

KARTIKEYA KAK

Bowler (Seam)



Name	Kartikeya Kak
DOB	04-10-1996
Nationality	Indian
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowler (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Lower Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Kartikeya Kak is a dynamic right-arm seamer who burst onto the Indian domestic scene with a string of eye-catching performances for Hyderabad, particularly during the 2022/23 season. Known for his pace, aggression, and ability to strike at key moments, Kak quickly established himself as one of India's most exciting fast-bowling prospects—yet his journey remains intriguingly under the radar.

It was the Ranji Trophy that first thrust him into the spotlight. In 2022/23, Kak bagged 24 wickets at 20.70, including a career-best 7 for 91 against Maharashtra. It was a breakthrough campaign that underscored his ability to lead an attack across formats.

The following year, Kak produced the goods in the one-day format, finishing amongst the Vijay Hazare Trophy's leading wicket-takers, claiming 16 wickets at a phenomenal average of 16.43. He tore through batting line-ups with two standout five-wicket hauls—5 for 36 against Meghalaya and 5 for 60 against a powerful Maharashtra side.

These back-to-back seasons cemented his reputation as a high-impact, white-ball and red-ball quick. Yet, surprisingly, despite his consistency and wicket-taking ability, Kak has barely featured in domestic cricket since. Whether due to selection dynamics, injury, or simple misfortune, his limited recent opportunities stand in stark contrast to his proven pedigree.

Before breaking into the Hyderabad senior squad in January 2021, Kak had already built a strong platform in age-group

cricket. He starred in U23 competitions such as the Inter-State, CK Nayudu Trophy, and U23 One Day, where he took 12 wickets at 23.83 in his final season (2019/20). He was selected for multiple elite national training camps, including the U23 All India NCA Camp, and was a member of the prestigious MRF Pace Foundation under Glenn McGrath. His development was further enriched by a stint with the Mumbai Indians squad in 2020/21, where he benefitted from the mentorship of Shane Bond.

Now, with two standout domestic seasons behind him and elite-level grooming under his belt, Kak is hungry for opportunities—both at home and abroad. Eager to reignite his career and showcase his talents on new turf, he is targeting his maiden UK stint in 2026. With raw pace, technical skill, and a point to prove, Kartikeya Kak is a high-ceiling fast bowler who could be a game-changer for any club that brings him onboard.

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