

ADEESHA NANAYAKKARA

Batting All Rounder



Name	Adeesha Nanayakkara
DOB	02/05/1991
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Placed
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Medium Pace, RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Adeesha Nanayakkara is a stand-out Sri Lankan professional who has dominated both home and abroad in recent years.

In domestic cricket, the hard-hitting opening bat averages in the high-30s in first-class and List A cricket. He has excelled in all formats since the 2016/17 season. In first-class (Tier A) cricketer, he has struck 512 runs at 36.57 (2016/17), 320 at 80 (2017/18), 650 at 46.42 (2018/19), 459 at 45.90 (2019/20), and 679 at 35.73 (2022/23). This trend has continued into white-ball cricket, in particular List A where he has struck 320 at 80 (2017/18), 274 at 54.80 (2018/19), 220 at 73.33 (2019/20), and 163 at 27.16 (2021/22).

A former Sri Lankan Under-19 (2009/10) player, Nanayakkara made his List-A debut for Saracens Sports Club in 2011/12 and has subsequently represented Colombo Cricket Club, Bloomfield Cricket, and Athletic Club, SL Ports Authority, Ace Capital, Sebastianites Cricket & Athletic Club, and Sri Lankan Navy Sports Club.

The talented Sri Lankan has also performed with distinction abroad, playing for Chippenham Cricket Club, Ilminster (West of England Premier League), and Caythorpe (Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Premier League).

His exploits in 2018 and 2019 for Chippenham (2,196 runs at 57.79 and 61 wickets at 18.80) were instrumental in the club's back-to-back titles and subsequent promotions, from the Wiltshire and Prem 2 (Glos/Wilts) divisions, in 2018 and 2019, respectively. It came as no surprise Chippenham re-signed their Sri Lankan star for a third stint in 2021,

where he continued to shine, this time in the ECB Premier Division (873 runs at 39.68 and 21 wickets at 27.52).

However, after 3 hugely successful years at Chippenham, he moved to Caythorpe for their Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Premier League campaign. He was an absolute stand-out in Division 2, topping the run charts with 1,285 runs at 67.63 including 6 centuries. He returned to the WEPL in 2023 and continued to shine, this time for Ilminster in Prem 2 (Bristol/Somerset), helping himself to another 928 runs at 44.19 plus 13 wickets at 24.85 for good measure, before a further 660 runs at 38.82 in 2024.

It's fair to say Nanayakkara has statistically been one of the best batting pros in UK league cricket in recent years and is set to return to Ilminster for a third stint in 2025.

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Ilminster (2025)											
Ilminster (2024)	20	20	0	660	96	38.82	36.2	159	2	1/24	79.5
Ilminster (2023)	24	24	3	928	115	44.19	51	323	13	5/23	24.85
Caythorpe (2022)	20	20	1	1285	185	67.63	90.3	392	18	4/40	21.78
Chippenham (2021)	28	27	4	883	124*	38.39	109.2	617	23	2/14	26.83
Chippenham (2019)	23	23	4	1008	124	53.05	126.2	623	27	4/5	23.07
Chippenham (2018)	26	25	6	1188	139	62.53	131.2	524	34	5/20	15.41

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