



Name	Aizaz Cheema
DOB	05/09/1979
Nationality	Pakistani
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Bowler (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Aizaz Cheema is a former Pakistani speedster who recently retired from domestic cricket with arguably one of the best records in history!

Heralded as the “last over King” courtesy of subtle changes of pace and devastatingly-quick in-swinging Yorkers, Cheema represented Pakistan on 26 occasions (7 Tests, 14 ODIs, 5 T20s) between 2011 and 2012.

Cheema had to wait until he was 31 to be called up to the Pakistan side. However, after four dominant seasons in England, plying his trade for Devon Premier League’s Cornwood (2008: 47 wickets at 9.23; 2009: 43 wickets at 6.02 (league record at the time); 2010: 49 wickets at 10.61; 2011: 25 wickets at 12 (returned home early through international selection) and an outstanding 2010/11 Quaid-e-Azam Trophy campaign (58 wickets at 14.74 in only 8 matches) he was rewarded with Test selection.

He didn’t disappoint, taking 8 wickets on his Test debut against Zimbabwe. His figures (8-103) were the second-best by a Pakistani debutant. He impressed for his Country during his 2-year period taking 51 wickets at 26.41 across the three formats, including 8 at 14.50 in T20s.

However, he was overlooked thereafter but continued to lord the domestic circuit. In 2012/13, he took an incredible 89 first-class wickets at 18.17, then backed up with 35 wickets at 27.28 the following season. In 2015/16, Cheema took another 44 wickets at 16.97 with two 10-wicket match hauls. However, in 2016/17, he only picked up the 14 first-class

wickets, which suggested Cheema was on his last legs.

However, after another productive UK stint in 2017 (playing for Home Counties Premier League club Banbury, taking 26 wickets at 21), Cheema returned to Pakistan eager to prove the old dog still had bite. He proved just that and much, much more, topping the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy wicket charts with a record-breaking 60 wickets at 9.61 with a handful of 5-wicket bags and three 10 wicket match hauls. In 2018/19, he did it once again, topping the QeA wicket charts with a further 59 wickets at 13.20 with a handful of 5-wicket bags.

At 40, Cheema decided to retire from domestic cricket, following his final QeA campaign (16 wickets at 31.06), which included back-to-back 5-wicket hauls against Balochistan and Sindh, respectively.

Cheema ended his career with one of the best bowling records in Pakistani domestic history. In 322 matches, across the three formats, he has captured 827 wickets at 21.42 with 40 five-wicket bags and eleven 10-wicket match hauls. His first-class and T20 numbers are particularly impressive – 572 wickets at 20 and 121 wickets at 20.85 respectively.

Now Cheema's career has come to an end, he is looking to move into coaching, utilising his year's of experience. The Pakistani legend is eager to start with an opportunity in England, where he has enjoyed much success over the years. He is keen to fulfil a Player/Coach role and, given his exploits home and abroad over the years, he would be an outstanding acquisition for any club.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Banbury (2017)	16	5	1	10	7*	2.50	165.5	568	26	5/33	21.85
Cornwood (2011)											
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