



Name	Fahad Iqbal
DOB	25/02/1986
Nationality	Pakistani
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Fahad Iqbal has been a prolific batter on the Pakistani domestic circuit for over a decade, making his first-class debut in December 2003. He has since played over 230 matches across the three formats, scored 8,000 plus runs with 10 centuries and highest score of 200*. Whilst known as a batter on the domestic circuit, Iqbal is also a more than useful off-spinner, with neigh on 40 wickets and a lot more whilst playing UK league cricket.

Iqbal made his first-class debut back in December 2003. His form over the following three seasons was patchy, as he spent time playing for Pakistan Customs, Sind and Karachi. However, his maiden first-class hundred for Karachi Harbour in January 2007 and a move to PIA for the 2007/08 season started to ignite his career. Iqbal plundered 511 runs at 51.10, including a best of 156 not out that season and followed up with a double hundred (2008) amongst 662 runs at 55.16 in 2008/09.

Iqbal was subsequently included for the A tours to Sri Lanka and Australia where he performed admirably, scoring 52 and 24 against an Australian attack including internationals Doug Bollinger, Clint McKay, Jason Krejza, Moises Henriques and Cameron White.

A couple of lean seasons, by his own standards, preceded another strong season that catapulted back into national reckoning. The batter from PIA churned out 987 first-class runs at 47 in 2011/12 courtesy of 2 hundreds and 7 fifties.

His run-scoring spree in 2011/12 followed his maiden UK league stint in 2011 where he played in the lower reaches of the

Kent Cricket League for Bickley Park. Despite the standard, runs still needed to be scored and this is exactly with he did. In 11 innings, the Pakistani belted an incredible 722 runs at 103.14 – a tally that included four centuries in five knocks. He also showed he was no one-trick pony, as he captured 26 wickets with his off-spin averaging 14.96.

Iqbal suffered another couple of lean seasons on the first-class circuit averaging 21.95 (2012/13) and 17.18 (2013/14) but returned to the UK in 2014 to hit 498 runs at 33.20 and take 19 wickets at 20.57 for Torquay in the Devon Premier League. His summer abroad clearly worked, as he returned to hit 428 runs at 32.92 in first-class in 2014/15. Iqbal then returned to Northern shores once again in 2015, this time for Instonians in the Premier Division of the Northern Cricket Union in Ireland (370 runs at 33.64 and 25 wickets at 20.88).

Iqbal didn't feature at first-class level during the 2015/16 season, albeit was a regular in the shorter formats for PIA and Karachi Whites in List-A and T20 respectively. He returned to regular first-class in 2016/17, hitting 493 runs at 37.92, before returning for two UK stints with Fives and Heronians, racking up 688 runs at 76.44 alongside 19 wickets at 26.47 (2016) and 577 runs at 44.38 and 18 wickets at 26.44 (2017) in the Essex League.

Whilst he didn't set the world alight in first-class in 2017/18 (195 at 19.50, which included a century – 104), he excelled as a late replacement professional for Muckamore, scoring 631 runs at 45.07 alongside 28 wickets at 21.25. However, Iqbal set the Quaid-e-Azam One Day Trophy alight on his return in 2018, hitting 2 centuries amongst 411 runs at 102.75. He also became only the fourth player in Pakistani List A history to score a century (122) and take 5 wickets (5-42) in the same match.

Iqbal returned to Muckamore for a second stint in 2019, but unfortunately was part of a side that suffered relegation and his statistic reflected the side's struggles, only averaging 29.06 and 36.14 with bat and ball respectively.

The Pakistani all-rounder struggled during his 4 first-class matches in 2018/19 (113 runs at 16.14) but excelled with 2 centuries amongst 416 runs at 104 in his 7 List A outings. Despite his white-ball form, Iqbal didn't feature in domestic cricket last summer (2019/20), but featured for Sindh 2nd XI in 2020/21 where he was prominent with the bat, and rolled the arm over more regularly.

Iqbal is a high-class pro, who is now seeking another stint for the 2022 season.

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Muckamore (2019)	19	19	1	523	89	29.06	109.1	506	14	3/28	36.14
Muckamore (2018)	17	17	3	631	89*	45.07	132.5	595	28	3/19	21.25
Fives & Heronians (2017)	16	15	1	582	115	41.57	91	512	18	3/15	28.44

Fives & Heronians (2016)	14	13	3	698	122	69.80	104	569	21	5/43	27.10
Instonians (2015)	15	14	3	370	97	33.64	112.5	552	25	4/18	20.88
Torquay (2014)	19	19	2	568	96	33.41	114.1	452	19	4/28	23.79
Bickley Park (2011)	12	11	4	722	138	103.14	108.2	389	26	5/41	14.96

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