



Name	Dhananjaya Lakshan
DOB	05/10/1998
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Seam)
Batting Style	LH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Dhananjaya Lakshan is an all-rounder who was largely unknown before the inaugural Lankan Premier League in December 2020. However, courtesy of his exploits, he was awarded a ODI call-up to play England in June 2021.

Playing for Galle Gladiators, Lakshan made a huge impression with the substantial inswing he generated to the right-hander, but perhaps more impressively, the back-of-the-hand slower balls he was able to deliver consistently and accurately. He also picked up at least one wicket every time he bowled and in fact claimed, the best figures of the final with 3 for 36. His 31 not out off 23 balls helped take Gladiators home in the semi-final. He ended the tournament with 13 wickets, an economy of 8.65, and a place in the LPL team of the tournament.

Lakshan has always been an exceptionally talented all-rounder. He broke into professional cricket in Sri Lanka in May 2018, following an outstanding tenure for the Sri Lankan Under-19s.

He played 8 Youth ODI's for his country, hitting 283 runs at 40.42 (plus 3 wickets at 21.66) with a best of 101\* when chasing down Ireland's 207 in Sri Lanka's ICC Under-19 World Cup opener in January 2018 (held in New Zealand). He was Sri Lanka's second-leading run-scorer at the World Cup (250 runs at 50), which also included 98 against the West Indies in their final WC outing.

Lakshan earned his Under-19 selection courtesy of his exploits whilst skippering Richmond College (in the Singer Under-19 Division 1 competitions) and playing for Southern Province Under-19s (in the SLC Super Under-19 Provincial

Tournament). Lakshan's highlight for the former was his brilliant outing against rivals St Thomas' College in April 2018, when he captured 5-36 before scoring an unbeaten 130 off 138 balls.

Since his WC exploits, Lakshan has featured for Galle District (List-A), Kandy District (T20), and Colts Cricket Club (first-class), with the best performance of 141 for the latter against Sri Lankan Army.

Whilst in the infancy of his professional career, Lakshan has shown immense promise across all formats of cricket. He has 2 centuries, and boasts impressive numbers with the ball, in particular, across the three formats.

The talented all-rounder also shined during his maiden UK stint in 2019. Playing for Brixham in the Devon League, Lakshan struck 582 runs at 41.57 alongside 31 wickets at 16.32.

Brixham re-signed Lakshan for 2020, but due to COVID, they deferred the agreement through to the 2021 season. However, his LPL success and subsequent Sri Lankan call-up hampered his Brixham return. He is therefore eager to return to the UK in 2022, subject of course, to any national commitments.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Brixham (2019)	16	16	2	582	103	41.57	131.4	506	31	6/38	16.32

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