



Name	Ashutosh Aman
DOB	19/05/1986
Nationality	Indian
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

Ashutosh Aman is a record-breaking spinner who hit the headlines following his quite spectacular 2018/19 season. The left-arm twacker broke the legendary Bishan Singh Bedi's tally for the most Ranji Trophy wickets in a single season.

In 1974/75, Bedi took his 64 wickets at the ludicrous average of 8.53. Aman's numbers, though, were even more extraordinary, taking 68 wickets at an average of 6.48, including 9 five-wicket bags and 5 ten-wicket match hauls. He also weighed in with 337 runs at 48.14 including a century, to evidence his all-round status.

Hailing from Bihar's Gaya, Aman started playing cricket as a teenager for his district. And within three years, he had made his way to Delhi in a bid to further his cricketing ambitions. He joined the Indian Air Force's accounts department under their sports-quota scheme and began playing for Services.

"I used to earlier play in Gaya itself, from the age of 14, but there was no Ranji Trophy in Bihar back then, so at 17 I joined the Air Force," Aman says. "After that, whatever cricket I've played and learnt is under the Air Force's aegis. But the competition was high in Services, so I wasn't getting the opportunity to play Ranji cricket there. My dream was to play days (first-class) cricket, and that's why I made the switch".

"I have a job at the Air Force, so there I wasn't getting much opportunities with Services, and therefore I came to Bihar since I live in Gaya anyway. I did well in the districts, so then they called me for the one-dayers. I had the best economy in Vijay Hazare Trophy (2.10 in eight games) so then they asked me to play Ranji Trophy. Then I did a camp with Subroto

Banerjee, our coach. He liked me, so together with our captain Pragyans Ojha - who is another left-arm spinner like me - they chose me."

As they say, the rest is history and Aman is now atop of the Ranji Trophy record books courtesy of last season's exploits.

Backing-up his 2018/19 exploits was always going to be a difficult challenge and whilst his returns weren't as prolific in 2019/20, he still bagged 249 runs at 29.40 and 49 wickets at 18.10. Then, in the absence of Ranji Trophy cricket in 2020/21, Aman produced the goods in T20 cricket, taking 16 wickets at 7.62.

The spin bowling all-rounder is a top drawer professional seeking his maiden UK stint next summer. Given his recent exploits he will be an incredible signing for any club in 2022.

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