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| Name                    | Lahiru Samarakoon               |
| DOB                     | 03/03/1997                      |
| Nationality             | Sri Lankan                      |
| Player Status           | Available                       |
| Playing Role            | Bowling All-Rounder (Seam)      |
| Batting Style           | LH Middle Order Bat             |
| Bowling Style           | RA Fast Medium                  |
| Entry Route             | International Sportsperson Visa |
| Coaching Qualifications | UKCC Level 2                    |

Lahiru Samarakoon is an exciting pace all-rounder playing for Burgher Recreation Club in Sri Lankan domestic cricket.

He moved to RRC in 2020/21 due to the absence of first-class cricket, with whom he'd spent the previous two seasons playing for Badureliya Sports Club (following two successful seasons with Bloomfield Cricket and Athletic Club (2017/18) and Tamil Union Cricket and Athletic Club (2016/17), respectively).

The right-arm quick has made a huge impression at domestic level and has subsequently earned Sri Lankan Under-19, Board President XI, and Emerging Players' honours in recent years.

In March 2020, he starred for a Sri Lankan XI against the touring England side, picking up the massive wickets of Crawley, Buttler, and Woakes, before hitting quick-fire runs in the lower order.

Samarakoon has taken nearly 150 domestic wickets with 3 five-wicket bags and a 10-wicket match haul (10-157), taken in February 2020. He has also developed into a strong, hard-hitting middle-order batter with 2,000 plus domestic runs including 12 half-centuries, a T20 99, and a ton (101) at first-class level.

The all-rounder really is a high-class prospect, something he has also proved during two UK stints in 2018 and 2019.

During his opening stint, he played for Camberley in the strong Surrey Championship (Division 1). He finished as one of

the leading wicket-takers in the division with 33 poles at 15.36 and chimed in with 301 runs at 30.10. He also impressed during several CricX matches throughout the summer with not only his raw pace, but a fantastic attitude towards his team-mates and opposition.

Samarakoon returned to England again in 2019, this time to play in the Birmingham League for Oswestry Cricket Club. He excelled, finishing second on the wicket charts (across all divisions) and topped the Premier Division (2) with 53 poles at 11.40. After a slow start to the summer, the Sri Lankan hit his straps from July onwards, taking 43 wickets in his final 9 games, including a handful of 5-for's on the spin (6-44, 5-37, 7-29, 6-23, 5-6). He was simply unplayable at times, taking his wickets with a strike rate of 16.75.

The quick really is someone for the future and, after a three-year hiatus, mainly due to COVID, is open to a UK return for a third stint in 2023.

## Overseas Statistics

| Team (Season)    | Mts | Inns | NO | Runs | HS  | Ave   | Ovs   | Runs | Wkts | BB   | Avg   |
|------------------|-----|------|----|------|-----|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Oswestry (2019)  | 18  | 15   | 1  | 174  | 30  | 12.43 | 148   | 604  | 53   | 7/29 | 11.40 |
| Camberley (2018) | 15  | 14   | 4  | 301  | 56* | 30.10 | 130.1 | 507  | 33   | 4/24 | 15.36 |

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