

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 talented batting all-rounder currently plying his trade for Kurunegala Youth Cricket Club in Sri Lanka's Major Clubs tournaments, where he plays alongside fellow CricX players Damith Perera, Sanoj Darshika, and Dinushka Malan.

Over the past three seasons, Basnayake has been one of KYCC's most consistent performers. In the 2022/23 first-class season, he amassed 411 runs at 31.61 across 9 matches. The following season, he was one of only two centurions for the side—alongside Damith Perera—and finished among the club's top run-scorers with 267 runs at 33.37. Although limited to just three matches in the most recent campaign, he continued his consistency, scoring 67 runs at 33.50 from four innings.

Basnayake's journey to professional cricket is both unique and inspiring. Unlike most, he broke into the first-class scene in his early 30s—an achievement that speaks volumes about his perseverance and performance. His selection was fuelled by standout performances representing Sri Lanka's LMS (Last Man Stands) team, which won the LMS World Cup in the UK in 2018. That breakthrough led to a stellar debut domestic season in 2018/19, where he piled up 787 runs across formats, including a memorable century (106).

Since then, Basnayake has carved out a solid record in both red and white-ball formats, particularly with the bat. A technically sound and composed batter, he also offers value with the ball and is known for his professionalism and dedication to the game.

Having previously toured the UK with the LMS squad and enjoyed the experience, he is now seeking a club cricket opportunity in the UK for the 2026 season. With his wealth of experience, proven run-scoring ability, and strong character, Asantha Basnayake would be an excellent pick for any club seeking a dependable top-order batter who brings both quality and maturity to the side.

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