



Name	Aaron Phangiso
DOB	21/01/1984
Nationality	South African
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Bowling All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	CSA Level 1

Few bowlers can thank Sachin Tendulkar for making them look good but Aaron Phangiso, an unassuming left-arm spinner from Garankuwa, could. In the 2012 edition of the Champions League T20, Tendulkar was among the 10 wickets Phangiso claimed to finish third on the overall wicket-takers' list and, after eight years as a domestic workhorse, caught the attention of the global cricket world.

That summer, Phangiso was rewarded with a call-up to South Africa's limited-overs' squads and made his T20 and ODI debut in a series against New Zealand. Being neither a great turner of the ball nor a master of variations, Phangiso uses what his coach Grant Morgan called a "natural pause" in his action to operate primarily as a containing bowler. Phangiso essentially stops for a millisecond mid-stride before delivering the ball which makes him more difficult to pick.

His bowling technique was honed during his five-season stint at Northerns, after which he moved to North West. At his provincial side, Phangiso played in all formats but when he earned promotion to the franchise team, the Lions, he was primarily used in limited-overs cricket. His economy of under five runs an over in List A cricket and under seven runs an over in T20s is testament to his strangling style.

Where Phangiso was unlucky was that his rise coincided with that of other spinners turning heads both at his franchise and in the country. At the Lions, Phangiso competed with his international team-mate Imran Tahir for a regular place as well as with younger players such as Dale Deeb and Eddie Leie. Despite the tough competition, Phangiso carved a niche as the first-choice spinner for the Lions in shorter formats but struggled to do the same at international level.

Phangiso was part of South Africa's squad at the 2015 World Cup but was the only player in the 15-man traveling party who did not play a game. His year improved when he was named in all three South African squads to tour Bangladesh in July 2015, which included a maiden call-up to the Test team.

He didn't feature at Test level, but played more white-ball cricket for the Proteas before his final outing against India in February 2018. Phangiso ended with 21 ODI's and 16 T20I's for his country taking 26 wickets at 31.88 and 20 wickets at 22.15, respectively.

Phangiso, who boasts tremendous numbers at both international and domestic level (over 3,000 runs and 500 wickets), is now looking for opportunities abroad in 2022. He is open to a league cricket return, following his solitary stint back in 2008 for Downham Town in Norfolk (908 runs at 43.24 and 48 wickets at 14.52).

(Credit to Firdose Moonda for the majority of this profile)

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Downham Town (2008)	24	23	2	908	151	43.24	230.4	697	48	5/19	14.52

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