

# JOHN KARIKO

Bowler (Spin)



Name	John Kariko
DOB	16-01-2004
Nationality	Australian
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowler (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Lower Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

John Kariko is an exciting and promising talent in world cricket, currently representing Papua New Guinea (PNG) at the international level. A frontline left-arm spinner and a lower-order batter, John has emerged as one of PNG's most valuable players and is poised to make a significant impact in both domestic and international cricket.

## Career Highlights:

**Early Recognition and U-19 Success:** John's potential was clear from a young age, and he quickly earned recognition for his skills as a left-arm spinner. One of his standout moments came in 2022 during the Under-19 T20 World Cup, where he played a key role in helping PNG showcase their talent on the world stage. His best performance in the tournament came in a match against Uganda, where he delivered a match-winning spell of 5/19 from 9 overs, earning him the Man of the Match award. This performance put John on the radar of many and set the stage for his future international career.

**International Career and Role in PNG's Team:** Since making his mark at the U-19 level, John has transitioned seamlessly into the senior national side and has become a regular fixture in PNG's white-ball attack. His role as a left-arm spinner has been vital for the team, especially in limited-overs formats. John's economy rate is outstanding, standing at 4.95 in T20Is and 5.42 in ODIs, highlighting his ability to bowl economically and build pressure on the opposition.

**Notable Bowling Performances:** John's bowling has been key in many of PNG's victories. His best T20I figures of 4/11

and ODI figures of 4/45 showcase his ability to take crucial wickets and control the flow of runs. As a left-arm spinner, he provides a point of difference in the team and is trusted with important overs in the middle of the innings.

**Batting Potential:** While primarily known for his bowling, John is also a keen lower-order batter with a desire to develop his batting skills further. He is determined to improve this aspect of his game, which could make him an even more valuable all-rounder for PNG in the future.

**Seeking Opportunities Abroad:** Now that he has established himself in the international arena, John is looking to further develop his game by gaining exposure to club cricket opportunities overseas, particularly in Europe. A stint in European club cricket could provide him with valuable experience, both in terms of refining his skills as an all-rounder and adapting to different playing conditions.

**Playing Style:** John is primarily known for his left-arm spin, which is a key weapon in the PNG attack. His ability to bowl economically, control the middle overs, and take crucial wickets in limited-overs formats makes him a reliable and consistent bowler for his team. His batting is a work in progress, and he is determined to become a more complete cricketer, working to improve his ability to contribute with the bat.

**Personality and Ambitions:** John is a young and enthusiastic cricketer with a strong desire to showcase his talent on the global stage. His passion for the game and eagerness to improve make him a highly motivated individual. By seeking opportunities to play club cricket overseas, John is taking a proactive step in developing his game and preparing himself for higher levels of competition.

**Summary:** John Kariko is an emerging star in international cricket with a bright future ahead. As a talented left-arm spinner and a developing all-rounder, he has already proven himself to be a valuable player for Papua New Guinea. His strong performances in international cricket, coupled with his desire to further his development, make him an exciting prospect for clubs in Europe and other cricketing regions. With the right exposure and experience, John has the potential to become one of PNG's standout players and make a mark on the global cricketing scene.

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