

ARPIT VASAVADA

Batting All-Rounder (Spin)



Name	Arpit Vasavada
DOB	28/10/1988
Nationality	Indian
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Arpit Vasavada is an accomplished batting all-rounder playing for the star-studded Saurashtra side in Indian domestic cricket.

Vasavada was one of the stand-out performers during the most recent Ranji Trophy campaign, helping his side to the title. The left-handed batter skippered several matches throughout Saurashtra's victorious summer, and was their chief run-getter hitting 3 centuries amongst 907 runs at 75.58.

He saved his best form for finals cricket, though, hitting scores of 77 in the quarter-final against Punjab, before 202 and 47* in the semi v Karnataka to guide Saurashtra to the final v Bengal. Vasavada produced yet another dominant innings in the final. At 109-4 chasing 174, he struck 81 to help guide his side to first innings points, and subsequently the title. He was, quite rightly, awarded Man of the Series courtesy of his exploits.

Since his debut well over a decade ago (2008/09), Vasavada has now racked up over 7,300 runs for the State across the three formats. The left-hander has been prolific in domestic cricket, particularly in first-class and List A, where he averages 40.52, and 43.45 respectively.

He has also shined with the ball, with his left-arm spin accounting for 34 wickets – 16 at 13.68 in T20 cricket.

Vasavada has become an integral member of the successful Saurashtra side over the years, saving some of his best

innings for major Ranji Trophy matches.

After scoring fifties in two losing Ranji finals to Mumbai (55 in 2013, and 77 in 2016), he doubled up in March 2020, hitting 106 and sharing a 142-run partnership with Cheteshwar Pujara. His exploits helped Saurashtra win the Ranji Trophy in his third attempt, having scored four hundreds throughout the campaign, including a ton (139) against Gujarat in the Semi-Final to pave the way to a finals birth. Last summer, he was at it again with a second Ranji win, and more runs towards their 2022/23 trophy winning campaign.

In recent years, the run machine has also been the stand-out Saurashtra batter in List A (Vijay Hazare Trophy) cricket, with season tallies of 273 runs at 68.25 (2017/18), 255 runs at 42.50 (2018/19), 317 runs at 52.83 (2019/20), 319 runs at 53.16 (2020/21), 170 runs at 42.50 (2021/22), and 301 runs at 75.25 (2022/23).

The batting all-rounder, who has also represented West Zone over the years, is now eager to play a season's UK league cricket. Having never ventured abroad previously, Vasavada will be one of the hottest signings available given his exploits in domestic cricket.

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