

HENRY COOPER

Batting All Rounder



Name	Henry Cooper
DOB	20/05/1993
Nationality	New Zealander
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	
Coaching Qualifications	NZC Level 1

Henry Cooper is one of New Zealand domestic cricket's stand-out batters in recent times. An accomplished opening bat, Cooper represents the star-studded Northern Knights, a squad featuring no less than 11 Blackcaps, including the likes of Williamson, Boult, Southee, and de Grandhomme.

Since his first-class debut in November 2016, Cooper has become a key performer in Northern District's Plunket Shield (FC), and Ford Trophy (List A) sides. Heading into the 2022/23 season, Cooper averages over 35 in both formats, but his numbers are on the rise.

In first-class cricket, Cooper averaged 40.90 (17/18), 36.23 (18/19), 49.90 (19/20), 26.62 (2020/21), 34.88 (2021/22), and 35.36 (2022/23). In the one-day competition, he finished 6th (19/20), and 4th (20/21) on the Ford Trophy run charts, with 417 runs at 52.12, and 405 runs at 50.62, respectively, then backed up with 263 runs at 52.60 last summer (22/23).

He has career-best scores of 200 (FC), and 146* - the latter, a quite sensational maiden List A ton in March 2021 in what was a sudden-death elimination final against Wellington. His 94-ball effort included 11 fours and 7 sixes, all with a strike rate of 155.31. The Knights racked up a match-winning total of 351, and incredibly, Cooper finished not out in the rain-shortened 42-over affair.

His exploits in recent years, including his record-breaking 59-ball 107 in a T20 for his Minor Association, Northland, have thrown his name into national consideration. He has represented a New Zealand XI against the touring Indians,

played for the Knights against Pakistan A, and was picked for New Zealand A in a practice match against the touring Windies side, and more recently against Australia A (April 2023).

The opening bat, who also bowls very useful off-spin, has also enjoyed similar success abroad, during 6 prior UK stints. The first three were in the North, with a 2-season stint in the Huddersfield League for Broad Oak (2015-16), followed by a season in the now-defunct Pennine League for Rochdale (2017), one in the West of England Premier League (Burbage and Easton Royal - 2018), and over the past two seasons for Sleaford (Lincolnshire ECB Premier League - 2022-23).

In 2016, he was named the Drakes "Overseas Player of the Year" (1,135 at 66.76 and 21 wickets at 19.27). The following summer, he belted a further 1,216 runs at 57.90 (889 at 59.27 in the League) and took 17 wickets at 18.24. He moved to the West of England Premier League in 2018, where he continued to star for Burbage and Easton Royal hitting 844 runs at 56.27 and 34 wickets at 12.88 (685 at 48.93 and 29 at 14.34 in the league).

Over the past two seasons for Sleaford, he has starred in the Lincolnshire ECB Premier League. In 2022, he racked up 1,710 runs at 106.88 alongside 38 wickets at 17.47 for good measure. He returned to strike a further 909 runs at 75.75 and 27 wickets at 14.15 with the ball. Throughout his 2-year stint, Cooper struck 2,619 runs at 93.54 with 9 hundreds, alongside 65 wickets at 16.09.

The Kiwi is now open to further opportunities abroad, particularly if County or US options became available.

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Sleaford (2023)	20	18	6	909	126*	75.75	100	382	27	3/9	14.15
Sleaford (2022)	29	28	12	1710	137*	106.88	186.5	664	38	5/13	17.47
Burbage & Easton Royal (2018)	18	18	3	844	119*	56.27	145.5	438	34	5/22	12.88
Rochdale (2017)	33	28	7	1216	110*	57.90	71.4	310	17	5/21	12.98
Broad Oak (2016)	24	24		1134		66.76	103	424	22		19.27
Broad Oak (2015)	23	23		852		38.73	174.4	785	33		23.79

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