

ASHAN RANDIKA

Batting All-Rounder (Seam)



Name	Ashan Randika
DOB	15/11/1993
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Placed
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Seam)
Batting Style	LH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Ashan Randika is an exciting opening batter from Sri Lankan Army. A late-comer to the domestic game, Randika has made up for lost time – producing explosive centuries in each format over the past few years.

Playing for the star-studded Army Sports Club, which plays home to international stars Dinesh Chandimal, Seekkuge Prasanna, Asela Gunaratne, and Tissara Perera, Randika has cemented his spot in Army's top order.

He made his debut in February 2017, aged 24, and showed promise the following season, striking quickfire half-centuries in both first-class (52) and T20 (36-ball 72), respectively.

Randika hit his straps during his barnstorming 2018/19 summer, hitting his second first-class fifty (53), followed by breath-taking centuries in both List A and T20 cricket.

In February 2019, he spanked Moors to all parts during his 59-ball 117 (S/R: 198.31) in Sri Lanka's T20 Semi-Final. Randika finished the tournament as the sixth leading run-scorer (229 runs at 32.71), all with a strike rate of 177.51 – second only Prasanna (minimum of 200 runs).

A few weeks later, he was at it again, this time during a One-Day (List A) match against Kandy Customs belting 108 from only 72 balls including 10 sixes.

Roll on the 2019/20 season, and alongside his white-ball exploits, Randika was in the runs in first-class cricket, averaging 31.75 before COVID, then 203 runs at 40.60 in August 2020, to include a quite remarkable maiden century.

Playing against Chilaw Marians during their Super Eight Tier A match, against an attack including Sri Lankan internationals Asitha Fernando, Kamindu Mendis, Shehan Jayasuriya, Thikshila de Silva, and CricX star Nimesh Vimukthi (who took 4-23 from 5.3), Randika produced one of best innings of the summer.

Chasing 295 for victory, the explosive left-handed opener gave Army every chance of winning, belting 10 sixes and 9 fours during his 84-ball stay. When he was dismissed for 133 in the 28th over, Army were 218-5 – only 77 runs shy of victory.

Since this innings, Randika has gone on to represent Jaffna Kings in the Sri Lankan Premier League (Dec 2021, Dec 2022) and has generated national interest with Sri Lankan Greys (Aug 2022) selection.

Randika is a batter of star quality, who also doubles as a useful seamer. He is eager to spend a summer in the UK next summer.

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