in the match.

The quick bowling all-rounder is a proven international performer, but is seemingly out of national contention now. Therefore, he is eager to play a season's UK club cricket in 2025, and is someone that we suspect will shine in UK league cricket next summer.

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