



Name	Dhammika Prasad
DOB	30/05/1983
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Bowling All-Rounder (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Medium Fast
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	ICC Level 3

Dhammika Prasad is a former Sri Lankan strike bowler who played 50 matches for his country between his Test debut against India in August, 2008 and final Test outing against the West Indies in October 2015. During this period, he played 25 Tests and 24 ODI's taking 75 wickets at 35.97 and 32 wickets at 30.50, respectively.

His international career appeared to be over, however, a resurgent Prasad impressed for Colombo in white-ball cricket and was considered ahead of the 2019 World Cup but unfortunately failed to gain selection. The fact he was overlooked has prompted the former international quick to officially retire from international consideration, but he continues to play domestic cricket, and recently turned out in the Everest Premier League in Nepal.

A skillful right-arm seamer and useful batter in the middle-order, Prasad boasts a tremendous domestic record with over 500 wickets and 3,000 runs across the three formats. He also has the claim-to-fame of taking two wickets in as many balls in his first over on ODI debut against Bangladesh in 2006.

However, arguably his best performance came against England in June 2014. With England 9-down and 2 balls left in the match, Sri Lanka took the final wicket, that of Jimmy Anderson for a 55-ball duck, to spark celebrations. Prasad was an instrumental figure on that final day taking out the top four batsmen (Robson, Cook, Balance, and Bell), before dismissing Prior to capturing career-best figures of 5-50.

Thereafter, Prasad had a quiet series at home to Pakistan and another away to New Zealand. However, he was back to his best at home to Pakistan again in 2015, finishing as his side's leading wicket-taker with 14 wickets at 27.07. The following month (August 2015), Prasad was again Sri Lanka's key bowler, topping the charts with 15 wickets at 23.60 against the touring Indians.

Surprisingly, the paceman was to only feature in 2 more Tests, those against the West Indies in October 2015, despite taking 9 wickets at 15.33 in Test matches at Galle and Colombo.

Whilst Prasad returned to domestic cricket produced some decent performances, nothing warranted his return before his white-ball exploits in 2018/19.

Nevertheless, the experienced campaigner still feels he has plenty to offer and is now eager for global opportunities in future.

