

SANDEEP PATEL

Batting All Rounder



Name	Sandeep Patel
DOB	30/10/1998
Nationality	New Zealander
Player Status	Placed
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Medium Pace
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Sandeep Patel is an exciting batting all-rounder playing for the Northern Knights in New Zealand domestic cricket.

The Counties-Manukau run machine broke into the Knights squad in April 2022 making his Plunket Shield (first-class) debut against the Wellington Firebirds. However, he was made to wait 18 months for his second outing (October 2023), but it's fair to say he impressed on his return.

Playing against an Otago Volts attack spearheaded by Blackcaps quick Jacob Duffy, Patel would strike a brilliant maiden century. He would finish with 145 from 186 balls which helped propel the Knights to an innings victory.

Patel would play his third match against the Auckland Aces (21), but the return of the Blackcaps saw him benched again. Nevertheless, in December 2023 he was selected for the New Zealand XI against Bangladesh and he continued to impress, hitting a fine 89, before a return to the Knights fold for matches against CD (4), Auckland (8, 20), and Canterbury (7, 42*).

A schoolboy prodigy, Patel was a prolific performer through the age-groups. A top-order batter who bowls brisk medium-pace, Patel was selected for the 2018 ICC Under-19 World Cup after being named Northern Districts "Young Player of the Year" (2017/18).

Later that year he was picked to play for and scored 69 for New Zealand XI against the touring Sri Lankans. In

November 2019, he represented the side again, this time against England scoring 56* against an attack featuring Woakes, Archer, Broad, Curran, Stokes, and Leach.

He has been a Northern Districts 'A' regular in recent years, but due to a squad that includes 10 Blackcaps, including the likes of Williamson, Mitchell, Santner, Wagner, Boult, and Southee, full Knights opportunities have been limited. That said, he is hoping to cement his spot in the Knights Plunket Shield squad this summer following his maiden hundred in October 2023.

At Premier club level over the past few seasons, playing for Manukau City in the Counter-Manukau Senior Competition, he has excelled hitting 484 runs at 53.77 alongside 29 wickets at 14.88 (2019/20), 586 runs at 41.86 and 25 wickets at 20.08 (2020/21), and 453 runs at 64.71 and 8 wickets at 40.38 (2021/22).

For his Minor Association, Counties-Manukau in the respective Brian Cuning Cup and Fergus Hickey Rosebowl competitions in 2021/22 he starred hitting 316 runs at 45.14 and 13 wickets at 13.54 for good measure.

Patel is an incredible talent who seems destined for regular Knights honours throughout the 2024/25 season. For now, though, he is looking to embark on a UK or European stint abroad in 2025.

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