



Name	Babar Khan
DOB	01/01/1980
Nationality	British
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowler (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Lower Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Leg Spin
Entry Route	British Passport

Babar Khan is one of, if not the best non-County contracted spinner in the country. Since the 2008 season, the Birmingham-based English qualified leg-spinner has taken 735 league wickets, all with an average of 12. He has dominated for each, and every, club he has played for during this period.

From the late noughties (2008) through to 2012, Khan was the Birmingham League's leading wicket-taker, taking 289 wickets at 11.03, to include 20 five-wicket hauls.

After 5 seasons in the Birmingham League, Khan decided to seek pastures new and started this journey with a new club in 2013, namely Bamford Fieldhouse. The leg-spinner captured an incredible 93 wickets at 7.85 (including seven 5-wicket hauls) in the Saddleworth League and Cup competitions. Khan moved to the North Staffs and South Cheshire League for the next two seasons (2014-15), taking a further 130 wickets at 14.17 for Newcastle and Hartshill in Division 1A (2014), and Premier Division (2015).

After two productive seasons in Staffordshire, Khan returned to Bamford, for their inaugural Greater Manchester Cricket League campaign in 2016 to take another 44 wickets at 10.73 before a prolific summer in 2017 for Bamford once again (50 wickets at 14.58). Seeking a club closer to home in 2018, the leggie returned to Birmingham to play for Wolverhampton. In a struggling side, Khan was the shining light taking 65 wickets at 15.69 - the majority of these taken in the top tier of the Birmingham and District Premier Cricket League. Owing to relegation, Khan moved back to the North Staffs Prem in 2019 and he continued to excel, taking a further 69 wickets at 12.70.

Khan was a late-comer to the game – playing his first match after emigrating from Pakistan in 2005. After a couple of seasons playing social cricket, he was picked to play his maiden season in the Birmingham and District League for Olton and West Warwicks in 2008. He excelled, topping the Division 3 wicket-charts en-route to 62 wickets at 11.31 all with an economy of 2.22. Khan backed up his opening season with a further 61 wickets at 10.80 (economy of 2.23) in 2009 and was subsequently recruited by the ambitious Berkswell club for the 2010 season.

He spent 2010, '11, and '12 seasons with Berkswell, helping them to back-to-back promotions and a Premier birth in 2012. In his opening season with Berkswell in Division 2, he topped the league wicket aggregates with 55 scalps at 12.2 and strike-rate with a wicket every 23.39 balls. In 2011, the trend continued topping the strike-rate (24.52), economy (2.41), average (9.83), and most 5-wicket hauls (5) with 53 league wickets in Division 1.

In 2012, he re-affirmed his status as the Birmingham Leagues' best spinner, taking 40 wickets at 11.1 in the ECB Premier League. Khan was the league's second-leading wicket-taker (only 2 wickets shy of his rival who bowled 56 more overs), had the best economy (2.72), and strike-rate (24.50) from the top 20 bowlers whilst also shared the most 5-wicket hauls (3).

In 2013, seeking pastures new, Khan ventured north to play in the Saddleworth and District League for high flyers Bamford Fieldhouse. He was an instant success taking season-best figures of 9-7-8-6 against Liverpool League's Highfield in the National Knock-Out. He proceeded to take another five 6-wicket hauls for Bamford along with one 5-for (5-13 from 6 overs) in league and cup competitions. He finished top of the wicket charts, with the lowest bowling average and earned rave reviews from club members, opposition and umpires alike throughout the season.

In 2014, he continued to shine, this time helping Newcastle and Hartshill Championship to the Championship Division 1A title courtesy of 61 wickets at 10.98 including four 5-wicket hauls, an economy rate of 2.16 and best bowling figures of 6-23. After re-signing to play in the Premier in 2015, he finished third on the wicket charts with 54 wickets at 19.69 with another four 5-wicket hauls, albeit this wasn't enough to prevent his side from relegation.

Following his two-season stint with Newcastle and Hartshill, Khan returned to Bamford Fieldhouse and helped the club to first-team glory. His 44 wickets at 10.73 helped the side win Division 1 of the inaugural Greater Manchester Cricket League. Khan then backed up with 50 wickets at 14.58 in the GMCL top flight, before returning to the Birmingham League and North Staffs League for Wolverhampton (2018), Blythe (2019), and Norton-in-Hales (2020) respectively. During his two most recent full seasons (2018-19), Khan has taken 134 wickets at 14.15 – the majority of these in ECB Premier Cricket, to prove that age is just a number.

Khan boasts an incredible league record for more than the past decade. The talented leg-spinner is in his prime and is now eager to secure another league club for the 2021 season.

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Norton-in-Hales (2020)	5	4	1	114	49	38.00	34.3	110	7	2/22	15.71

Blythe (2019)	27	21	2	262	31	13.79	293.2	876	69	6/33	12.70
Wolverhampton (2018)	30	19	11	118	31*	14.75	279.3	1020	65	5/17	15.69
Bamford Fieldhouse (2017)	18	11	2	154	41	17.11	234.1	729	50	7/55	14.58
Bamford Fieldhouse (2016)	20	11	4	188	53*	26.86	177.5	472	44	6/25	10.73
Newcastle & Hartshill (2015)	26	22	10	198	51	16.50	375	1135	64	5/13	17.73
Newcastle & Hartshill (2014)	24	12	4	129	44*	16.13	330	707	66	6/23	10.71
Bamford Fieldhouse (2013)	35	3	0	27	13	9.00	288.1	728	93	6/8	7.83
Berkswell (2012)	24	12	4	60	26*	7.50	191.2	551	48	5/4	11.48
Berkswell (2011)	27	12	0	84	26	7.00	236.4	598	64	7/23	9.34
Berkswell (2010)	23	13	4	169	47*	18.78	218.3	678	57	5/34	11.89
Olton & West Warwicks (2009)	20	11	2	119	25	13.22	278.4	625	53	6/42	11.79
Olton & West Warwicks (2008)	20	8	2	72	23	12.00	316	701	62	7/44	11.31

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