

# DUSHAN VIMUKTHI

Batting All-Rounder (Spin)



Name	Dushan Vimukthi
DOB	09/12/1991
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Placed
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	ECB Core Coach

Dushan Vimukthi is a quality off-spin bowling all-rounder who boasts an impressive record in Sri Lankan domestic cricket.

Last summer (2023/24), Vimukthi played for Sebastianites Cricket and Athletic Club following successful stints with Panadura (2012/13), Sri Lanka Air Force (2013/14), Badureliya (2014/15), Sri Lanka Army (2015/16-21), Moors Sports Club (2020/21), and Saracens Sports Club (2022/23).

Following his first-class debut in January 2014, Vimukthi has scored 3,220 runs at 27.05 and taken 237 wickets at 25.97 in 74 Major League matches. He has 4 hundreds, and 3 ten-wicket match hauls amongst these impressive run and wicket tallies.

However, it's his exploits over the past few years that have pushed his case toward national selection.

In 2016/17, the all-rounder finished towards the top of his prior club, Sri Lanka Army run charts (519 runs at 32.43) and topped the wicket tally with 35 poles at 22.51. In 2017/18, whilst he didn't set the first-class circuit alight with the bat (322 runs at 18.94), he starred with the ball taking 43 wickets at 20.44, including 2 ten-wicket match hauls.

In 2018/19, he avenged his batting numbers, finishing as the 8th leading run-scorer in first-class cricket (Tier A) hitting 3 centuries amongst 889 runs at 52.29 alongside 39 wickets at 34.02. The following season, he dipped again with the

bat (244 runs at 24.40), but excelled with the ball, taking 27 wickets at 17.22.

In 2019/20, whilst the trend didn't continue with the bat, only scoring 285 runs at 17.81, he impressed again with the ball, this time with 42 wickets at 21.33 to finish 7th on the first-class wicket charts.

In 2020/21, in the absence of first-class cricket, Vimukthi impressed in the One Day format, finishing amongst the leading wicket-takers with 15 poles at 13.33, all with an economy rate of 3.56. He was instrumental in Army's semi-final run, also averaging 38.33 with the bat.

In 2022/23, he continued to shine taking 31 wickets at 29.38, and 10 wickets at 20.20 in first-class, and List A respectively, alongside batting averages in the 20s.

Last summer (2023/24), he was impressive yet again with the ball, taking 12 wickets at 21.91, albeit only averaged 19.57 with bat in hand in first-class. That said, he belted 318 runs at 39.75 (alongside 15 wickets at 22.60) in List A cricket.

Vimukthi is, without a doubt, one of Sri Lankan domestic crickets leading all-rounders, often opening the bowling with his economical off-spin. His performances, whether that be with bat or ball have thrust his name forward for higher honours.

The talented all-rounder has also excelled abroad. In 2022, he headed to Lancashire and, unsurprisingly, impressed helping Monton to the Greater Manchester Cricket League (Championship division) title. He scored 999 runs and took 76 wickets in league and cup cricket for the club - 895 runs at 47.11 and 71 wickets at 10.13 in the GMCL itself. Whilst he failed to replicate his batting performances on his return in 2023, he was still amongst the top bowlers in the GMCL taking 39 poles at 12.10.

After two seasons dominating the GMCL for Monton, Vimukthi sought pastures new and found a home in the Bradford League for the 2024 season. The Sri Lankan star was, without doubt, one of the best performed overseas professionals in UK club cricket. Playing for Townville, he helped them to both a third placed finish in the League, but a Regional (North) T20 quarter final. He was an incredibly influential performer racking up 1,431 runs at 55.04 with 3 centuries alongside 83 wickets at 16.37 with 4 five wicket hauls.

Vimukthi has excelled, both home and abroad, and is now set to embark on a fifth UK stint having signed with Walsden for their 2025 Lancashire League campaign.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Townville (2024)	39	37	0	1431	151	55.04	315.7	1359	83	5/22	16.37
Monton (2023)	21	18	5	294	43*	22.62	191.5	472	39	4/20	12.10
Monton (2022)	32	31	7	999	118*	41.63	284.3	832	76	6/42	10.95

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