

RAMINDA

## WIJESOORIYA

*Batting All Rounder*

Name	Raminda Wijesooriya
DOB	18/03/1998
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Placed
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Raminda Wijesooriya is an exciting batting talent playing for Pandura Sports Club following his move from Burgher Recreation Club in 2022/23.

Playing in the top tier (A) of domestic cricket, alongside several international players including Tharindu Kaushal, "Wije" has impressed, particularly in red-ball cricket scoring 1,532 runs at 32.59 with 4 hundreds and 5 fifties.

Wije has spent 6 seasons in domestic cricket, making his debut as a teenager for BRC. After a couple of matches in 2017/18, he excelled the following summer, hitting 2 of his 3 centuries amongst 465 runs at 38.75. Wije then backed up with another strong 2019/20 campaign, finishing as BRC's third-leading run-scorer with 442 runs at 24.55.

COVID struck, putting pay to a season, but Wije returned to domestic cricket in 2022/23 and having joined Panadura, scored 294 runs at 36.75 to include his career best 125. He then backed up with a barnstorming first class tally last summer (2023/24) hitting 297 runs at 49.50.

The Sri Lankan star has also enjoyed several run-filled seasons in the UK with clubs including Old Elizabethans (Worcestershire Premier League), and Ifield (Sussex League).

During the former (2019), he scored 495 runs at 27.50 with 4 half-centuries, but his past three seasons with Ifield (2022-24) have shown what a class player Wije is. During his first stint, he belted 807 runs at 50.44 alongside 25

wickets at 24.04 with his left-arm spin. He produced similar returns in 2023, including a remarkable 196\* from 111 balls to chase down Billinghamurst's 352 in only 37.4 overs. In 2024, Wije helped guide his Ifield side to promotion, belting 871 runs at 79.18 with 3 centuries, alongside his fair share of wickets.

It is also worth mentioning that, over the past two seasons he has also played Sunday League cricket for Gagan in the Elite Division of the National Cricket League. In 2024, he rattled up 716 runs at 51.14 with 2 centuries. However, the previous season he struck a quite sensational 263\* from 137 balls with 21 sixes. This innings came days after two outstanding knocks for CricX against the Italian National side in prep for their ICC World Cup European qualifiers in Scotland (July 2023). In the first T20 he top scored with 73 from 42 balls, before coming in at 9 to strike 4, and 6 off the final two balls to win the second T20 (chasing down 187). He also proved very useful taking important wickets with his left-arm spin.

It's fair to say Wije is in our "good books" having impressed during these CricX games and is someone, as both a cricketer, and person, we strongly recommend.

Given Ifield's promotion to the Sussex Premier League in 2025, it's unsurprising to announce that Wije will return to the club for his fourth stint next summer.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Ifield (2024)	17	16	0	871	167	79.18	70.4	354	12	3/54	29.5
Gagan (2024)	17	16	0	871	167	79.18	70.4	354	12	3/54	29.5
Ifield (2023)	18	18	2	657	196*	41.06	59.3	260	20	4/20	13.00
Ifield (2022)	18	18	2	807	128	50.44	136	601	25	5/23	24.04
Old Elizabethans (2019)	20	19	1	495	88	27.50	20	109	1	1/42	109

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