

# NIJAT MASOOD

*Bowler (Seam)*



Name	Nijat Masood
DOB	30/09/1998
Nationality	Afghan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowler (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	

Nijat Masood is an exciting, young seam bowler making waves in Afghanistan cricket.

The speedster literally broke down the national door courtesy of his domestic performances that resulted in a Test debut against Bangladesh in June 2024.

Masood impressed on debut bagging first-innings figures of 5-79. In doing so, he became only the second Afghanistan bowler to take a five-for on Test debut.

His inclusion was due to his impressive domestic performances. Since his List A debut for Mis Ainak Region in the 2017 Ghazi Amanullah Khan Regional One Day Tournament (August), he has excelled, regularly topping the various competition wicket charts.

The former Afghanistan Under-19 star, made his first-class debut in October 2017, taking 6-55 in the first innings. Roll on July 2018, and he was the leading wicket-taker of the One-Day Tournament (13 wickets), culminating with Kabul selection for the inaugural Afghanistan Premier League.

The following year, he topped the 2019 Afghanistan Provincial Challenge Cup (List A) wicket charts (17 wickets), resulting in Emerging Players selection for the Asia Cup in Bangladesh. Unsurprisingly, the opening bowler excelled and was named in Afghanistan's Test squad for their one-off match against the West Indies. Whilst he didn't play, it

was a sure sign he was in contention.

Over the past two seasons, finishing towards the top of the Ahmad Shah Abdali 4-day Tournament wicket charts with 15 wickets at 22.60 (2021/22), and 14 wickets at 20.64 (2022/23). He has been equally impressive in both white ball formats too, hence his selection in Afghanistan's T20 side who played Zimbabwe in June 2022.

Masood has the potential to become a proper star for Afghanistan. For now, though, the speedster, who boasts List A and T20 bowling averages in the low-20s, is seeking opportunities globally, whether that be Franchise T10/20, or UK club cricket in 2025.

A stunning talent with the ball, who is no mug with the bat, boasting a highest score of 71 in first-class cricket, Masood is a player we have incredibly high hopes for in future.

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