



Name	Zia-ur-Rehman Akbar
DOB	30/12/1997
Nationality	Afghan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowler (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Lower Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Zia-ur-Rehman Akbar is an exceptional spin bowling talent who recently earned his well deserved Afghanistan selection, playing a ODI against Bangladesh (July 2023).

The left-arm tweaker holds the record for the equal quickest bowler to take 100 first-class wickets (in 70-years). It's fair to say, if it weren't for Afghanistan's embarrassment of riches in the spin department, including the likes of Rashid, Nabi, and Mujeeb, Akbar would be an international regular.

Akbar broke into domestic cricket during a 2017/18 season that saw him capture 101 first-class wickets. He bagged 8 five-wicket bags, 2 ten-wicket match hauls, best figures of 7-70, and boasted an impressive bowling average of 19.75.

During his maiden domestic season, Akbar excelled in both the Ahmad Shah Abdali (55 wickets at 19.74) and Ahmad Shah Abdali (46 wickets at 19.76) 4-Day Tournaments, respectively. Akbar topped the former wicket charts and finished 4th during the latter to propel his name onto the national radar.

Akbar has continued to shine ever since, dominating the domestic scene across all formats. Whilst known for his left-arm spin, he is a useful middle-order bat with 2 first-class fifties and an average approaching 20.

The talented all-rounder has already featured for Afghanistan Under-19s, Emerging Players, and the A side in recent years, and his domestic exploits finally earned him a ODI cap in July 2023.

Looking to continue his development, Akbar spent a sensation season playing for Lytham in Division 1 of the Liverpool League in 2022. He was simply outstanding - 85 wickets at 6.67 with 12 five-wicket hauls on the bounce to conclude the season.

He finished second on the League wicket charts, only finishing 2 wickets behind the leader who bowled 70 more overs. He picked up a wicket every 19.59 balls and enjoyed an economy rate of 2.04. Incredibly, his last 5 game figures read 7-26 (19), 7-22 (21.1), 9-36 (18.5), 6-43 (22.5), and 7-26 (11.4).

An absolute star, Akbar is now open to future opportunities globally from 2024 onwards.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Lytham (2021)	14	11	2	151	48*	16.78	277.3	567	85	9/36	6.67

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