

AVINASH
YADAV*Spin Bowler*

Name	Avinash Yadav
DOB	02/10/1986
Nationality	Indian
Player Status	Placed
Playing Role	Bowling All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	ECB Core Coach

Avinash Yadav is an exceptional left-arm spinner playing for Mizoram following a long and decorated career with Railways in the top tier of India's Ranji Trophy first-class competition.

In recent seasons, Yadav has been one of domestic cricket's stand-out performers. After 38 first-class matches, he has 117 wickets at 29.83 alongside 923 runs at 17.41.

Following several useful Ranji campaigns (12 wickets at 24.66 and 11 wickets at 27.54 in 2016/17 and 2017/18 respectively), Yadav starred in 2018/19 topping the "Group A" wicket-charts with 41 wickets at 26.70 with 3 five-wicket hauls. He finished inside the top ten wicket-takers across all 4 divisions of Ranji Trophy cricket that summer.

Surprisingly Yadav had a quiet 2019/20 campaign then COVID struck putting pay to Ranji Trophy cricket in 2020/21, and most of the 2021/22 season. Nevertheless, he returned with a bang throughout the 2022/23 season taking 33 wickets at 20.15 including 4 five-wicket bags and a 10-wicket match haul. He also struck his maiden first-class century (125) and a fourth Ranji fifty amongst 315 runs at 31.50.

The veteran left-arm spinner has excelled in recent years, as he did as a schoolboy prior to breaking into professional cricket. Yadav featured for India Under-19 alongside the likes of Piyush Chawla, Irfan Pathan, and Robin Uthappa back in 2003 to 2005. Yadav broke into domestic cricket in 2012/13 and has been a loyal servant of Railways cricket since.

After his prolific 2018/19 Ranji Trophy season, Yadav signed his first overseas contract with Liverpool League club Wigan. Unsurprisingly, Yadav impressed, taking an incredible 62 wickets at 6.60 with 6 five-wicket hauls to finish amongst the leading wicket-takers and guide his side to promotion to the ECB Premier Division in 2020.

For 2023, Yadav made his long-awaited return to the Liverpool League. Playing for Lytham, he absolutely excelled (as you'd expect) taking 46 wickets at 16.15 including 6 five wicket hauls, alongside 190 runs at 21.11 (as at 01/08/23).

The Indian superstar is, without doubt, one of the best left-arm spin bowling professionals on the market and he is now eager to secure a third stint abroad in 2024.

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Lytham (2023)	17	14	2	261	46	21.75	341	909	64	7/32	14.2
Wigan (2019)	18	7	2	122	36	24.40	204.2	409	62	7/24	6.60

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