

# ASANTHA BASNAYAKA

*Batting All-Rounder (Spin)*



Name	Asantha Basnayake
DOB	01-04-1987
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Asantha Basnayake is a batting all-rounder playing for Kurunegala Youth Cricket Club alongside fellow CricX stars Damith Perera, Sanoj Darshika, and Dinushka Malan.

He was been one of KY's stand-out performers over the past two seasons. In 2022/23, he struck 411 runs at 31.61 in 9 Major Clubs Tournament (first-class) matches. Last summer, he was one of only two centurions for the team (the other being Damith Perera) and against towards the top of the run charts with 267 runs at 33.37.

Basnayake has now played four seasons in the professional game where he boasts respectable numbers, particularly with the bat in both red and white ball cricket.

His journey into professional cricket was an interesting one. He was in his early-30s when he broke into first-class cricket. His selection was based on his exploits for the Sri Lankan LMS team that won the World Cup in the UK back in 2018. He hasn't looked back since. 787 runs across the three formats during his maiden professional season (2018/19), including a century (106), then two seasons on either side of COVID.

Having enjoyed his brief UK stint whilst on his LMS tour, Basnayake is now seeking a UK opportunity for the 2025 season.

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