

BAHIR SHAH

Batter



Name	Bahir Shah
DOB	21/02/2000
Nationality	Afghan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Batter
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	

Bahir Shah is a remarkable run-scoring talent whose domestic exploits place him among the elite in contemporary cricket. As of August 2025, he boasts the sixth highest first-class batting average among active players with over 50 innings, holding a commanding average of 55.28 across 93 innings and accumulating more than 4,200 runs, including 13 centuries. His prowess extends into List A cricket as well, where he has scored two centuries and over 1,300 runs at an average near 40.

Shah first made headlines when he debuted in October 2017 for Speen Ghar Region with a commanding unbeaten 256, quickly establishing himself as a prolific scorer. That season he dominated the Ahmad Shah Abdali 4-Day Tournament, amassing 1,096 runs at an astonishing average of 121.77, highlighted by multiple centuries and Afghanistan's first-ever triple century – an unbeaten 303. His consistent performances earned him spots at various levels, from Afghanistan's Under-19 and Under-23 teams to the A side.

In January 2018, he represented Afghanistan at the ICC Under-19 World Cup, holding his own with an average of 36. He followed that with another stellar first-class season in 2018/19, scoring 600 runs at an average of 100. While his 2019/20 red-ball form dipped slightly, he bounced back in the regional one-day tournament with two centuries and an impressive average of 79. The pandemic curtailed cricketing opportunities in 2020/21, but Shah returned strongly in 2021/22 and 2022/23, consistently scoring and producing standout innings such as a commanding 182.

June 2023 marked his long-awaited Test debut against Bangladesh. Though his first match yielded modest returns,

Shah's track record suggests a bright future at the international level. He continued to impress domestically, compiling 472 runs at 59 during the 2024/25 season and delivering a notable 187 for Afghanistan A against the Ireland Wolves in Abu Dhabi.

Now recognized as a record-breaking talent, Bahir Shah is eager to expand his horizons with a season in England, aiming to further refine his skills and advance toward franchise cricket. His journey reflects not just prodigious talent, but the promise of a long and successful career ahead.

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